

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

**August 2011**

**The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on August 08, 2011 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: M Blecha, S Krug, K Lorens, M Lutz, L Melchert, and J Metzger. Also present were Principal Jim Kent, Principal Mike Rotherham, Superintendent Dallas Watkins and staff member JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Robert Beck and Verla Martin. Board members C Kerchal and S Noffsinger were absent and S Stamm arrived late.**

**President Metzger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.**

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

**President Metzger excused Craig Kerchal and Sandy Noffsinger.**

**Motion by Melchert seconded by Lorens to approve the agenda and the minutes of the July 11, 2011 regular monthly meeting. Yes: Blecha, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Kerchal, Noffsinger, and Stamm. Motion carried.**

**There were no public items of discussion.**

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

**President Metzger excused all absent board members from the July 11, 2011 meeting.**

**Principal Rotherham reported on enrollment; Administrator Days; summer maintenance; and important dates. Principal Kent reported on dual credit offerings; handbooks and class schedules; class registration; Dundy County Stratton In-service days; school information available on the web; homecoming; practice for fall sports; and Administrator Days. Superintendent Watkins reported on Benkelman Elementary compressor; excess equipment and vehicle auction; natural gas contract; Administrator Days; Nebraska Association of School Boards regional meeting dates; the annual back to school letter and ad; back to school meal/golf outing; Hansen Foundation donation; budget meeting dates; propane and fuel quotes; and recognized Lisa Fox on her informative technology reports.**

**There were no Board items of discussion.**

**The board recessed at 6:55 P.M.**

**The board reconvened at 7:13 P.M.**

**Motion by Lutz seconded by Melchert to accept the low bid from Nebraska Central Equipment for a new 47 passenger 2012 Model Blue Bird-Vision Bus. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger, Stamm, and Kerchal. Motion carried.**

**Shad Stamm arrived at 7:24 P.M.**

**Motion by Lutz seconded by Lorens to approve the bus routes for the 2011-2012 school year as presented. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Blecha, and Krug. No: None. Abstain: Stamm. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Lorens to approve the request from Hitchcock County Schools to allow students to participate in the Dundy County Stratton Vocational Agriculture FFA program for 2011-2012. Yes: Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Krug seconded by Melchert to approve the student and staff handbooks and class schedules for the 2011-2012 school year as presented. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, and Lorens. No: Lutz. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Stamm seconded by Lorens to acknowledge that the Nebraska Department of Education has recognized Dundy County Stratton Public Schools as an accredited school system for 2011-2012. Yes: Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Melchert. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Stamm to approve the carpet quote from Mike Mitten, of Mohawk Carpet, for the high school music room, west business room, and library. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Stamm seconded by Lutz to accept the low milk quote from The Thompson Company as presented for the 2011-2012 school year. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Noffsinger. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Melchert seconded by Krug to approve Colonial Life as a Section 125 provider. Yes: Blecha, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Noffsinger. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Melchert to approve the updated graduation requirements required by the Nebraska Department of Education to Policy 6146 as presented. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Noffsinger. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Lorens seconded by Melchert to approve the high school assistant volleyball activity assignment as presented. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Krug to adjourn at 8:33 P.M. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.**

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**John Metzger, Acting Secretary**