

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

November 2011

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on November 14, 2011 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: M Blecha, S Krug, K Lorens, M Lutz, J Metzger, S Noffsinger, and S Stamm. Also present were Principal Jim Kent, Principal Mike Rotherham, Superintendent Dallas Watkins and staff member JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Teri Faimon, Melisa Noonan, Robby Haines, Amy M Haines, and Bruce Woods. Board members C Kerchal and L Melchert were absent.

President Metzger called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Linda Melchert.

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

There were no public items of discussion.

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

Principal Rotherham reported on the holiday dinner; mandatory health checks; safety audit; book fair; Veterans Day activities; important dates; copier for Stratton Elementary; school lunch program; and res care, a government work aid program. Principal Kent congratulated the girls golf team and coach Rettele for a good season and our first girls golf team state meet qualification; cross country teams and coaches Scott & Tracy Lambley on good seasons, the boys were RPAC and District runners-up; the football team and coaches on their season; the volleyball team and coaches on a successful season; and the mock trial team for qualifying for state. He also reported on the F-clubs activities during red ribbon week; school improvement; winter sport numbers; Nebraska School Activities Association proposals; other activities; the winter sports shuttle; finals; parent teacher conferences; junior high wrestling and basketball; and high school practice. Superintendent Watkins reported on December annual Board In-service; Indiana Insurance annual premium increase; vandalism; December board meeting location; Nebraska Association of School Boards State Conference; excess equipment sale; used/excess vehicle sale notice; natural gas contract; and Amtrak reception.

The board recessed at 7:06 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:37 P.M.

The board discussed high school football for 2012.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Krug to adopt or replace policies 4115, 6141.49, 5131.8, 5003, 5110, 5004, 6190, 6192/4300, and 5122/6191 as presented. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: Stamm and Blecha. Absent: Melchert and Kerchal. Motion carried.

The board discussed the new Concussion Awareness Policy required by Nebraska statute that must be in place by July, 2012.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Stamm to appoint Sandy Noffsinger as NASB legislative representative for our district for this year's state conference. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, and Krug. No: None. Abstain: Noffsinger. Absent: Melchert and Kerchal. Motion carried.

The board discussed Nebraska School Activities Association legislative proposals, the Annual Report and the State of the Schools Report, and how the information is available via websites.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Lorens to approve the junior high assistant girls basketball coach as presented. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Melchert and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Lutz to enter into excessive session to discuss staffing for 2012-2013 at 7:56 P.M. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Melchert and Kerchal. Motion carried.

President Metzger declared the Board out of executive session at 8:29 P.M.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Stamm to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent Kerchal and Melchert. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary