

BOARD OF EDUCATION
DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
BENKELMAN NE 69021

June 2014

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on June 9, 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, Sandy Noffsinger, and Shad Stamm. Also present were Principal Mike Rotherham, Superintendent Jim Kent and recording secretary JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Jim Decker and Bill Thornbrugh. Board member John Metzger was absent.

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 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 June 9, 2014 regular meeting; approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2014 regular meeting; excusing of board member Sandy Noffsinger from the May 12, 2014 regular meeting; payment of bills; and to appoint Jim Kent, Superintendent, as representative agent for the administration of federal programs for Dundy County Stratton Public Schools for the 2014-2015 school year. Yes: Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Metzger. Motion carried.

There were no public items of discussion.

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

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lutz to accept the bid of \$1,200.00 from Gregg Loghry for the purchase of 1993 International School Bus. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Metzger. Motion carried.

The board discussed Pre-school admission priority criteria.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Haines to accept the low bid for a Kawasaki Mule from Lewis Motor Sports of McCook. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Metzger. Motion carried.

The board recessed at 6:52 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:03 P.M.

The board discussed mower purchase, locker room renovation and locker quotes.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lutz to accept the bid from Book System for Atrium Express, new library software for the district, in the amount of \$2,985.00. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal and Krug. No: None. Absent: Metzger. Motion carried.

The board discussed event streaming of school events, construction manager contract, and working with NRCSA on the platform for the school visioning process implemented by the legislature.

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

Superintendent Kent presented the District Technology Report. He discussed the technician's hours and services; Smoothwall filter certification training; summer tech plans; new radios that were installed at the bus barn and at the crow's nest; possible equipment purchase; data and battery backup systems; recycling of retired technology equipment; Google for education; and other technology maintenance. Superintendent Kent presented the high school principal report. He congratulated State Track coaches and participants for qualifying and their fine performances while there. He reported on practice start dates; additional activity assignments; DCS honors convocation and talent show; summer weight program; PLC training; Marzano training; the forming of an art club; and adding back cheerleading as an activity this year. Superintendent Kent reported on RPAC news; custodial/maintenance opening; the resignation of Keith Neville; health insurance options; audit; air ambulance insurance; affordable health care act coverage; and track repair. He also thanked BWTelcom for the donation of two commercial duty shredders. The board also discussed the 2014 annual policy review updates.

The board discussed the transportation report and reported on summer bus maintenance. It was reported that Robert attended a bus mechanic school in Grand Prairie, TX. This was put on by ABC Companies and focused on VanHool and other buses.

During Board items of discussion Superintendent Kent and Amy Haines discussed the School Law Update they attended. The Board also discussed the statutorily required policy hearings; the July Foundation board meeting; reminder of the special meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2013; and the counselor position.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Krug to adjourn at 9:59 P.M. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Metzger. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary