

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on April 8, 2013 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Amy Haines, Craig Kerchal, Steve Krug, Kent Lorens, Mike Lutz, John Metzger, Sandy Noffsinger, and Shad Stamm. Also present were Principal Mike Rotherham, Principal Phil Truax, Superintendent Jim Kent, and recording secretary JoAnn Decker. Visitor was Tim Rettele.

President Stamm called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

President Stamm 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 Haines seconded by Blecha to verify that notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Benkelman Post, a legal newspaper for Dundy County Stratton Schools, and by written notice to each member of the board, the designated method of giving notice. Yes: Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger and Stamm. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Metzger to approve the agenda of the April 8, 2013 regular meeting. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Noffsinger to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013 regular meeting. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines No: None. Motion carried.

There were no public items of discussion.

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

Superintendent Kent presented the District Technology Report. Principal Rotherham reported on parent teacher conference; Wesleyan University band; safety day; spring concert dates; 100 point club field trip; kindergarten roundup; kindergarten graduation; state wide assessment update; new teaching assignments for 2013-2014; and important dates. Principal Truax congratulated State speech qualifiers Coy Clark, Izzy Fox and Aubrey Peckham long 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; graduation date; parent teacher conference; congratulated the DCS play production crew and sponsors Diane Hughes and Gregg Loghry for a fantastic performance; RPAC Instrumental clinic; congratulated Natalie Kent and Lizzy Earnest on qualifying for All State Band; McCook Inter-High day participants and sponsor Jean Matthews for being champions and multiple first place award winners; NESAs testing; and the city water update. He also reported on how smoothly the track and golf meets run due to the support of the volunteers both from the school and surrounding communities. Superintendent Kent reported on the possibility of allowing patrons to use

**credit cards to pay the school in the future; Advance-Ed external review visit; NASB Unemployment Insurance Program; and the NRCSA One Card Program.**

**During board items of discussion John Metzger, Sandy Noffsinger, Mike Blecha, Amy Haines, and Superintendent Jim Kent reported on the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Conference. The annual picture for the annual was also taken at this time.**

**The board recessed at 7.02 P.M.**

**The board reconvened at 7:25 P.M.**

**The board discussed the Nebraska statute regarding continuing contract law and the renewal of teacher contracts.**

**Motion by Lutz seconded by Haines to offer the 7-12 Art contract to Marilyn Zarkowski with a FTE of 50% for the 2013-2014 school year. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Metzger seconded by Noffsinger to offer the 7-12 Industrial Technology contract to Mark Anderson for the 2013-2014 school year. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, and Lutz. No: None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Lorens to offer the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Benkelman Elementary teaching contract to Amanda Baete for the 2013-2014 school year and to transfer in all her years of service. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Krug to accept the bids from Weathercraft Roofing for the high school commons area and the Benkelman Elementary west roof as presented. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Motion carried.**

**The board discussed the removal of the Stratton crow's nest at the football field in Stratton.**

**Motion by Kerchal seconded by Haines to authorize the sale of Haigler Elementary and the lot next to the tennis court and to authorize the administration to contact an auctioneer to prepare sale material. Yes: Stamm, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: Blecha. Motion carried.**

**The board discussed Policy 4000 Series. This policy series will be on the May agenda for consideration of final approval.**

**The annual picture for the annual was also taken at this time.**

**Motion by Lorens seconded by Lutz to enter into excessive session at 8:12 P.M. to discuss administrator contracts and negotiations. Yes: Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Motion carried.**

**President Stamm declared the board out of closed session at 9:08 P.M.**

**Motion by Metzger seconded by Lorens to approve the negotiated contract for Jim Kent, Superintendent, and to approve the additional compensation package of \$5,500 on base for 2013-2014 and superintendent contract amendments as presented. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Lutz seconded by Haines to approve the compensation package and contract amendments as presented for Phil Truax, Secondary Principal for the 2013-2014 school year. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Metzger to approve the compensation package and contract amendments as presented for Mike Rotherham, Elementary Principal, for the 2013-2014 school year. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, and Kerchal. No: None. Motion carried.**

**The board discussed the special services contract intentions from ESU 15 for the 2013-2014 school year.**

**Motion by Metzger seconded by Noffsinger to approve the curriculum revision/textbook adoption cycle as presented. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Lutz seconded by Metzger to direct the administration to purchase a traveling water wheel system for the high school. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Metzger to adjourn at 9:30 P.M. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Motion carried.**

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**Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary**