

Doniphan County Education Coop #616  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 21, 2026  
6:15 pm

The regular board meeting was called to order by President Sue Bartley at 6:15 pm. (Call to Order)

A moment of silence was taken. (Moment of Silence)

Jerry Boos and Brad McCauley, Doniphan West  
Sue Bartley, Riverside  
Steve Bowe and Nathan Geiger, Troy  
Pat McKernan, Troy Superintendent, Heather Ball, Doniphan West Superintendent  
Jennifer Gatz, Riverside Superintendent (arrived at 6:37 pm)  
Kristin Franken- Director  
Sheila Marriott- Clerk (Members Present)

Erin Shackelford, Riverside (Members Absent)

No Visitors (Patron Visitors)

Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve the agenda.  
Steve Bowe seconded. Motion carried (5-0). (Agenda)

Steve Bowe made a motion to approve the consent agenda.  
Nathan Geiger seconded. Motion carried (5-0). (Consent Agenda)

Public Forum - None

**Organizational Items:**

Establish Officers

Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve Sue Bartley as President.  
Brad McCauley seconded. Motion carried (5-0)

Steve Bowe made a motion to approve Brad McCauley as Vice President.  
Nathan Geiger seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

**Informational Items:**

Director Report

January is school board appreciation month. Mrs. Franken thanked the board for their service to DCEC. The Maintenance of Effort report has not yet been submitted at this time, there has been an error on KSDE part, waiting for that to be corrected to submit. Local Contribution Model Special Education State Aid 2025-26 payment has been sent to member districts via KSDE. The LCMSESA aid is kept by the district and put in their code 30 account. The FY '25 independent audit with Varney & Associates is complete with no issues. A KPERS audit is currently underway, this audit is a random two-year audit. The December 1 count is underway, final results will be presented to the board once data has been verified by KSDE. The Private School Participation report has been submitted to KSDE. The Public Consulting Group (PCG) randomly selected Doniphan West/DCEC for an audit of our medical billing process. There were no discrepancies identified in any of the areas reviewed. January 5<sup>th</sup> DCEC teachers and service providers participated in an in-service with WebKIDSS.

Nathan Geiger made a motion to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and discuss individual contracts pursuant to nonelected personnel exception under KOMA, the open meeting will resume at 6:39 pm. (Executive Session)  
Brad McCauley seconded. Motion carried (5-0).  
The Superintendents and Director were invited to the executive session.  
Meeting resumed at 6:39 pm.

Nathan Geiger made a motion to go into Executive Session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and discuss individual contracts pursuant to nonelected personnel exception under KOMA, the open meeting will resume at 6:44 pm. (Executive Session)  
Brad McCauley seconded. Motion carried (5-0).  
The Superintendents and Director were invited to the executive session.  
Meeting resumed at 6:44 pm.

Kristin Franken recommended that the board accept the resignation of Jace Wendt, Paraprofessional. (Action from Exec. Session)  
Steve Bowe made a motion to approve the recommendation.  
Brad McCauley seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve the paraprofessional work agreement for Sierra Coburn. (Para Work Agreement)  
Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve the recommendation.  
Brad McCauley seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve the FY '25 Independent Audit Report from Varneys & Associates as presented. (Independent Audit)  
Brad McCauley made a motion to approve the recommendation.  
Nathan Geiger seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve the Maximum Insurance Bond Renewal. (Bond Renewal)  
Steve Bowe made a motion to approve the recommendation.  
Nathan Geiger seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve the December 2025 updated KASB Policies and Forms in alignment with what the individual districts have approved. (KASB Board Policies)  
Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve the recommendation.  
Steve Bowe seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Brad McCauley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. (Adjourn)  
Nathan Geiger seconded. Motion Carried (5-0)

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Sheila Marriott, Clerk of the Board

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