

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on January 13, 2014 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Amy Haines, Craig Kerchal, 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. Visitor was Jason Frederick from the Benkelman Post.

Superintendent Kent called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Superintendent Kent 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.

The oath of office was administered to the Board members.

There were no public items of discussion.

Motion by Stamm seconded by Lorens to approve the Consent Agenda and to move payment of bills to the action item portion of the business agenda. 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 January 13, 2014 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the December 9, 2013 regular meeting and the December 17, 2013 Board In-Service; to excuse Kent Lorens and Sandy Noffsinger from the December 9, 2013 regular meeting and to excuse Craig Kerchal and Steve Krug from the December 17, 2013 Board In-Service. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Kent called for nominations for the office of President. John Metzger nominated Shad Stamm. Motion by Metzger seconded by Noffsinger to cease nominations for President. Motion was withdrawn by Metzger.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lorens to retain officers who served in such capacity this past year, President-Shad Stamm, Vice-President-John Metzger, Secretary-Sandy Noffsinger, and Treasurer-Mike Blecha. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, and Kerchal. No: None. Motion carried.

President Stamm presided as President for the meeting.

The oath of office was administered to the newly elected officers.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Lutz to approve the officers of the Board of Education of Dundy County Stratton Public Schools to take necessary action to transact business as required by Nebraska statute and district policy. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed committee assignments and structure for the 2014 calendar year. This will be brought back at the February meeting.

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

Superintendent Kent and Principal Truax discussed several proposals for Nebraska School Activities Association bylaw and approved ruling changes that passed first round of the legislative process.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Blecha to approve the Dundy County Stratton Teacher Negotiated Agreement for 2014-2015 as presented by the board negotiation committee. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 6:54 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 7:22 P.M.

Superintendent Kent presented the technology report. He reported on technician hours; the one to one environment research committee progress; access points installed in high school gym; virus threat; the upgrade to Office 2013 over break; and different firewall installation. Principal Rotherham reported on report cards; holiday happenings; 3rd quarter safety meeting date; statewide writing assessment schedule; and mid-year "MAPS" test. Principal Truax congratulated Mr. Loghry and Mrs. Hughes for very good winter concerts and the winter season athletic teams for their success thus far. The wrestlers have 3 that are ranked in the state; girls basketball have an undefeated record and have won the Kimball, Cattle Trail, and Paxton tournaments; and boys basketball won the Paxton Tournament. He also reported on Republican Plains Activities Conference events; DCS team building day; annual wrestling invite; student learning objectives; teacher/administrator evaluation pilot program; and mid-year "MAPS" tests. He also thanked all the volunteers who helped with the annual wrestling invite and the Dundy County Stratton students on their excellent job of spreading the Christmas spirit in our schools and communities during the holiday season. Superintendent Kent reported custodian vacancy; mass dispensing/vaccination plan; life team air ambulance insurance; solution tree/PLC training; and new benches.

The Board discussed the transportation report which included the parking of buses in the shop building in Stratton, coach bus repairs, and the monthly vehicle report.

During board items of discussion the Board discussed the NASB Region 14 vacancy; the 2013 Board In-service; ESU 15/16 Board member workshop; Data for District decision makers workshop; 2014 Nebraska Association of School Boards Legislative Issues Conference, Education Forum; NRCSA Legislative Forum; and the NRCSA Spring Convention.

The Board discussed the crisis plan review.

The Board discussed the 2014-2015 school calendar.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Noffsinger to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Motion Carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary