

SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

The Committee on American Civics meeting was called to order by Hoffman at 7:30 pm. Members present: Hoffman, DeNaeyer. Members absent: Burk. Also present: Superintendent Dahlberg.

A public comment period was opened. There was no public comment..

Superintendent Dahlberg led a discussion with committee members about the Nebraska State Social Studies Standards and the Thedford Public School's Social Studies Curriculum. The following was confirmed by Superintendent Dahlberg:

- Curriculum and activities at Thedford Public Schools are aligned to the Nebraska State Standards.
- Curriculum stresses the required patriotic themes.
- Social Studies curriculum includes a requirement, in accordance with state law, that high school students (i) complete a written test; (ii) attend a public meeting, or (iii) present or write a paper on an appropriate topic.
- Social Studies curriculum, along with any curriculum the school uses, is available for public inspection.
- Curriculum scope and sequence looks like this:
 - K-3 focus is more local with civics education taking place on the local level
 - 4th grade focuses on Nebraska history, geography, and government.
 - 5th and 8th grade focuses on American history, geography, and government.
 - 6th and 7th grade focuses on World history, geography, and government.
 - 9th grade focuses on American history, geography, and government.
 - 10th grade focuses on World history, geography, and government.
 - 11th grade focuses on American government and civics.
 - 12th grade focuses on World geography.
 - Seniors also take Personal Finance and Economics as required classes.
- The scope and sequence meet the requirements of 2 years of American History in grades 5-8.
- The high school civics requirement is covered in the 9th grade American History and 11th grade Government courses. Although government concepts are taught throughout the curriculum.
- Classroom activities and learning are conducted for the required holidays.
- Veteran's Day activities include a program presented to the community where we invite veterans into the school to celebrate them and thank them for their service. The 11th grade government class organizes the program and students in grades PK-8 participate in the program.

Discussion was held on when the Social Studies curriculum is up for review and/or renewal.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, October 13th, 2025 at Thedford High School at 6:30 p.m.