

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on April 9, 2012 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: C Kerchal, S Krug, K Lorens, L Melchert, 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 Shari Hearon, John McDonald, Tim Rettele, Lori Rettele, and Justin Haislip. Board members M Blecha and M Lutz were absent.

President Metzger called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

President Metzger stated that the board follows the Open Meetings Act Guidelines which are located in the meeting room. The Board of Education may enter closed session during the meeting when it determines that doing so is appropriate and is authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Melchert to approve the agenda and the minutes of the March 12, 2012 regular meeting and the March 19, 2012 special meeting. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Blecha and Lutz. Motion carried.

During public items of discussion Shari Hearon addressed the Board regarding the prescription and/or drug issues and students.

President Metzger excused Board members M Blecha and M Lutz.

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

Principal Rotherham reported on kindergarten roundup; track participation; reading carnival; assessment update; and important dates. Principal Kent congratulated State speech qualifiers Michael Lutz and Stacy Sandberg along with sponsor Tracy Peckham; State FBLA qualifiers and sponsor Peggy Parker; State FFA qualifiers and sponsor Nathan Behlke; and State FCCLA qualifiers and sponsor Lori Rettele; McCook Inter-High day participants and sponsor Jean Matthews. He also reported on graduation; activity committee meeting; Board policy issues and potential policy changes, specifically about drug issues; maintenance projects; and extra sponsor for school play. Superintendent Watkins reported on Dundy County Stratton Education Association letter; heating, venting, air conditioning system; election notice; Nebraska Commissioner of Education news; and natural gas contract.

During board items of discussion John Metzger, Sandy Noffsinger, and Superintendent Dallas Watkins reported on the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Conference.

The board recessed at 7.15 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:46 P.M.

**Principal Jim Kent, Principal Mike Rotherham, and K-12 Curriculum/Pre-School committee members Melchert, Noffsinger, and Stamm reported on K-12 curriculum, pre-school, daycare, and other concerns regarding social environment and curriculum at elementary sites.**

**Motion by Kerchal seconded by Melchert to accept the low bid of \$9,950 from Hart Floors, Inc. for sanding and refinishing the high school gym floor. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Lutz and Blecha. Motion carried.**

**The Board discussed bids for a speaker system and two way radios for school vehicles.**

**Motion by Lorens seconded by Krug to direct Superintendent Watkins to place an ad for sealed bids on a 2003 Ford 15 passenger van. A minimum bid will be required based upon book value. Bids will be due by 2:00 P.M. on May 14, 2012. Yes: Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Lutz and Blecha. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Melchert to accept the 2012-2013 Special Education Contract Intentions from ESU 15. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Lutz and Blecha. Motion carried.**

**The Board discussed teacher/principal contracts.**

**The Board discussed staffing for 2012-2013.**

**Motion by Krug seconded by Melchert to adjourn at 9:05 P.M. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Blecha and Lutz. Motion carried.**

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**Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary**