

BOARD OF EDUCATION
DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
BENKELMAN NE 69021

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on July 14, 2014 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: 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. Board member Mike Blecha was absent.

President Stamm called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Kerchal seconded by Lorens 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 July 14, 2014 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the June 9, 2014 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the June 17, 2014 special meeting; approval of the minutes of the July 7, 2014 special meeting; excusing of board member John Metzger from the June 9, 2014 regular meeting; excusing of board member Steve Krug from the June 17, 2014 special meeting; and payment of bills. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Haines that the Board retain Tim Thompson to review personnel matters that were the subject of a recent complaint. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

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

Principal Rotherham reported on the progress of the Title I program.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Noffsinger to recognize that review of Title I Parent Involvement 5057 occurred as required by state statute. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

The board discussed the Student Fee Policy 5045 review.

Principal Truax reported on Multicultural Education Program/Policy 6141.31.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Haines to recognize that review of Multicultural Education Program/Policy 6141.31 occurred as required by state statute. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Noffsinger to recognize that review of Student Assessment Policies 4048, 5012, 5013 occurred as required by state statute. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Kerchal to recognize that review of Bullying Policy 5054 occurred as required by state statute. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Mandatory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism Policy 5001. The policy was revised later in the agenda.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Kerchal to approve revision/amendment to Board Policies: 2002 Organization of the Board; 2007 Reimbursement for Miscellaneous Expenditures, 3016 Smoking and Tobacco Use, 4039 Employment of Classified Staff, 4046 Internet Searches Regarding Potential Employees, 5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, 5004 Option Enrollment, 5016 Student Records, 5035 Student Discipline, 5044 Safe Pupil Transportation Plan, 5049 Firearms and Weapons, 5055 Enrollment in Kindergarten, 5057 Parental Involvement in the Title I Program, and to adopt new policies: 3034 Disbursements, 3035 Chain of Command, 3036 Purchasing (Credit) Card Program, 4058 Confidentiality in Counseling and guidance, 5065 Early Graduation, 6024 Student Discipline Policy, 6025 Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices, 6031 Emergency Exclusion, and 6034 Concussion Awareness and Return to Learn as recommended by legal counsel. Yes: Stamm, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Noffsinger. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Principal Truax reported on Extra-Curricular Activity Policy 5503.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Kerchal to amend the Extra-Curricular Activity Policy 5503 as presented. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Kerchal to raise hourly wage for classified staff and bus drivers by \$.45 per hour for the 2014-2015 school year. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

The board recessed at 7:48 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:59 P.M.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Metzger to increase school lunch prices for 2014-2015 by \$.10 and to leave breakfast prices for 2014-2015 the same as 2013-2014. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lutz to increase season passes to our events to \$50.00 for adults, \$20.00 for students, and \$90.00 for a family pass for the 2014-2015 school year. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Haines, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Noffsinger to increase substitute teacher pay from \$95.00 to \$100.00 per day for the 2014-2015 school year. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

President Stamm appointed Mike Blecha, Amy Haines, and Mike Lutz to the Americanism Committee for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Metzger to offer an activity shuttle service for activities after practice and other such events at the same rate as last year of \$15.00 divided by the number of participants for the 2014-2015 school year. A shuttle will be offered free of charge when staff members drive a school vehicle between buildings. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Kent presented the District Technology Report. He discussed the technician's hours, the dismantling of the distance learning classroom; teacher laptops; freshmen devices; iPads; recycling of retired equipment; and Google for education. Principal Truax reported on the teacher evaluation pilot and Marzano framework review; activity assignments; attendance at PLC conference and Marzano Academy; and class schedules. Superintendent Kent reported on RPAC sponsor meeting; property acquisition/sale; parking update; possibility of using a full time substitute teacher; mailing of report cards; and energy upgrades.

The board discussed the transportation report, summer bus maintenance, and sale of vehicles.

Under Board items of discussion the board discussed that Sandy Noffsinger is seeking re-election to her seat representing District 14 on the NASB Board of Directors. They also discussed the upcoming area membership meeting and the NRCSA meeting.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lutz to adjourn at 8:51 P.M. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary