

Resolution No. 21-22-01

WHEREAS Gothenburg Public Schools is the cornerstone of a proud, passionate, and progressive community where students and staff thrive in a positive and innovative environment; and

WHEREAS The Gothenburg Public School Administration, Staff and Board are dedicated to ensuring the growth of all individuals by inspiring them to own and maximize their potential; and

WHEREAS Gothenburg Public Schools will develop, maintain and evaluate programs, including high-quality curriculum and technology, that will meet the mission of Gothenburg Public Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education (the "Board") hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

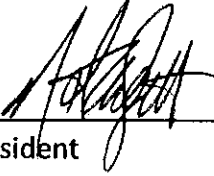
- (a) Parents and guardians are the primary educators of their own children, especially in matters of faith and morals, including sex education; and
- (b) The school district is to support and assist the education of children, not to replace the parent and guardians; and
- (c) The Nebraska Department of Education initially proposed a first draft ("Draft #1") of Health Education Standards, which could have infringed on parents' and guardians' role as primary educators of their own children; and
- (d) Parents and guardians in this District voiced their concerns over some of the rejected Standards in Draft #1, making it clear that they do not intend to relinquish their role as primary educators of the children they care for; and
- (e) Parents and guardians who supported some or all of the rejected Health Education Standards in Draft #1 have every right and every opportunity to avail themselves of any and all educational material necessary to educate their own children in a manner consistent with any proposed Health Education Standards from the Nebraska Department of Education, and their right and ability to do so is not adversely affected by this District's decision to make its own determinations regarding the content of its health education curriculum.

Section 2. The Board determines that the District would not have adopted the Human Growth and Development Standards (Standard 7) in the rejected draft #1 of the Health Standards as previously proposed by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Section 3. At such time as the Nebraska Department of Education adopts finalized Health Education Standards, the District will make its own determinations regarding the content of its health education standards and curriculum. This will involve a comprehensive process of standard and curriculum adoption that includes feedback from our parents, patrons, and

community members to ensure that the standards and curriculum adopted by the District reflect our students' educational needs and our community's moral values.

RESOLVED on this 12th day of July 2021



President