

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on August 11, 2014 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Amy Haines, Steve Krug, Mike Lutz, Sandy Noffsinger, and Shad Stamm. Also present were Principal Phil Truax, Superintendent Jim Kent, and recording secretary JoAnn Decker. Board members Craig Kerchal and Kent Lorens arrived late. Principal Mike Rotherham arrived late. Board member John Metzger was absent. Visitors were Jason Frederick from Benkelman Post, Bill Thornbrugh, and Weston Gouger from 360 Energy Engineers,

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 Noffsinger seconded by Haines to approve the Consent Agenda items. 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; approval of the agenda of the August 11, 2014 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the July 13, 2014 Parent Involvement in Education Policy hearing; approval of the July 14, 2014 Student Fee Policy hearing; and approval of the July 14, 2014 regular meeting; excusing of board member Mike Blecha from the July 14, 2014 Parent Involvement in Education Policy hearing, the July 14, 2014 Student Fee Policy hearing, and the July 14, 2014 regular meeting; payment of bills; to appoint Superintendent Jim Kent as AHERA (asbestos) compliance officer for the Dundy County Stratton Schools for the 2014-2015 school year; and to acknowledge that the Nebraska Department of Education has recognized Dundy County Stratton Public Schools as an accredited school system for 2014-2015. Yes: Haines, Krug, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Kerchal, Lorens, and Metzger.

Weston Gouger from 360 Energy Engineers was present to answer questions regarding their proposal to improve the energy efficiency of the district.

Board member Kent Lorens arrived at 6:08 P.M.

Principal Mike Rotherham arrived at 6:08 P.M.

Board member Craig Kerchal arrived at 6:21 P.M.

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

The board recessed at 6:45 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:08 P.M.

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

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lutz to approve the 7-12 student school class schedule for 2014-2015 as presented. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Metzger. Motion carried.

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Noffsinger to approve the teacher handbooks for the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Yes: Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Metzger. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Noffsinger to approve the construction manager contract with BD Construction. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: Kerchal. Absent: Metzger. Motion carried.**

**The board discussed the possible sale/acquisition of property by the district.**

**Superintendent Kent presented the District Technology Report. He discussed the technician's hours, the purchase of new equipment, equipment maintenance, renewal of Microsoft software, recycling of several pieces of equipment, and the re-programming of the Stratton radio tower. Principal Rotherham reported on enrollment estimates; new staff; Administrator Days; summer school; fire alarm problems; and building maintenance. Principal Truax reported on handbooks and class schedules; beginning of the year in-service days; class registration; homecoming; practice for fall sports; Dundy County Stratton Schools open house; and summer weight room achievements. Superintendent Kent reported on classified staff hiring; NRCSA and GNSA visioning platform; bus lawsuit; and the Title I audit.**

**The board discussed the transportation report, summer bus maintenance, bus routes, and the bus driver meeting.**

**Under board items of discussion the board discussed the upcoming NASB Fall Membership meeting, the NASB Labor Relations Conference, and the budget committee meeting.**

**The board discussed the 2014-2015 budget.**

**Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Blecha to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Metzger. Motion carried.**

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**Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary**