

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

The Board of Directors of the Diagonal Community School District met in the District Office on Thursday, April 15, 2026. President Allee called the regular meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and read the district's vision and mission statements. Directors present included Allee, Whittington, Stamps, and Grace; Director Parrott was absent.

A motion was made by Stamps and seconded by Whittington to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

There were no comments during the audience to visitors.

A motion was made by Stamps and seconded by Whittington to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 3-0, with President Allee abstaining. Items approved included minutes from the March 25, 2026, public hearing and regular meeting; financial reports and invoices; the resignations and contract approvals for Matt Warren (Jr. High Baseball) and Kelly Allee (Head HS Softball); open enrollment requests; out-of-state/overnight trips; SWCC Educational Services contracts; and fund-raiser requests.

During board reports, Principal Johnson updated the board on ISASP testing, elementary family breakfast, the spring play, and upcoming field trips for grades 2-5 to the Blank Park Zoo and 6th grade to the Iowa Capitol. Other highlights included HS scheduling, American Government TRIO, a furniture grant, and the senior trip beginning April 22nd. Superintendent McNutt reported on spring sports, the upcoming activities banquet, prom, graduation, and legislative discussions regarding tax reform.

The board addressed the 2026-2027 Certified District Budget. Based on a 2% Supplemental State Aid growth, the proposed levy rate was set at \$13.57205 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, representing a decrease of \$0.31721 from the prior year. A motion was made by Stamps and seconded by Grace to approve the 2026-2027 District Budget as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Following a motion by Grace and a second by Whittington, the board entered an exempt strategy session per Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) at the conclusion of the work session. No action or voting took place during this session. A motion to exit the exempt session was made by Whittington and seconded by Grace; the motion carried 4-0.

Upon returning to open session, the board considered the 2026-2027 salary proposals. The proposal included a differentiated increase for certified staff of \$75 per year of district service plus a \$1,500 flat TSS increase. Specific adjustments were approved for Taylor Bentley (\$62,000), Sarah Gunsolley (\$24,800 at 0.4 FTE), and Amanda Maddy (\$62,000), while Kim and Shelly will remain at \$50,000 per their request. Classified staff will receive a \$0.50 per hour increase, and administrative salaries will be adjusted by 2.78%. Supplemental contracts will be adjusted via standard aging of the salary schedule. A motion to approve the salary proposal and contracts was made by Whittington and seconded by Stamps. The motion carried 4-0.

The next regular board meetings were confirmed for May 20 and June 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Whittington and seconded by Grace. The motion carried 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Pending approval
President Kelly Allee

Rhiannon Tessum
School Business Official