Diagonal Community School District
Board of Education Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Diagonal Community School District Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President Kelly Allee. Board members present included Ryan Parrott, JP Whittington, Becky Stamps, and Pam Grace. Also in attendance were School Business Official Rhiannon Tessum, and Principal Roger Johnson.

The District Vision and Mission statements were read.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Stamps and seconded by Parrott. Motion carried 5-0.

During Audience to Visitors, Matt Stephens was in attendance to see how the meeting went.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Grace and seconded by Whittington. Motion carried 5-0. Consent Agenda included:

- Minutes: November 19, 2025
- Financial Reports
- Invoices
- Staff Resignations/Terminations: Tristen Rice - PK 3 Teacher & PK 4 Para; Lucie Zollman - Daycare Para; Emily Johnson - MS/HS Study Hall Supervisor
- Staff Contract/Letter of Assignment Approval: Shayna Mason - PK 3 Teacher ($17/Hour); Ellie Boswell - Daycare Para ($13/Hour); Jaylynn Doolittle - Daycare Para ($12/Hour); Athena Wilkins - Daycare Para ($12/Hour); Melissa Jenkins - Asst. Cook ($15/Hour)
- Open Enrollment Request: IN and OUT
- Out of State / Overnight Trips - none
- Fundraisers - none
- Contracts – none

Principal Johnson provided his report, updating the Board on the 12 Days of Christmas activities, NHS inductions, next semester's schedule, professional development, and visits from Air Force and Southwestern Community College representatives. He also discussed the winter concert, the all-school meal, Maroon Merits, and the implementation of Yondr pouches in January.

A written report from Superintendent McNutt was provided in the packet covering new hires, winter sports, the winter concert, and winter break.

A motion to approve the second reading of Board Policy 710.02 - Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility and Policy 710.04 - Meal Charges was made by Grace and seconded by Whittington. Motion carried 5-0. Policy 710.02 outlines eligibility criteria for students to receive free or reduced-cost meals, while Policy 710.04 establishes procedures for managing meal charges and outstanding balances.

The Board conducted the second reading of the Annual Board Policies listed under Instruction & Student Programs; Student Services & Health; Personnel; Business, Finance & Records; Nutrition & Transportation; and Facilities & Emergency Planning. A motion to approve the second reading of the policies was made by Parrott and seconded by Stamps. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to nominate Pam Grace as the Diagonal Board of Directors County Conference Board Representative was made by Stamps and seconded by Parrott. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2026-2027 At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of $38,742 was made by Whittington and seconded by Parrott. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the request to the SBRC for the Modified Supplemental Amount for Increase Enrollment because the Certified Enrollment count of the current year exceeded the prior year, with a maximum MSA request amount of $55,916, was made by Grace and seconded by Whittington. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board confirmed the next regular board meetings for Wednesday, January 21, 2026, and Wednesday, February 18, 2026, both at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Whittington and seconded by Parrott. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m..

Pending approval
President Kelly Allee

Rhiannon Tessum
School Business Official