

**MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 13, 2025**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Mission Statement: *The mission of Overton Public School is to provide opportunities for everyone to be Engaged, Enlightened, and Empowered.*

**Board President called the meeting to order. Members Present:**

Jeffries  
Kizer  
Lassen  
Meier  
Olmstead

**Notification:** The January 13, 2025 meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School website, Beacon Observer, Overton Post Office, and the Security First Bank.

**Open Meetings Information:** To be in compliance with LB 898, The Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Board President informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted near the LMC check-out counter.

**Administration Present:** Mark Aten, Superintendent and Brian Fleischman, Principal.

**Guests Present:** No Guests.

**Public Comments:** No Public Comments.

**Reports:** No Reports.

**Communications:** No Communications.

**Absence:** Board Excused the absence of member Walahoski. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.

**Board of Education Election of Officers:** The 2024 Board of Education was adjourned and the 2025 Board of Education was convened. Board elected the following officers: Board President, Joel Meier (5-0-1), Board Vice-President, Gordon Lassen (5-0-1), Board Secretary, Jared Walahoski (5-0-1), Board Treasurer, Clayton Jeffries (5-0-1).

**2025 Committees:**

Committee on American Civics:	Gordon Lassen, Jared Walahoski, and Clayton Jeffries
Interlocal:	Joel Meier and Clayton Jeffries
Curriculum:	Logan Kizer, Gordon Lassen, and Joel Meier
Transportation:	Clayton Jeffries, Jared Walahoski, and Jacob Olmstead
Negotiations:	Joel Meier, Gordon Lassen, and Jared Walahoski
Facilities and Property:	Jacob Olmstead, Jared Walahoski, and Joel Meier

**Other:** None

## Action Items:

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to approve the agenda of the January 13, 2025 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no changes made to the agenda. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
2. **Minutes:** Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Kizer to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024 regular board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no corrections made to the minutes. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
3. **Claims:** Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Olmstead to pay the January General Fund bill roster in the amount \$52,811.81 and the January payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$3113,631.04. Discussion: Superintendent provide additional information on the the bill roster. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
4. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Meier to approve the Committee on American Civics which includes members Jeffries, Walahoski, and Lassen. Discussion: Limited discussion as the members agreed to serve on the committee. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
5. Moved by Meier, seconded by Jeffries to authorize the superintendent to use facsimile signatures for the Board President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Discussion. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
6. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Kizer to approve option enrollment limits. Discussion. The board agreed the enrollment limits should remain the same. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
7. Moved by Olmstead, seconded by Jeffries to approve KSB School Law as the legal counsel for the school district. Discussion. The board agreed that KSB was the appropriate choice for counsel. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
8. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Lassen to approve the NSAA softball cooperative agreement with the Lexington Public School District (2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years). Discussion. The board agreed the cooperative agreement was in the best interest of the students of Overton Public School. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
9. Moved by Meier, seconded by Jeffries to approve the Overton Education Association as the official negotiating agent for the certificated teaching staff for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion. The Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
10. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Olmstead to approve the teaching contract with Juliana Loudon. Discussion. The Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.
11. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Discussion. Very little discussion as the board determined it was time to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Olmstead. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Walahoski.

**Board Reports and Discussion Topics:**

1. **Board Reports:**

- a. Interlocal: The annual interlocal meeting with the Village of Overton board is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the school LMC.
- b. Transportation: No Report
- c. Curriculum: No Report
- d. Facilities: No Report
- e. Negotiations: The next negotiations meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2025.

2. **Discussion Topics:**

- a. Board of Education 2025 Committees
- b. Review Board Policy 2002 Board Organization
- c. Review Board Policy 2012 Board Code of Ethics
- d. Review Board Policy 2005 Conflict of Interest
- e. February Board Meeting Date and Time – Monday February 10, 2025
- f. 2025 NASB Calendar of Events
- g. Appoint Title 1 Coordinator (Principal)
- h. Appoint Title 1 Compliance Coordinator (Superintendent)
- i. Superintendent recommendation to create a new office assistant position
- j. The need for a second building principal

**Administrative Reports:**

**Principal's Report:**

- a. 2025-2026 School Calendar
- b. Upcoming Calendar Events

**Superintendent's Report:**

- 1. Enrollment Option Report
- 2. Option Enrollment -
  - Out: a.
  - In: a.  
b.  
c.
  - Change of Status: a. None
- 3. Financial Information & Update
- 4. Staffing Update
- 5. Grant Update
- 6. Public Comments Update