

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

July 2011

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

President Metzger called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

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

President Metzger excused Mike Blecha and Sandy Noffsinger.

Board member Shad Stamm arrived at 6:23 P.M.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Melchert to approve the agenda and the minutes of the June 13, 2011 regular monthly meeting. Yes: Kerchal, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Blecha, Krug, Lorens, and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

There were no public items of discussion.

Superintendent Watkins reported on Nebraska Association of School Board news; bus route meeting for the transportation committee; Hester Foundation management transition; and bus radio update. He also thanked Randall Raile for his generous support for the kindergarten milk program.

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

Principal Rotherham gave a report on Haigler Elementary staffing and the spraying as Stratton Elementary. Principal Kent gave a report on delaying the curriculum committee report until next month.

Under Board items of discussion President Metzger handed out Board member point sheets for the Nebraska Association of School Boards.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Kerchal to appoint Dr. Dallas Watkins, Superintendent, as representative agent for the administration of federal programs for Dundy County Stratton Public Schools for 2011-2012. Yes: Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Stamm, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Krug, Lorens, Noffsinger, and Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Melchert to appoint Mike Blecha, John Metzger, and Mike Lutz to the Americanism Committee for 2011-2012. Yes: Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Stamm, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Lorens, Noffsinger, Blecha, and Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Kerchal to offer an activity shuttle service for activities after practice and other such events at the same rate as last year of \$15.00 divided by the number of participants for the 2011-2012 school year. A shuttle will be offered free of charge when staff members drive a school vehicle between buildings. Yes: Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Stamm, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger, Blecha, Krug, and Lorens. Motion carried.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Stamm to recognize that review of the Student Fees Policy occurred as required by state statute. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Stamm, Kerchal, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger, Blecha, Krug, and Lorens. Motion carried.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Lutz to adopt District Goals as presented. Yes: Metzger, Stamm, Kerchal, Lutz, and Melchert. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger, Blecha, Krug, and Lorens. Motion carried.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Kerchal to adopt a \$.15 increase to the school lunch and breakfast prices for 2011-2012 school year. Yes: Stamm, Kerchal, Lutz, Melchert, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger, Blecha, Krug, and Lorens. Motion carried.

The board discussed state mileage rate and compressor quotes.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Melchert to direct Superintendent Watkins to solicit quotes for repair of the compressor chiller unit at Benkelman Elementary and to accept the best quote. Yes: Stamm, Kerchal, Lutz, Melchert, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Blecha, Krug, Lorens, and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Stamm to direct Superintendent Watkins to solicit quotes/bids for a new 47 passenger bus. Yes: Kerchal, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Blecha, Krug, Lorens, and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Board member Steve Krug arrived at 7:10 P.M.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Stamm to approve the change order for the kitchen renovation project as presented and to thank the Community Foundation for their donation. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Lorens, Noffsinger, and Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Stamm to raise compensation for classified personnel and bus drivers to 2.50% or \$.25 which ever is greater for the 2011-2012 school year. Yes: Krug, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Stamm, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Lorens, Noffsinger, and Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Kerchal to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. Yes: Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Stamm, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Lorens, Noffsinger, and Blecha. Motion carried.

John Metzger, President