

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

**DECEMBER 2012**

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on December 10, 2012 at the Haigler Elementary School. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Linda Fegler, Craig Kerchal, Kent Lorens, Mike Lutz, John Metzger, Sandy Noffsinger, and Shad Stamm. Also present were Principal Mike Rotherham, Principal Phil Truax, Superintendent Jim Kent and Dundy County Stratton staff member JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Kathy Blecha, Amy M Haines, and Cindy McVicker. Board member Steve Krug was absent.

President Metzger called the meeting to order at 6:13 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 to protect the public interest and is authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Blecha to approve the agenda and the minutes of the November 12, 2012 regular meeting and the November 29, 2012 special meeting. Yes: Blecha, Fegler, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Lutz to excuse Steve Krug from the November 12, 2012 regular meeting. Yes: Fegler, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

There were no public items of discussion.

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

Principal Rotherham congratulated Sable Lambley, our local geography bee champion. He also reported on quiz bowl; Edgerton science day; Christmas concerts; and important dates for December and January. Principal Truax congratulated the Mock Trial Team and sponsor Tracy Peckham for a great year, they qualified and just returned from the State Mock Trial competition, and the play production cast and sponsor Amanda Carlson for another enjoyable year for the students. He reported on the teacher/principal evaluation pilot program; high school finals, Nebraska School Activities Association practice/competition moratorium; January 2nd In-service; drug dogs; teacher evaluations; attendance issues; letter from the Nebraska School Activities Association; and the additional coach for boys basketball. Superintendent Kent reported on Board of Education election certification; reminder on January Board committee assignments and election of officers; student teacher in science; Horner donation; local committee for teacher/principal evaluation project; update on the Benkelman Elementary break-in; and school e-mail accounts for board members.

**Under board items of discussion President J Metzger and Superintendent J Kent reported on the Hester Foundation Lease Auction. M Blecha, K Lorens, J Metzger, and S Noffsinger reported on the Nebraska Association of School Boards Conference. Superintendent J Kent also reminded the Board of the NASB Legislative Issues Conference on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed the possibility of starting the regular board meeting at a later time the 14<sup>th</sup> to allow board members travel time from the meeting.**

**The board recessed at 7:33 P.M.**

**The board reconvened at 7:48 P.M.**

**The Board discussed the December 18, 2012 Board of Education In-Service.**

**Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Lorens to acknowledge receipt of the annual external audit for 2011-2012 as prepared by Eugene V Ulmer, Certified Public Accountant LLC, for the Dundy County Stratton Public Schools. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.**

**The Board discussed the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund bond refinance.**

**There were no sealed bids received on the used vehicles that were advertised for sale.**

**The Federal mileage rate effective January 1, 2013 was discussed.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Fegler to approve the Dundy County Stratton Teacher Negotiated Agreement for 2013-2014 as presented by the board negotiation committee. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.**

**The Board discussed a bus route request.**

**Motion by Lorens seconded by Noffsinger to renumber the following policies 1000 to 1010, 1252 to 6036, 1250 to 6035, 1311.1 to 4044, 1324 to 6037, 1325 to 6038, 1330 to 3035, 1414 to 5021, 2131.1 to 4025, 2131.1(e) to 4053, 2131.12 to 2007, 2131.13 to 4025A, 2132 to 4025B, 2132(a) to 4026, 2310 to 4025C, 2320(a) to 4026C, 3100 to 3001, 3240 to 3036, 3260 to 3019, 3280 to 3008, 3293 to 3002, 3310 to 3004, 3310 (last page) to 3003, 3326 to 3007, 3326.1 to 3007A, 3410 to 3007B, 3440 to 3037, 3450 to 3002A, 3510 to 3038, 3516 to 3038A, 3517 to 4025D, 3532 to 3010, 3541 to 3011, 3541.44 to 3011A, and 3542.1 to 3012. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, Kerchal, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Stamm seconded by Blecha to delete the duplicate policies as presented. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, Kerchal, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Lorens seconded by Lutz to direct Superintendent Kent to negotiate and enter into a food service management consulting contract with Sodexo for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.**

**The board discussed the hiring of Lynne Riley as the Haigler Elementary custodian and cook.**

**Motion by Lorens seconded by Blecha to offer a teaching contract to Lisa Faimon beginning January 2, 2013. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Stamm seconded by Blecha to enter into executive session to discuss the maintenance, lunch, and coaching supervision position and board expectations at 8:46 P.M. Yes: Blecha, Fegler, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.**

**President J Metzger declared the Board out of executive session at 9:05 P.M.**

**Motion by Lorens seconded by Kerchal to enter into executive session to conduct the Superintendent evaluation at 9:07 P.M. Yes: Fegler, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.**

**President J Metzger declared the Board out of executive session at 9:53 P.M.**

**Motion by Stamm seconded by Lorens to approve the Superintendent evaluation. Yes: Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Fegler. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Stamm to adjourn at 9:54 P.M. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm Blecha, Fegler, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.**

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**Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary**