

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
BENKELMAN NE 69021**

April 2011

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on April 11, 2011 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: M Blecha, C Kerchal, S Krug, K Lorens, M Lutz, L Melchert, J Metzger, S Noffsinger, and S Stamm. Also present were Principal Jim Kent, Superintendent Dallas Watkins and staff member JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Rami Hanes, Tracy Lambley and Lori Rettele. Principal Mike Rotherham was absent.

President Metzger called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

President Metzger stated that the board follows the Open Meetings Act Guidelines which are located in the meeting room.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Lutz to approve the agenda and the minutes of the March 14, 2011 regular meeting. Yes: Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

There were no public items of discussion.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Melchert to approve the administrative and financial reports and payment of bills. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The board recessed at 6.15 P.M.

The board reconvened at 6.57 P.M.

Superintendent Watkins presented Principal Rotherham report. He reported on kindergarten roundup; track participation; 5th-8th Music contest; reading carnival; quiz bowl; assessment update; and important dates. Principal Kent congratulated FCCLA, FBLA, and FFA students for their qualification for state, participation at state contests, and their achievements at that level and the speech team and state qualifiers, speech state medalist Brandi Confer and Ben Fox, and Inter-high day participants who earned a 2nd place finish in North Platte and 3rd place in McCook; he reported on concussion information; graduation; activity scheduling change; golf numbers; and the cycle for uniforms. He also reported that the FBLA kids rode back with the Cambridge group due to bus breakdown. Superintendent Watkins thanked Jim Owens for the folders he donated to the school. He also reported on cell phones; bus radios; activity assignment meeting; state aid and legislative updates; delinquent accounts; natural gas contract; starting dates for the high school renovations; bus accident; coach bus repairs; and appreciation ad in paper.

During board items of discussion Mike Blecha, John Metzger, and Superintendent Watkins reported on the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Conference and President Metzger and Superintendent Watkins discussed the Hester Foundation Annual meeting.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Blecha to accept the bid of \$32,700 from Weathercraft for a 20 year labor and material membrane roof to replace the current roof on the East hallway at the high school. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed teacher/principal contracts.

The Board discussed negotiations for 2011-2012.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Noffsinger to request a change order for the Home Economics room renovation as the Community Foundation has offered to help with renovation for better use when hosting community events. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed other change orders for the high school renovation project.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Lutz to go into executive session at 8:04 P.M. to discuss staffing needs for 2011-2012 school year. Yes: Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Motion carried.

President Metzger declared the board out of executive session at 8:36 P.M.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Melchert to adjourn at 8:37 P.M. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary