

BOARD OF EDUCATION
DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
BENKELMAN NE 69021

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on July 08, 2013 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Craig Kerchal, Kent Lorens, 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 members Amy Haines and Sandy Noffsinger were absent. Board member Steve Krug arrived late.

President Stamm called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Lutz 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: Kerchal, Lorens Lutz, Metzger, Stamm and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Haines, Krug, and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lutz to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 regular meeting. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Krug, Noffsinger, and Haines. Motion carried.

There were no public items of discussion.

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

Superintendent Kent presented the District Technology Report. He discussed the technician's hours, the configuring System Center updates, and the installation of the new laptops and desktop. Principal Rotherham reported on the update of the stove hood for the high school lunch room. Principal Truax reported on the teacher evaluation pilot and Marzano framework implementation plan; back to school student convocation; and assistant coaching assignments. Superintendent Kent reported on Drug Free Workplace Designation Policy 4002; job openings; possibility of using a consent agenda; healthcare reform; upcoming workshops; and the donations of benches.

Board member Steve Krug arrived at 6:45 P.M.

Under Board items of discussion Superintendent Kent and Board Member Lorens reported on the Open Meetings Act Workshop. Superintendent Kent and Board Members Metzger and Blecha also reported on their meeting with Senator Adams.

The board recessed at 7:04 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:20 P.M.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Metzger to appoint Mike Blecha, John Metzger, and Mike Lutz to the Americanism Committee for 2013-2014. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Haines. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Kerchal to offer an activity shuttle service for activities after practice and other such events at the same rate as last year of \$15.00 divided by the number of participants for the 2013-2014 school year. A shuttle will be offered free of charge when staff members drive a school vehicle between buildings. Yes: Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Haines. Motion carried.

Motion by Krug seconded by Kerchal to approve the additional activity assignments as presents with the addition of Mike Rotherham to high school assistant football and to remove Mike Rotherham as junior high co-head football. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: Lutz and Metzger. Absent: Noffsinger and Haines. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Kerchal to approve the proposed subdivision of the Dundy County Stratton Public Schools property in Haigler and to seek approval of the Haigler City Council for the planned lot divisions. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Haines and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Lutz to accept the lowest bid for the replacement of two HVAC units at the high school. Yes: Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Haines and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to delete the existing 5000 Policy series and adopt the 5000 Policy series as presented. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: Stamm and Blecha. Absent: Haines and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Kerchal to recognize that review of Bully Policy 5054 occurred as required by state statute. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Haines. Motion carried.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Kerchal to recognize that review of Student Assessment 4048, 5012, 5013 occurred as required by state statute. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Haines. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to recognize that review of Parent Involvement in Title I 5057 occurred as required by state statute. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Haines. Motion carried.

Principal Truax reported on Multicultural Education Program/Policy 6141.1. This report is required annually by state statute.

The Board discussed the 2013 policy updates received from Harding & Schultz.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the insurance company attorney regarding the bus accident lawsuit.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lutz to amend Instructional Hours Policy review 6112.1 as presented. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Haines. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Lutz to participate in the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association One Card Program and to direct the administration to set up guidelines for the oversight of this program. Yes: Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Haines. Motion carried.

The Board discussed budget planning for 2013-2014 and route vehicle acquisition.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Blecha to keep the school lunch and breakfast prices for 2013-2014 the same as 2012-2013. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Haines. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the classified staff compensation.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to adjourn at 9:07 P.M. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Haines and Noffsinger.

Shad Stamm, Board President