

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

October 2011

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on October 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 Mike Rotherham, Superintendent Dallas Watkins and staff member JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Rami Albers and Tracy Lambley. Absent were Board Members Mike Lutz and Principal Jim Kent.

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 posted in the meeting room.

President Metzger excused Mike Lutz.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Krug to approve the agenda and the minutes of the September 12, 2011 budget hearings and regular meeting. Yes: Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

There were no public items of discussion.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Blecha to approve the administrative and financial reports and payment of bills and to authorize the final payment out of the depreciation fund to TCC upon completion of the high school phase II project. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

Principal Rotherham thanked Randy Raile and BWTelcom for again donating to the Haigler/Benkelman Elementary kindergarten milk program. He also reported on Parent Teacher Conferences; teacher in-service; State Assessments; student activities; and important dates. Superintendent Watkins gave Principal Kent's report. He congratulated the girl's golf team and Coach Tim Rettele on their District Runner Up performance and qualifying for state. This is our first girl's golf team qualification. He also reported on Parent Teacher Conferences; official enrollment; School Improvement; area enrollments; teacher in-service; concussions; music at games; and meals for activities. Superintendent Watkins reported on policy updates; propane quotes; mower/tractor update; Nebraska Association of School Boards news; congratulated Rami Albers for her Master's Degree and noted that she will graduate in December; annual in-service; school law reporter; ratification of amendments by Dundy County Stratton Education Association to the negotiated agreement.

There were no board items of discussion.

The Board discussed the excess equipment sale to be held on November 4, 2011 from 2:00 P.M. M.T. to 3:00 P.M. M.T. at the Benkelman Elementary.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Blecha to accept the quote of \$31,400.00 from Weathercraft of McCook to replace just the East portion of the roof at Benkelman Elementary. The replacement roof must match the remaining roof and will be a 20 year warranty. The remaining roof was originally done by Weathercraft of McCook. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Noffsinger to increase substitute teacher pay by \$10.00 a day effective October 11, 2011. Yes: Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Noffsinger to adjourn at 7:43 P.M. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary