

BOARD OF EDUCATION
DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met for the annual in-service on December 18, 2012 at Dundy County Stratton High School Distance Learning Center. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Kent Lorens, John Metzger, Sandy Noffsinger, and Shad Stamm. Also present were Superintendent Jim Kent, Principal Phil Truax, and Principal Mike Rotherham. Visitors were Amy M Haines, D Eugene Garner Attorney at Law. Board members Linda Fegler, Craig Kerchal, and Steve Krug were absent. Board member Mike Lutz arrived late.

President Metzger called the in-service to order at 9:10 A.M.

President Metzger stated that the board follows the Open Meeting Act Guidelines which are located in the meeting room. The Board of Education may enter closed session during the in-service when it determines that doing so is appropriate and is authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act. No action is permitted in the in-service and will not be considered. The in-service is intended to provide for professional development for the Board of Education and Administrators.

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

Mike Lutz arrived at 9:15 A.M.

D Eugene Garner presented and discussed Open Meetings Act compliance issues with the board.

Mike Pruter, presenter/Staff Development Director, from ESU 15 arrived at 9:45 A.M.

The board recessed at 10:26 A.M.

D Eugene Garner, Attorney at Law, left at 10:26 A.M.

The board reconvened at 10:36 A.M.

Mike Pruter, ESU 15, presented an overview of the North Central/AdvancEd school improvement process and outlined what to expect from the upcoming external team visit.

Mike Pruter left at 11:10 A.M.

The board discussed Haigler Elementary current and projected enrollment, staffing, and the process for possible closing of the attendance center.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:35 A.M.

The board reconvened at 12:33 P.M. The following members were present: M Blecha, K Lorens, J Metzger, S Noffsinger, and S Stamm. Also present were Superintendent J Kent, Principal P Truax, Principal M Rotherham, and Verla Martin.

Verla Martin, Teacher/Data Committee member, Principal Truax, and Principal Rotherham discussed curriculum/assessment strategies and philosophy along with district initiatives.

Amy M Haines arrived at 12:38 P.M.

Robert Castillo arrived at 12:50 P.M. and Keith Neville arrived at 1:00 P.M.

Robert Castillo, Transportation Supervisor, Keith Neville, Maintenance Supervisor, and Principal Phil Truax presented and discussed transportation equipment and facilities issues and needs with the board.

Mike Lutz arrived at 1:12 P.M.

Robert Castillo and Keith Neville left at 1:30 P.M.

Brett Warren and Ciprian Galarneau from 20/20 Technologies LLC and Lisa Fox, District Technology Director, arrived at 1:30 P.M. and presented the Board with a summary of improvements made to the district technology infrastructure and some ideas for future upgrades to intra district connections and to the district's external access bandwidth.

Brett Warren, Ciprian Galarneau, and Lisa Fox left at 2:00 P.M.

The board discussed the information presented during the day and developed potential goals for the district. The goals will be formally approved by the Board at the March 2013 regular meeting.

No action was taken during the in-service.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Lutz to adjourn at 2:55 P.M. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Fegler, Kerchal, and Krug. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary