

September 16, 2026
Dike, Iowa

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on this date at 5:30 p.m. for the regular monthly meeting with President Lotts presiding and board members Badker, Horner, and Petersen present. Also present was administrator Stockdale. McCarter was absent from the meeting.

Visitors present included Travis Druvenga, Wayne Slack, Reagan Zinkula, Chad Bixby, Cody Eichmeier, and Joanna Seymour.

The regular meeting agenda was approved on motion of Badker and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

The consent agenda was approved on the motion of Horner and second of Petersen. Vote all aye. The consent agenda includes the following: August 19, 2026 meeting minutes; Principals, Technology, Building & Grounds, and Athletic Reports; September bills; August 2026 Financial Reports; Contracts for: Chris Miller (High School Associate), Chris Reichert (Head Girls Golf Coach), Reagan Zinkula (Lane Change).

Focus on Learning - Mr. Slack updated the Board on the start of the school year at the Dike-New Hartford Junior High and New Hartford Elementary schools. He has been observing classrooms during the first three weeks of school and shared his appreciation for the quality of instruction and the dedication of the district's teachers. He also reported that the new cell phone policy has been implemented successfully, with students being respectful of and compliant with the policy and no incidents reported. Mr. Slack identified continuing to develop the MTSS framework at the junior high level as a primary goal for the 2026-27 school year.

The Board reviewed the district's five-year facility plan and discussed both current and anticipated future projects.

The Board discussed the current state championship signage and considered whether to replace the existing sign or update the current signage.

The Board reviewed the current balance of the Management Fund and discussed the projected balance if all employees eligible for the Early Retirement program were to participate.

Motion by Petersen, second by Badker to approve the Education Programs Contract for Field Experiences with Hawkeye Community College. Vote all aye.

Motion by Petersen, second by Horner to approve the National FFA Convention and Expo Trip in Indianapolis October 21 through October 24. Vote all aye.

The RFP from Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. to provide audit services to the district through FY 2029 was approved on motion of Badker and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

The quote for Douglas batting cages and nets for the high school baseball and softball batting cages was approved on motion of Horner and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

Motion by Badker, second by Petersen to continue the cooperative sharing agreement with Aplington-Parkersburg Community School District to share high school softball. Vote all aye.

Motion by Badker, second by Horner to approve the additional high school boys track & field coaching position as a permanent coaching position. Vote all aye.

The purchase of a new auditorium projector was approved on motion of Petersen, seconded by Horner. Vote all aye.

The special education contract with Waverly-Shell Rock LIED Center Consortium was approved on motion of Horner, seconded by Badker. Vote all aye.

The first reading of board policies 407.6, 407.6E1, 413.6, 413.6E1 was approved on motion of Petersen and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

Other updates with no action taken included an update from Superintendent Stockdale on the IASBO Annual Board Convention dates as well as an update on the Dike Elementary shared leadership role.

The board transitioned into a closed session at 6:20 p.m. for Superintendent Performance Goals for 2026-27 as provided in Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law.

The October board meeting will be held on October 21, 2026 in Dike at 5:30 p.m.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Christa Lotts, President Kayla Sabbah, Secretary