

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

September 2011

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on September 12, 2011 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: M Blecha, K Lorens, M Lutz, L Melchert, J Metzger, and S Noffsinger. Board member S Krug was absent. Board members C Kerchal and S Stamm arrived late. Also present were Superintendent Dallas Watkins and staff member JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Jean Matthews, and Tracy Peckham. Principal Jim Kent and Principal Mike Rotherham arrived late.

President Metzger called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

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

President Metzger excused Steve Krug.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Lutz to approve the agenda and the minutes of the August 08, 2011 regular monthly meeting. Yes: Blecha, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: None. Absent: Kerchal, Krug, and Stamm. Motion carried.

There were no public items of discussion.

Board member Stamm arrived at 6:25 P.M.

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

Superintendent Watkins reported on the death of employee Barb Horner; Amtrak passengers thank you letters; roof quotes; small tractor/mower quotes; insurance proceeds from hail damage to vehicles; congratulated Avery Bradney, Anita Marin, and Melisa Noonan for receiving their Master's Degrees this summer; reported on the Benkelman Elementary chiller; propane quotes; Nebraska Association of School Board State Conference; thanked BWTelcom for the watermelon feed they sponsored for the schools this year and in past years; school-in-service; congratulated Shad Stamm (Level IV), Steve Krug (Level III), and Kent Lorens (Level II) for receiving awards from Nebraska Association of School Boards; safety audit; school audit; and long term substitute teacher.

Principal Jim Kent arrived at 7:04 P.M.

During board items of discussion Board Members Blecha, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Superintendent Watkins reported on Nebraska Association School Boards Regional Meeting. Board member Stamm also talked about the water commission. Sandy Noffsinger thanked the Board and the school employee's on the great job during the Amtrak derailment. Superintendent Watkins discussed the many thank you letters received from the passengers and thanked local emergency responders and all area communities for their help and quick response.

The board recessed at 7:20 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:30 P.M.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Lorens to adopt the 2011-2012 Dundy County Stratton School Budget as presented. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Krug and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Lutz to approve the 2011-2012 Tax Request Resolution for Dundy County Stratton School District. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Noffsinger to recognize that the Parent Involvement in Education Practices Policy was reviewed in a public meeting as required by Nebraska statute. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Principal Mike Rotherham arrived at 7:43 P.M.

The Board discussed the high school east hallway renovation project.

Motion by Melchert seconded by Noffsinger to amend the 2011-2012 calendar to change the Teacher In-service date from September 19th to September 26th (no school for students) due to a conflict with Educational Service Unit 15 staff schedules. The school will run regular schedule on September 19th. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Lorens. No: Lutz. Absent: Kerchal and Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Melchert seconded By Lorens to approve the amendments to the 2011-2012 Negotiated Agreement as presented. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Lorens, Lutz, and Melchert. No: None. Abstain: Kerchal. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

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

Principal Rotherham reported on enrollment; watermelon feed; state required varicella shots; assessments; and important dates. Principal Kent reported on enrollment; school pictures; fall sports numbers; Educational Service Unit 15 teacher in-service; additional coaches for volleyball and football; activity shuttles; and foreign exchange students.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Lutz to adjourn at 8:21 P.M. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Melchert, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary