

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on August 12, 2013 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Amy Haines, Craig Kerchal, Mike Lutz, John Metzger, Sandy Noffsinger, and Shad Stamm. Also present were Principal Mike Rotherham, Superintendent Jim Kent, and recording secretary JoAnn Decker. Board members Steve Krug and Kent Lorens and Principal Phil Truax arrived late. Visitors were Brad Slaughter and Dallas Watkins from Ameritas and David Wilson from W Design.

President Stamm called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 to protect the public interest and is authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Haines 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, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Krug, and Lorens. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Blecha to approve the agenda of the August 12, 2013 regular meeting. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Krug and Lorens. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Metzger to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013 Parent Involvement Policy Hearing, July 8, 2013 Student Fees Policy Hearing, and the July 8, 2013 regular meeting. Yes: Kerchal, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Krug and Lorens. Motion carried.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lutz to excuse Amy Haines and Sandy Noffsinger from the July 8, 2013 regular meeting. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Krug and Lorens. Motion carried.

There were no public items of discussion.

Board member Kent Lorens arrived at 6:16 P.M.

Principal Phil Truax arrived at 6:18 P.M.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Haines to approve the administrative and financial reports and payment of bills. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Krug. Not voting: Kerchal. Motion carried.

Superintendent Kent presented the District Technology Report. He discussed the technician's hours, the Stratton wireless radio that was fried by lightning, the moving of the yearbook lab, laptops for new teachers, and the free electronics recycling from Apply. Principal Rotherham reported on enrollment; new staff; Administrator Days; and building maintenance. Principal Truax reported on handbooks and class schedules; beginning of the year in-service days; class registration; homecoming; practice for fall sports; back to school convocation; and summer weight room achievements. Superintendent Kent reported on back to school meal/golf outing; Hansen Foundation Trustees meeting; negotiation deadlines; fuel purchase and storage practices; natural gas contract; annual audit; Administrator Days; TEEOSA Summit; RPAC annual meeting; NSAA update; and MCC booster meeting.

Under Board items of discussion the board discussed the upcoming NASB Area Membership meeting dates and the budget committee meeting.

Brad Slaughter from Ameritas presented the procedures and answered questions regarding the refinance of the QCPUF Bonds.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Kerchal to approve contract documentation for the high school multi-purpose renovation project as presented by W Design Associates and authorize for solicitation of bids for the September 9, 2013 Board meeting with construction to begin on/or before October 1, 2013. Bids will be opened on September 9, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

The board recessed at 7:57 P.M.

The board reconvened at 8:18 P.M.

The Board discussed the new classified staff hirings.

Motion by Haines seconded by Noffsinger to approve Policy #3505 as presented. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Kerchal to renumber the following policies: 1010 to 1501, 2015 to 2501, 2016 to 2502, 3035 to 3501, 3036 to 3502, 3037 to 3503, 3038 to 3504, 3038A to 3504A, 4053 to 4501, 4054 to 4502, 4055 to 4503, 4056 to 4504, 4057 to 4505, 4058 to 4506, 4059 to 4507, 4060 to 4508, 4061 to 4509, 4062 to 4510, 5064 to 5501, 5065 to 5502, 5066 to 5503, 5067 to 5504, 5068 to 5505, 5069 to 5506, 5070 to 5507, and 5073 to 5508. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Metzger to delete Policy 5021. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Haines to amend Policies 2005, 2007, 3003, 3004, 3008, 4011, 4015, 5001, 5004, 5014, 5016, 5045, 5055, and 5057 as presented. Yes: Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Lutz to add Policies 3033, 4053, 4054, 4055, 4056, 4057, 5021, 5064, and 6004 as presented. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Krug. Motion carried.

Board member Steve Krug arrived at 8:48 P.M.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Metzger to approve the student handbooks for the 213-2014 school year as presented. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Haines to approve the high school class schedule for 2013-2014 as presented. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, and Kerchal. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded Haines to approve the teacher handbooks for the 2013-2014 school year as presented. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to approve the additional activity assignment amendments as presented with the addition of Jean Mathews and Marilyn Zarkowski to Drama (school play) and Amanda Carlson to Play Production.. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the implementation of the healthcare federal law which will take place September 1, 2014.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Kerchal to enter into executive session to discuss the bus accident lawsuit. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Motion carried.

President Stamm declared the board out of executive session at 9:22 P.M.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lutz to come out of executive session at 9:22 P.M. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Metzger to appoint Superintendent Jim Kent as AHERA (asbestos) compliance officer for the Dundy County Stratton Schools for the 2013-2014 school year. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Blecha to adopt and enter into the Declaration of Trust and become a participant of the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund for the purpose of the joint investment of Dundy County Stratton Schools surplus excess funds so to enhance the investment earnings. Yes: Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the bus routes for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Board discussed pre-school for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Noffsinger to acknowledge that the Nebraska Department of Education has recognized Dundy County Stratton Public Schools as an accredited school system for 2013-2014. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Noffsinger to approve the request to the State Board of Education for access to the additional 2% expenditure exclusion for additional budget authority for the 2013-2014 budget year. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Motion carried.

Board member Mike Blecha left the meeting at 9:50 P.M.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Noffsinger to approve the classified staff and bus driver compensation as presented. Yes: Lorens, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Haines. No: Krug, Lutz, and Kerchal. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Haines to adjourn at 10:00 P.M. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Haines, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Not voting: Krug. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary