

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on June 11, 2012 at the Stratton Elementary School. The following members were present: M Blecha, S Krug, K Lorens, L Melchert, J Metzger, and S Noffsinger. Also present were Principal Jim Kent, Superintendent Dallas Watkins and staff member JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Phil Truax, Amy M Haines, Verla Martin and Robert Beck. Board Members Craig Kerchal and Shad Stamm arrived late. Board Member Mike Lutz was absent.

President Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. C.T.

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 Lorens seconded by Melchert to approve the agenda and the minutes of the May 14, 2012 regular meeting. Yes: Blecha, Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kerchal, Lutz, and Stamm. Motion carried.

President Metzger excused Mike Lutz.

There were no public items of discussion.

Board member Kerchal arrived at 7:04 P.M. C.T.

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

Principal Kent congratulated State Track coaches and participants for qualifying and their fine performances while there. He also congratulated the Boys Golf Team and coach on qualifying for state and having a good state meet. He reported on summer projects; practice start dates; policy updates; additional activity assignments; internet safety policy; track repair; lock repair quotes; and computer, network, and internet issues; school law conference; fair labor standards act from Nebraska Health & Human Services correspondence; router; insurance bid update; and retirement reception for Dr. Dallas Watkins. Superintendent Watkins reported on the Nebraska Association of School Boards Workshop; audit letter from auditor; Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services correspondence; interest rates; and property insurance coverage.

The board recessed at 7:47 P.M. C.T.

Board member Stamm arrived at 7:58 P.M. C.T.

The board reconvened at 8:20 P.M. C.T.

There were no board items of discussion.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Melchert to make Haigler Elementary a K-4 attendance center beginning the 2012-2013 school year and to direct administration to administer a move for grades 5 and 6. This may be reviewed by the Board and Administration annually. Yes:

Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha. No: Kerchal. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Pre-School recommendation at Benkelman elementary. The committee will bring a recommendation to the board to consider at the July 9, 2012 meeting. Motion by Blecha seconded by Stamm to table the Benkelman Elementary pre-school agenda item until the July 2012 meeting. Yes: Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Noffsinger to appoint Jim Kent, Superintendent, as representative agent for the administration of federal programs for Dundy County Stratton Public Schools effective July 1, 2012 for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Lorens to authorize Phil Truax to transact necessary business per district policy as Secondary Principal and Activities Director. Yes: Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Noffsinger to authorize Jim Kent to transact necessary business per district policy as Superintendent of Schools. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Melchert. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Kerchal to approve the District wide Internet equipment upgrade; bring back price quotes for the speaker system and stage curtains to the July board meeting; and to consider the door locks in 2012-2013. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Melchert and Metzger. No. None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

The Board discussed trading in the 15 passenger van.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Stamm to offer a teaching contract to Jarod Albers for the 2012-2013 school year and to transfer in all his years of teaching experience. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the drug policy update. The committee should bring a recommendation to the board to consider at the July 9, 2012 meeting.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Stamm to thank Dave Thornbrugh for his commitment and dedication to the district and wish him a happy retirement and to thank him for his 17 years of service with Dundy County Stratton Schools. Yes; Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Blecha seconded by Melchert to adjourn at 9:27 P.M. C.T. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Melchert, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Lutz. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary