

**Diagonal Community School District
Board of Education Board Meeting**

The Diagonal Community School Board met in regular session on October 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office. Board President Kelly Allee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Directors Parrott, Whittington, Stamps, and Grace present. The Board reviewed the District Vision and Mission statements.

Motion by Stamps, seconded by Whittington to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

No visitors addressed the Board.

The Consent Agenda included approval of minutes from September 17, 2025, financial reports, invoices, staff resignations/terminations, and staff contract/letter of assignment approvals: Larry Teply as Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and Emily Johnson as Study Hall Supervisor at \$15 per hour. Open enrollment included one student in from Mount Ayr. Out of state and overnight trips were reviewed. One fundraiser was approved: Girls Basketball Community Breakfast. Contracts included Southwest Iowa Driver's Education and Notable Inc. (Kami) renewal for \$772. Motion by Whittington, seconded by Parrott to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Principal Johnson reported on increasing AI usage and policy development, the DCAP plan, ISSASP/IXL/FAST testing, MS/HS September Awards, Maroon Buddies/Mentors, the FCS class, Maroon Excellence Merits, Literacy Night at the Lake, recruiter visits, a STEM-based class presentation by Erin Sobotka, the ACT test being hosted by Diagonal, the Iowa STEM Conference, Parent Teacher Conferences, HS Volleyball Regionals, Cross Country Districts, the Tea Cup Application, and ELA results being shared.

Superintendent McNutt reported that the Certified Count was completed, provided a fall sports update, reminded the Board of the fall play scheduled for November 7, and shared that the voted PPEL will be on the upcoming election ballot.

The Board held the first reading of policies 208, 208 R1 (new), 208 E1 (rescinded), 401.01, 502.07, 507.05, 708, 710.1E1, 507.02, 607.02, 802.02, and 804.05. Motion by Whittington, seconded by Parrott to approve the first reading of the listed policies. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed entering into an agreement with Ringgold County to share a School Resource Officer at a cost of \$16,000. The district will receive \$16,000 in operational sharing funds for this position. Motion by Stamps, seconded by Parrott to approve the contract with Ringgold County for the School Resource Officer. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed the contract to share secondary classes with the Mount Ayr Community Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion by Stamps, seconded by Whittington to approve the sharing of classes with the Mount Ayr Community Schools. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the purchase of Renaissance FastBridge Math for assessments and interventions to meet new state math requirements. Motion by Parrott, seconded by Whittington to approve the purchase of Renaissance FastBridge Math for \$296.52. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the purchase of Yondr pouches for grades 6–12 for storing cell phones and watches during the school day at a cost of \$1,153.13. The approval included an additional 20 pouches or as many as needed. Motion by Parrott, seconded by Whittington to approve the purchase of Yondr pouches as quoted plus additional pouches as needed. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Parrott shared a concern from Preschool regarding the renewal of the Renaissance assessment tool (myIGDIs). Superintendent McNutt and the School Business Official reported they had discussed the issue the day prior and are investigating. No purchase order or invoice has been found for a renewal. They will continue to look into the situation to find a solution.

The next regular board meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office.

The meeting adjourned at _____ p.m. on a motion by Whittington, seconded by Parrott, with the motion carrying 5-0.

Pending approval
President Kelly Allee

Rhiannon Tessum
School Business Official