

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on December 9, 2013 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Amy Haines, Steve Krug, Mike Lutz, John Metzger, and Shad Stamm. Also present were Principal Mike Rotherham, Principal Phil Truax, Superintendent Jim Kent, and recording secretary JoAnn Decker. Board member Craig Kerchal arrived late. Board members Kent Lorens and Sandy Noffsinger were absent.

President Stamm called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

President Stamm stated that the board follows the Open Meetings Act Guidelines which are posted 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.

There were no public items of discussion.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lutz to move approval of the minutes of the November 11, 2013 regular meeting to the action agenda and to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Consent Agenda items included 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; and payment of bills. Yes: Haines, Krug, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Kerchal, Lorens, and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Haines to correct the minutes of the November 11, 2013 regular meeting by adding the words "of Block 9" to the legal description of Haigler Elementary and to approve the minutes as corrected. Yes: Krug, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Kerchal, Lorens, and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Board member Craig Kerchal arrived at 6:45 P.M.

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

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Krug to acknowledge receipt of the annual external audit for 2012-2013 as prepared by Eugene V Ulmer, Certified Public Accountant LLC, for the Dundy County Stratton Public Schools. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Lorens and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Metzger to approve the 2014-2015 Technology Plan as presented. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Lorens. Motion carried.

The board discussed teacher negotiations for 2014-2015 contract year.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Haines to delete the existing 3000 series and policy 2501 and to adopt the new 3000 series as presented. Yes: Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Lorens. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lutz to approve the 2008 policy as amended. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Lorens. Motion carried.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Blecha to sell the Haigler tennis court and adjacent grounds to the Village of Haigler per attached resolution. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Lorens and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SELL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Dundy County-Stratton Public School District (Dundy County School District 29-0117) ("School District") owns the tennis court and adjacent grounds located in the Village of Haigler in Dundy County, Nebraska, which are legally described as Lot 4 of Block 9 of the Second Addition to Haigler including the tennis court; and

WHEREAS, the School District's Board of Education ("Board") desires to sell the above-described property and, in furtherance thereof, has retained a real estate agent who has solicited bids from potential purchasers; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received an offer of one dollar and other good and valuable consideration for the Property from the Village of Haigler; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it to be in the School District's best interest to accept the Village's offer to purchase the Property and to sell it to the Village;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the sale the Property to the Village on the terms set forth above and authorizes, empowers and directs the Board President to execute, on the School District's behalf, a Purchase Agreement and such other documents which may be necessary to complete the sale of the Property and transfer it to the Village of Haigler.

Said Resolution was adopted by the School District's Board of Education on the 9th day of December, 2013.

Motion by Krug seconded by Blecha to respectfully decline any offer of receiving the community center from the City of Benkelman or the Ham family. Yes: Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lutz, Metzger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Lorens and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Superintendent Kent presented the technology report. He reported on technician hours, the one to one environment research committee, and 2014-2015 technology plan. Principal Rotherham congratulated Tyler Ohrman, our local geography bee champion. He also reported on quiz bowl; Christmas concerts; Lion's club van and local volunteers; Thanksgiving dinner; and book fair. Principal Truax congratulated the Mock Trial Team and sponsor Tracy Peckham for a great year, they qualified for their 5th consecutive State Mock Trial competition, the play production cast and sponsor Amanda Carlson for another enjoyable year for the students, and All State choir students Laura Nelms and Katy Cleveland.

He also reported on the teacher/principal evaluation pilot program; high school finals, Nebraska School Activities Association practice/competition moratorium; reflection of one semester of homeroom; and digital citizenship presentation. Superintendent Kent reported on NSAA issues; Impala repair; and the board in-service agenda.

Under board items of discussion Blecha, Haines, and Metzger reported on the Nebraska Association of School Boards Conference. Superintendent Kent also reminded the Board of the NASB Legislative Issues Conference on January 26th and 27th. The Board also discussed the open seat on the NASB Region 14 and that Sandy Noffsinger has expressed interest in the vacant seat.

The board recessed at 8:08 P.M.

The board reconvened at 8:15 P.M.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Blecha to enter into executive session to conduct the Superintendent evaluation at 8:18 P.M. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Lorens, and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

President Stamm declared the Board out of executive session at 8:55 P.M.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lutz to come out of executive session at 8:55 P.M.. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Lorens and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Kerchal to approve the annual Superintendent evaluation. Yes: Krug, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Lorens and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Lutz to adjourn at 9:18 P.M. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Lorens and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Shad Stamm, President