

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

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

President Stamm called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 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: Haines, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Haines to approve the agenda of the September 9, 2013 regular meeting. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

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

Principal Mike Rotherham arrived at 6:18 P.M.

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

Principal Phil Truax arrived at 6:35 P.M.

Superintendent Kent presented the District Technology Report. He discussed the technician's hours; Stratton wireless radio installation; compass learning; Junior High laptop training; Acceptable Use Policies; and replacement of access points. Principal Rotherham reported on enrollment numbers; BWTelcom watermelon feed; head coach supervision meetings; technology assignments; fresh fruit and vegetable program; thanked Randy Raile and BWTelcom for again sponsoring the Kindergarten "milk break" program at Benkelman Elementary; and upcoming events. Principal Truax reported on school pictures; fall sports numbers; teacher in-service; activity shuttle; foreign exchange student; Junior High runners at cross country meets; and new wall pads for high school gym. Superintendent Kent congratulated board members who received awards from Nebraska

Association of School Boards, Amy Haines Level I, Kent Lorens Level III, Sandy Noffsinger Level IV, and Mike Blecha Level VI; he reported on NASB State Convention registration; and RPAC news.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to adopt the following resolution calling for the early redemption of two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$295,000) in aggregate principal amount of limited tax obligation building improvement bonds, Series 2008, issued by Dundy County School District 0117 (Dundy County Stratton Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Kent to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance by Dundy County School District 0117 (Dundy County Stratton Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska of its limited tax obligation refunding bonds, Series 2013, in the aggregate principal amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the purposes of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; imposing a tax to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds; designating the Series 2013 bonds as qualified tax-exempt obligations; adopting certain post-issuance compliance procedures with respect to the bonds; and authorizing certain actions and documents and prescribing other matters relating thereto. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.

The board recessed at 7:11 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:23 P.M.

During Board items of discussion John Metzger, Mike Blecha, Kent Lorens, Amy Haines, and Superintendent Jim Kent reported on the Nebraska Association of School Board area meeting. The Board discussed the upcoming Education Committee meeting and the Tax Modernization Study Committee meeting. Board member Amy Haines and Superintendent Kent also reported on the Labor Relations Conference.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Metzger to adopt the 2013-2014 Dundy County Stratton Public School Budget as presented. Yes: Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to approve the 2013-2014 Tax Request Resolution for Dundy County Stratton Public School. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the multipurpose room remodeling project at the high school.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Haines to direct the administration to take any necessary action to adjust timeline for the remodeling of the weight room/wrestling multipurpose room area and to have bids received prior to the October 14, 2013 regular meeting. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lutz to approve the 2013-2014 bus routes as presented and to authorize the administration to make changes as necessitated by changes in ridership and

other factors. Yes: Blecha, Haines, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion Lorens seconded by Blecha to approve October 19, 2013 as the sale date for the surplus equipment sale and open house at Haigler Elementary. Yes: Haines, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the disposition of previously advertised vehicles.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Haines to accept the bid from Roger Maris for the sale of previously advertised vehicles. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

President Stamm appointed Sandy Noffsinger (chair), Mike Blecha, Kent Lorens, and Amy Haines (alternate) to the Board Negotiations committee for the 2014-2015 contract year.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Metzger to approve revised policy 2008 to allow for the use of a consent agenda at meetings of the Dundy County Stratton Public School Board meetings. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.

The Board discussed 3000 series policy review.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Haines to approve the use of the state developed policies and procedures for teacher/principal evaluation as part of the districts participation in the statewide teacher/principal evaluation pilot project. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Metzger to direct administration to accept the lowest best bid for propane for Stratton Elementary. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lutz to acknowledge the retirement of Connie Willis and to thank her for her 29 years of service to the district. Yes: Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the hiring of maintenance personnel and discussed the football classification for 2014.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to direct the administration to respond to the letter regarding Americanism Committee. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger and Kerchal. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the safety audit/safety committee meeting date. The Board also discussed assessment results, the possible change from Targeted to Schoolwide Title I, and facilities study being conducted by W-Design.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Metzger to adjourn at 9:45 P.M. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Shad Stamm, Acting Secretary