

Minutes for a Special Meeting of the Red Barn Schoolhouse Governing Board on June 17, 2025 called to order by Sharon Oamek at 6:30 pm. In attendance: Pritchett, Oamek, Shea, Benegas absent.

MOTION BY PRITCHETT to approve agenda, seconded by Oamek. All ayes, motion approved.

A special meeting was required because Dr. Barbara Ohlund, Iowa Department of Education, called Oamek today regarding meeting with Governing Board members this week or next week to discuss deadlines and opening dates.

Discussion of staff, funding and opening date decisions. Tentative meeting with DE on Thursday, June 19 at noon or Thursday June 26 at 2:00pm.

MOTION BY SHEA to request delay in opening the school until August 2026 with Iowa Department of Education, seconded by Oamek. All ayes, motion approved.

Discussion of work completed with AEA Principal Consultant including calendar and policy updates and staff hiring schedule.

Discussion of job applicants for teachers and principal positions. Enrollment projections were achieved with 38 applications from Iowa. Additional applications were received from Nebraska residents. Enrollee notices to be sent about school delay on 6/21/25 to both Iowa and NE applicants and inquiries.

Conditional use permit meeting for school site at 18057 Mahogany Road will be at County office, June 18 at 5:30 pm for a review and decision on property use. A public charter school is an eligible use.

Governing Board Law firm, Guinan O'Siochain, cannot represent the Governing Board in communication with Schlott donors due to a potential conflict of interest. Letter will be sent to Schlotts along with other donors.

MOTION BY PRITCHETT TO ADJOURN, seconded by Shea. All ayes, approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.