

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

May 2011

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on May 09, 2011 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: C Kerchal, 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 Avery Bradney and Sharriea Burke. Board member S Krug and Principal Mike Rotherham arrived late. Board members M Blecha and K Lorens were absent.

President Metzger called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

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

President Metzger excused Board Members M Blecha and K Lorens.

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

There were no public items of discussion.

Board member Krug arrived at 6:08 P.M.

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

Superintendent Watkins gave Principal Rotherham's report. He reported on kindergarten roundup; end of year enrollment numbers; congratulated JoLen Stamm who has been chosen to represent the State of Nebraska in the Abraham Lincoln Fellowship Program this summer. He also reported on elementary spring concerts; DARE classes and graduation; thanked the Dundy County Sheriff's office for working with Benkelman and Haigler; reported on field trips; 6th grade get together from all buildings; and important dates. Principal Kent congratulated National Honor Society inductees: Juliana Golding, Meg Peterson, and Paige Tecker. Principal Kent reported on RPAC; final exams; graduation; awards convocation; summer van use; activity assignments; hour requirements; and fall practice. Superintendent Watkins reported on summer projects; Educational Service Unit 15 annual contract; legislative issues; teacher and administrator contracts; Clean Up Benkelman letter; and thanked Verle Reichert for his generous donation of hamburger to the school district.

Under board items of discussion Superintendent Watkins and President Metzger reported on the annual Hester Foundation Board meeting.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Lutz to recognize the class of 2011 and to wish them the best for all their accomplishments. Yes: Krug, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Lorens and Blecha. Motion carried.

The board discussed the high school renovation project.

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

Motion by Stamm seconded by Lutz to enter into executive session at 7:17 P.M. to discuss administrative and teacher negotiations and staffing needs for 2011-2012. Yes: Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Kerchal and Krug. No: None. Absent: Blecha and Lorens. Motion carried.

Principal Rotherham arrived at 8:25 P.M.

President Metzger declared the board out of executive session at 8:57 P.M.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Krug to adjourn at 8:58 P.M. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Kerchal, Krug, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Blecha and Lorens. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary