

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on May 13, 2013 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Amy Haines, Steve Krug, 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 Davina Sanford, Phalen Sanford, and David Wilson of W Design. Board member Craig Kerchal was absent and Board members Kent Lorens and Mike Lutz 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 authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act.

Mike Lutz arrived at 6:03 P.M.

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

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to approve the agenda of the May 13, 2013 regular meeting. Yes: Haines, Krug, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Lorens. Motion carried.

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

During public items of discussion Phalen Sanford introduced himself and told the Board that he was here observing as he was completing his Boy Scout merit badge for communication.

Kent Lorens arrived at 6:05 P.M.

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

Superintendent Kent presented the District Technology Report. He discussed the technician's hours and services, wireless network access points and testing, spring academic testing, acceptable use policy, staff email accounts, network monitoring software, internet filter replacement and increased bandwidth for the district. Principal Rotherham reported on kindergarten roundup; end of year enrollment numbers; quiz bowl; elementary spring music concerts; field trips; and important dates. He also reported that the oven was hooked up at the High School room and was awaiting installation of an oven hood. Principal Truax congratulated the National Honor Society inductees: Izzy Fox, Marcus Fox, and Tommy Waters. He also congratulated Diane Hughes and the DCS Choir for the Superior award they received at the District Music Contest, Gregg Loghry and the DCS Band for the Excellent rating at the District Music

Contest, the Track coaches and the following state qualifiers, Tyrell Reichert, Kyle Rotherham, Stephanie McCarthy, Colby Duvel, and Laura Nelms. He also reported on prom; RPAC Track; Athletic Awards Banquet; final exams; graduation; awards convocation/talent show; hour requirements; schedule changes; and fall practice. He also wished the golf team good luck as they are participating at District Golf today. Superintendent Kent reported on long term facility planning; natural gas contract; Legislation/state aid; summer projects; EHA Open Enrollment/Negotiations; cellphone plan update; Advanc-Ed visit report; and Teacher/Staff appreciation.

During board items of discussion Board Members Noffsinger, Blecha, Stamm, Principal Rotherham, and Superintendent Kent discussed the Haigler retirement party, the Haigler Spring Concert, and the presentation regarding the closing of the facility. They thanked Stan and LaNeta Carlock for the great presentation on the history of the Haigler School.

Amy Haines left at 6:55 P.M.

David Wilson of W Design presented a preliminary drawing and estimated projected budget for the weight room/wrestling room project.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Noffsinger to authorize W Design to produce the final design and to develop the specification of bids for the weight and wrestling room. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lorens to accept the resignation of Jarod Albers and to thank him for his year of service to Dundy County Stratton Schools. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Noffsinger to accept the resignation of Rami Albers and to thank her for her 11 years of service to Dundy County Stratton Schools. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

The board recessed at 7:15 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:40 P.M.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Krug to acknowledge the resignation of Toni Ohrman and to thank her for her 4 years of service to Dundy County Stratton Schools. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Lorens to acknowledge the resignation of Karen Polson from her teacher aid position and to thank her for her 14 years of service to the Dundy County Stratton Schools. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to acknowledge the resignation of Sally Baird and to thank her for her 12 years of service to the Dundy County Stratton Schools. Yes: Blecha, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the staffing needs for both certified and non-certified instructional staff for 2013-2014.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to offer a Benkelman Elementary teaching contract to Kacie Flaska for the 2013-2014 school year and to transfer in all allowable years of service. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Blecha to recognize the class of 2013 and to wish them the best for all their accomplishments. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Haines. None. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Metzger to allow the use of school vehicles for school activities during the summer and to require groups using these vehicles to pay for the fuel used. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: Lutz. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Stratton Elementary hail damage, refinance options for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund Bonds, and the teacher/principal evaluation pilot program.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lutz to authorize administration to solicit quotes for a suburban and to present quotes to the board for consideration. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Metzger to list the Haigler Elementary building for sale using a Real Estate Service. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to conduct an auction of surplus district equipment at Haigler Elementary on August 10, 2013. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Noffsinger to approve the lease agreement with Dundy County for the use of a county loader. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the lawsuit update.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Metzger to repeal the entire existing Policy 4000 series policy and to replace it with the Policy 4000 series as presented, effective June 1, 2013. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Noffsinger to approve the activity assignments as presented for 2013-2014. Yes: Blecha, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: Krug and Lorens. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Krug to adjourn at 9:13 P.M. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Haines and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary