

## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:00 PM

High School Conference Room  
1322 Avenue I  
Gothenburg, NE 69138

The mission of Gothenburg Public Schools is to prepare all students to become lifelong learners within a positive and innovative learning environment.

### **Attendance Taken at :**

#### **Present Board Members:    Other Present:**

Seth Ryker

Ellen Mortenson -- Times

Allison Jonas

Jay Holmes

James Widdifield

Tyler Herman

Mary Meisinger

Michael Teahon, Superintendent

Kay Streeter, Business Manager

### **1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

### **2. Approve the Agenda**

### **3. Recognition of Visitors**

### **4. Business Items**

**4.1. Discussion of Personnel Issue**

**5. Discussion Items**

**6. Next Meeting**

**7. Adjournment**

**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD**

**Notification of Meetings**

It shall be the policy of the Board to announce in advance through the district's legal newspaper the day, time, and place of regular or special meetings of the Board of Education.

An agenda for the meeting shall be available for inspection in the district's administrative office at 1322 Avenue I. The agenda may be altered to contain additional items at the meeting itself.

In certain situations of an emergency nature, notice of a meeting shall be posted in the High School Building, the Gothenburg Post Office, The First State Bank, and Gothenburg State Bank.

When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by means of electronic or telecommunication equipment.

Legal Reference:	R.R.S. 84-1411 79-439	Public meetings District boards; quorum; meetings open to the public; exceptions
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**POLICY**  
ADOPTED: August, 1981  
AMENDED: December, 1995  
RENUMBERED: August, 2008

**GOTHENBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Gothenburg, Nebraska

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GOTHENBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT #20

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Gothenburg School District #20 will be holding a Special Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2015, in the Conference Room at Gothenburg High School. Such meeting will be open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current is available for public inspection at the office of the superintendent located in the high school building.

Lisa Geiken  
Secretary

\*Posted on February 20, 2015 at Gothenburg State Bank, First State Bank, Gothenburg Post Office, and Gothenburg High School.

Bylaws of the Board - MeetingsClosed Sessions

The Board of Education may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as: (a) strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, or litigation; (b) discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; (c) investigative proceedings regarding allegations or misconduct; or (d) evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting; provided, however a closed meeting shall never be held for the purpose of discussing the appointment or election of a new member to the Board of Education.

The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The Board shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken.

Any member of the Board shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reasons stated in the original motion to hold a closed session. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

The term "closed session" as used in the policies, regulations and Bylaws of the District shall include within its meaning any "executive session" or "executive meeting" authorized or prescribed by said policies, regulations and Bylaws, all of said terms being interchangeable.

Legal Reference: §§84-1407 to 84-1414

Date of Adoption: November 13, 2006