

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

March 2013

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on March 11, 2013 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Amy Haines, 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. Visitors were Kathy Blecha, Verla Martin, and David Wilson from W Design. Board members Mike Blecha and Craig Kerchal arrived late.

President Stamm called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Meetings Act.

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

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

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

Motion by Lorens seconded by Haines to excuse Mike Blecha and Sandy Noffsinger from the February 11, 2013 regular meeting. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Blecha and Kerchal. Motion carried.

There were no public items of discussion.

Craig Kerchal arrived at 6:08 P.M.

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

Superintendent Kent presented the District Technology Report. The board discussed the need to keep the school website updated on a timely matter. Principal Rotherham reported on Junior High quiz bowl dates; reading carnival; safety day; ELDA testing; high school musical rehearsal; NESAs state testing; and important dates. Principal Truax congratulated the boys and girls basketball teams and coaches for their solid season and their many goals they achieved. He also reported on additional coach for track and additional sponsor for the musical; spring sports numbers; speech team participating at District; musical production and thanked Richie Gaskill for his work on the sets and designs; E-Day participation; lockdown drill; class registration; and prom. Superintendent Kent reported on Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Legislative Conference; North Central Association/Advance-Ed visit; potential projects and purchases as well as possible long term capital outlay needs.

Under board items of discussion Superintendent Jim Kent discussed the upcoming Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association meeting. The facilities/transportation/grounds committee discussed building/facility issues from their meeting. The student activities/curriculum/staff development committee reported on their meeting about high school lunch issues, class offerings, scheduling, and homeroom.

Mike Blecha arrived at 7:08 P.M.

Motion by Krug seconded by Lorens to approve the proposal from W Design in the amount of \$1,750 to plan and design potential changes for the weight room and wrestling area. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Krug seconded by Kerchal to approve the proposal from W Design in the amount of \$4,500 to plan and design a new gymnasium with additional facilities as deemed necessary in the design/development process. Yes: Kerchal and Krug. No: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Lorens, and Lutz. Motion failed.

The Board recessed at 8:15 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 8:25 P.M.

The board discussed roof replacement bids, no action was taken. The board also discussed the hot lunch program at the high school. Bids for gym floor re-finish were presented, vendor will be selected by administration. The possible sale of the Haigler Elementary building was discussed. The board will take the matter under consideration at the April meeting.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Haines to accept the resignation of Avery Bradney effective at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year and to thank her for her service to the district. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Policy 4000 series. Superintendent Kent presented potential changes to the 4000 Series Policies regarding employment and staff. The revised policy will be presented to the board for approval after consultation with legal counsel and other necessary parties.

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

The Board discussed litigation against the district stemming from the April 7, 2011 bus accident.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lutz to go into executive session at 9:35 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 9:57 P.M.

Motion by Blecha and seconded by Krug to adjourn at 9:59 P.M. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary