The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met February 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. for the regular meeting with Lotts presiding and members Badker and Horner. Also present was administrator Stockdale.

Visitors present included Chad Bixby, Waylon Bern, Travis Druvenga, Cody Eichmeier, Ryan Mitchell, Reegan Zinkula, Erika Lamp, Emy Trees, Suzanne Mohlis, and Abbie Banwarth.

The regular meeting agenda was approved on motion of Horner and second of Badker. Vote all aye. The agenda was amended to include Reegan Zinkula's resignation as the junior high cross country coach. The resignation was received after the agenda had been publicly posted.

Minutes of the January 21, 2026 regular meeting were approved on the motion of Badker and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

Focus on Learning - Erika Lamp, a Dike Elementary early childhood special education teacher, presented to the board about the Early Childhood Special Education program at Dike Elementary as well as the K-4 Special Education department. She currently serves 10 students with the age ranging from 3-6 years old in the preschool. Special education students have a consistently structured learning environment from age 3 through fourth grade. They have created a classroom environment where all students of all ability levels feel welcome. Erika shared about the supports the classroom offers and also boasted of the fantastic collaboration with our general education staff when supporting integration efforts into the general education setting.

Mike McCarter joined the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Principal, Technology, Building & Grounds and Athletics Reports were reviewed with no action taken.

Ryan Petersen joined the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the 2026-27 proposed school calendar. In the absence of any oral or written comments, the hearing was closed.

On motion of McCarter and second of Badker, 2026-27 School Calendar Option 2 was approved. Motion carries 4-1. The first day of school will be on August 24, 2026 and there is a full week of spring break. And, a full two week break over the winter holidays in December.

On motion of Badker and second of Horner, the Board of Directors of the Dike-New Hartford Community School
District will levy property taxes for the fiscal year 2026-27 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed
under section 257.14 Code of Iowa. Roll call: Badker - aye, Horner - aye, Lotts - aye, McCarter - aye, Petersen -
aye.

On motion of Horner and second of McCarter, the softball sharing agreement with Aplington-Parkersburg was approved. Vote all aye.

Resignations were approved on motion of Petersen and second of Badker:

- Dorthy Woods - Dike Elementary Associate
- Reegan Zinkula - JH Cross Country Coach

Vote all aye.

Contracts were approved on motion of Horner and second of McCarter:

- Reegan Zinkula - Dike Elementary Academic and Behavioral Coach

Vote all aye.

On motion of McCarter and second of Petersen, the shared Curriculum Director agreement with Independence CSD was dissolved. Vote all aye.

On the motion of Badker and second of Horner, the quote from Egan Supply to resurface the gym floors was approved. Vote all aye.

The board tabled the DNH junior high outdoor storage shed renovation, asking Waylon to put together some more options for the March board meeting.

On the motion of McCarter and second of Horner, the quote from Ogden Turf and Grading to renovate the high school baseball and softball mounds and home plates were approved. Vote all aye.

The second reading of board policies 202.2, 208, 208.R1, 406.5, 406.6, 407.5, 501.15, 802.2, 402.3E1(Rescind), 402.3E2(Rescind), and 402.3R1(Rescinded) were approved on motion of Badker, second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

Bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved for payment on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

Financial Reports of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved as presented on motion of Petersen and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

The 5-year facility plan was reviewed with the board to discuss both current and future projects for the district.

Other items of discussion with no action taken included a legislative session update. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Following the regular meeting, the board held a work session for certified budget planning. Superintendent Stockdale reviewed options for the 2026-27 certified budget. After considering different scenarios, Option 1, setting the total rate at $14.65 for publication was chosen. Budget Hearing #1 will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 and Hearing #2 on April 15, 2026 (both followed by the regular monthly meeting). The work session adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ _____

Christa Lotts, President Kayla Sabbah, Secretary