

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

January 2011

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on January 10, 2011 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: M Blecha, C Kerchal, S Krug, K Lorens, L Melchert, J Metzger, S Noffsinger, and S Stamm. Also present were Principal Jim Kent, Principal Mike Rotherham, Superintendent Dallas Watkins and Dundy County Stratton School staff JoAnn Decker. Visitor was Gregg Loghry. Board Member Mike Lutz was absent.

Superintendent Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Motion by Stamm seconded by Krug to approve the agenda and minutes of the December 13, 2010 regular meeting and December 16, 2010 Board In Service. Yes: Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Lorens to retain John Metzger as President, Shad Stamm as Vice-President, Sandy Noffsinger as Secretary, and Steve Krug as Treasurer for 2011 and that nominations cease. A roll call vote was taken on the nominations. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

The oath of office was administered to the newly elected officers and new board member, Craig Kerchal.

President Metzger presided as president for the meeting.

President Metzger excused Mike Lutz from the meeting.

There were no public items of discussion.

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

Principal Rotherham reported on report cards, Lion's Club health bus; Holiday happenings, Benkelman 3rd grade sang Christmas carols at Hester Home, Stratton Elementary donated books to the Stratton Public Library, and Haigler Elementary students sent cards to hometown military personnel and went caroling at the Golden Inn and downtown Haigler; he also reported on important dates. Principal Kent congratulated Mr. Loghry and Mrs. Hughes for very good winter concerts; he also reported on Republican Plains Activities Conference events; calendar adoption; Nebraska Schools Activities Association proposals; hosting of District Speech Meet; Class C football summit; thanked Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Fox, and Ms. Hanes for their help with the in-service; and reported on the district technology report. Superintendent Watkins reported on Labor Relations Conference; Nebraska Association of School Boards Conference; Board of Education

appreciation week; Hansen Foundation; and Option student. Superintendent Watkins also thanked the Lion's Club in Benkelman and American Legion in Haigler for providing refreshments at our music programs. Also, to Santa for his exciting appearances; to Gregg Loghry who routinely volunteers to help with snow removal, gym floor sweeping, and other causes at the school, and to Shirley Mullanix and Linda Jones for helping with alumni pictures.

Under board items of discussion President Metzger mentioned the board donation to the School 117 Foundation. He and Superintendent Watkins also discussed the various donations that the Hester Foundation provides. Shad Stamm reported on the dating policy training that was done at the teacher in-service.

President Metzger appointed the following committees: Budget/Finance/Governance-Mike Blecha, Steve Krug, John Metzger, and Shad Stamm; Transportation/Building/Grounds/- Kent Lorens, Mike Lutz, John Metzger, and Craig Kerchal; Curriculum/Activities/Staff Development- Sandy Noffsinger, Linda Melchert, and Shad Stamm.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Melchert to approve the officers of the Board of Education of Dundy County Stratton Public Schools, to take necessary action to transact business as required by Nebraska statute and district policy. Yes: Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the January 17, 2011 special meeting date for bid letting for the completion of the high school renovation project.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Lorens to recognize the Dundy County Stratton Education Association as the bargaining agent to represent the teachers in the 2011-2012 negotiations with the Board of Education. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Blecha to appoint Kent Lorens (Chair), Shad Stamm, Sandy Noffsinger, and Mike Blecha (alternate) to represent the Board of Education for Dundy County Stratton Public Schools for teacher negotiations for the 2011-2012 school year. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Nebraska School Activities Association legislative proposals.

The Board discussed the new state mileage rate of \$.51 effective January 1, 2011.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Blecha to pursue all delinquent accounts over \$500.00 and 6 months in arrears. These accounts will be turned over to small claims court. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Melchert. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the City of Benkelman, Notice of Hearing for "Blight and Substandard Determination and Redevelopment Plan".

Motion by Blecha seconded by Melchert to adjourn at 7:11 P.M. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Melchert, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion Carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary