

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

February 2011

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on February 14, 2011 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Kent Lorens, Mike Lutz, John Metzger, Sandy Noffsinger, and Shad Stamm. Also present were Principal Jim Kent, Principal Mike Rotherham, Superintendent Dallas Watkins and staff member JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Amy M Haines, Tim Rettele, and Pastor Brian Fong. Board member Craig Kerchal, Steve Krug, and Linda Melchert were absent.

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, Steve Krug and Linda Melchert.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Blecha to approve the agenda and minutes of the January 10, 2011 regular meeting and the January 17, 2011 special meeting. Yes: Blecha, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Kerchal, Krug, and Melchert. Motion carried.

Under public items of discussion Pastor Fong, from the United Methodist Church, offered to donate copies of the book "The Greatest Coach Ever" Timeless, Wisdom, and Insight of John Wooden to students. The books will be made available to all 7-12 students to have but not required. The Board thanked Pastor Fong and the Methodist Church for the donation.

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

Principal Rotherham reported on writing assessments; National Assessment Education Progress Test; Stratton Elementary Field Trip; Preschool in Stratton; 8th grade field trip; and important dates. He also thanked Stratton area farmers who have helped remove snow out of the bus lane and bus lot and Gregg Loghry for his help removing snow at Benkelman Elementary. Principal Kent congratulated FBLA for reaching the one million pop tab donation plateau for Ronald McDonald houses. He also reported on graduation; calendar adoption for 2011-2012; class schedules for 2011-2012; school improvement; district activity dates; music booster trip; and new ideas for driver education. Superintendent Watkins congratulated Jim Kent for being named as the District 5 Athletic Administrator of the Year. He recognized Bruce Woods for his eight years of service to the district, and thanked Beth Bolio for donating water bottles for the basketball teams. Superintendent Watkins also reported on Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association news; option student; legislative bills; wellness program; enrollment numbers; Senator Ben Nelson letter; Methodist Church donation; and Nebraska Association of School Board news.

The board recessed at 7:08 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:38 P.M.

Under board items of discussion Mike Blecha, John Metzger, and Shad Stamm discussed highlights from the Nebraska Association of School Boards Legislative Conference and Water Task Force Meeting.

President Metzger also announced that the Board has nominated Superintendent Watkins for the Nebraska Association of School Boards Superintendent of the Year Award.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Lorens to authorize John Metzger, Robert Castillo, and administrators for solicitation of quotes for a used van and used car and to present quotes at the March meeting. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Krug, Melchert, and Kerchal. Motion carried.

President Metzger appointed Mike Lutz to the Curriculum/Activities/Staff Development Committee.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Stamm to support the National Association of School Boards Resolution on the Commission of Industrial Relations as presented. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Melchert, Kerchal, and Krug. Motion carried.

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

The board discussed delinquent accounts.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Blecha to go into executive session at 8:15 P.M. to discuss teacher negotiations for 2011-2012. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Melchert, Kerchal, and Krug. Motion carried.

President Metzger declared the board out of executive session at 9:12 P.M.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Blecha to adjourn to 9:13 P.M. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Kerchal, Krug, and Melchert. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary