

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on November 12, 2012 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: M Blecha, L Fegler, C Kerchal, K Lorens, M Lutz, J Metzger, S Noffsinger, and S Stamm. Also present were Principal Phil Truax, Superintendent Jim Kent and staff member JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Lisa Fox, Verla Martin, and Amy M Haines. Board member Steve Krug and Principal Mike Rotherham were absent.

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 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 October 8, 2012 regular 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 Sandy Noffsinger from the last hour of the October 8, 2012 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 Lorens seconded by Blecha 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 Truax reported on teacher/principal evaluation pilot program; Nebraska School Activities Association proposals; other activities; the winter sports shuttle; finals; parent teacher conferences; junior high wrestling and basketball; high school practice; and the attendance at the sportsmanship/leadership summit. He also thanked everyone for their involvement and presentation of the Veteran's Day program. Superintendent Kent gave the elementary principal's report. He reported on Veteran's Day activities; holiday dinner; parent teacher conferences; safety audit meeting; carpet replacement and other repairs from the break in have been completed; important dates; and reported on the reception for Kelley Watkins and thanked her for 27 years of service to our district. Superintendent Kent reported on the change in the way we handle Board items of discussion and placing those items on the agenda; updated the board on the food service proposals; Senator roundtable meeting; location of December Board meeting; natural gas contract; propane contracts; refinancing of the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund Bonds; future policy update plans; and Civil Rights Reporting. Superintendent Kent also thanked everyone for the Veteran's Day program and he also thanked the Dundy County Stratton Education Association for the Board recognition.

During Board items of discussion the Board discussed the upcoming Nebraska Association of Schools Boards conference; the December In-service; and the Hester Foundation meeting.

The board recessed at 7:03 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:22 P.M.

The Board discussed assessment and curriculum issues in the district.

Motion by Fegler seconded by Stamm to approve the addition of Wednesday late starts for staff development to the school calendar as presented as well as a Monday late start on March 18, 2013. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

The safety committee reported to the board regarding the safety audit, asbestos re-inspection, and insurance audit. The Board discussed these items.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Noffsinger to appoint Mike Blecha as NASB legislative representative for our district for this year's state conference. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

The board discussed Nebraska School Activities Association legislative proposals.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Blecha to delete the existing 0000 policy series and to approve revised policy series 0000 as presented. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, Kerchal, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Blecha to add policy 1001, 1002, 1003, and 1004 as presented, to rename existing policy 1000 as 1010 and to delete existing policy 1312. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, Kerchal, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Blecha to add policy 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, and 2015 as presented, to rename 9800 to 2016 and to rename 9000 to 2000, and to delete 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, and 9900. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Blecha to rename existing policy 1000 to 3000, 1180 to 4001, 1250 to 6035, 1252.0 to 6036, 1311.1 to 4404, 1324 to 6037, 1325 to 6038, 1330 to 3035, and 1414 to 5021, and to delete 1112.3 and 1500. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

The Board discussed bus purchase and excess vehicle disposal.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Lutz to become Chamber of Commerce members for both Benkelman and Stratton. Yes: Blecha, Fegler, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: Kerchal. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha and seconded Lorens to accept the resignation of Joyce Forch and to thank her for her service to the district. Her last day will be December 21, 2012. Yes: Fegler, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Linda Morris has accepted the job as cook at Benkelman Elementary. She will replace Bonnie Willis who will be retiring December 21, 2012.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Blecha to enter into excessive session to discuss negotiations strategy and goals for 2013-2014 at 8:48 P.M. Yes: Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Fegler. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

President Metzger declared the Board out of executive session at 9:24 P.M.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Fegler to adjourn at 9:25 P.M. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Fegler, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary