

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on March 10, 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, and John Metzger. Also present were Principal Mike Rotherham, Principal Phil Truax, Superintendent Jim Kent and recording secretary JoAnn Decker. Board member Shad Stamm arrived late. Board member Sandy Noffsinger was absent.

Vice-President Metzger called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Vice-President Metzger 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 Meetings Act.

There were no public items of discussion.

Board member Shad Stamm arrived at 6:08 P.M.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lutz to approve the Consent 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 March 10, 2014 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the February 10, 2014 regular meeting and the February 21, 2014 special meeting; excusing of board members Blecha and Kerchal from the February 10, 2014 regular meeting; excusing of board members Kerchal and Lorens from the February 21, 2014 special meeting; payment of bills; and purchase of coach bus. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lorens to accept the bid from Weathercraft Co. in the amount of \$37,980.00 to replace the high school roof. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, and Kerchal. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Metzger to accept the proposal from JazMat Enterprises to do the annual maintenance re-finishing on the wooden gym floors at Benkelman Elementary and Dundy County Stratton High School and to repair and re-finish the Stratton Elementary gym floor. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the quote from the City of Benkelman for the installation of lights in the parking lot across from Benkelman Elementary.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lutz to accept the resignation of Jean Matthews effective at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year and to thank her for her 14 years of service to the district. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 6:50 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 7:12 P.M.

The Board discussed the board goals as discussed at the in-service and January meeting.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Metzger to offer a teaching contract to Taylor Lutz as a first year teacher for 2014-2015 school year. Yes: Metzger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried.

President Stamm moved the administrator contracts/negotiations agenda item to the end of the meeting.

Superintendent Kent presented the District Technology Report. He reported on environment research committee; I Pad checkout and training; Stratton wireless connection; and NeSA software. Principal Rotherham congratulated Jessie Freeland for being the 5th through 8th grade district spelling bee champion. He also reported on Dr. Seuss' book character parade; Junior High quiz bowl dates; assessments; EDLA testing; and accelerated reading program. Principal Truax congratulated the wrestling team, boys and girls basketball teams and coaches for their solid season and their many goals they achieved, and Dundy County Stratton for winning the sportsmanship award for Class C2 at the Girls State Basketball tournament. He also reported on additional coach for track and additional sponsor for the musical; spring sports numbers; speech team participating at District; musical production; teacher/principal evaluation; prom; and the 2014-2015 football schedule. Superintendent Kent reported on summer projects; Haigler boiler; Solution Tree PLC training; Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Legislative Conference; advertising for construction manager; energy audit; and candidates filing for school board.

The Board discussed the transportation report which included the arrival of the new 35 passenger bus and the purchase of the new activities bus. The board also discussed bus graphics, paint, and other work to be done to the activity bus prior to taking possession.

During board items of discussion board member Amy Haines discussed the Education Forum she attended. Superintendent Jim Kent discussed the upcoming Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Spring Conference.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Blecha to go into executive session at 9:06 P.M. to discuss administrator contracts and negotiations. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried.

President Stamm declared the board out of executive session at 9:49 P.M.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Lorens to come out of executive session at 9:50 P.M. Yes: Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Lutz to approve Principal contracts for 2014-2015 as presented, 1.5% increase along with family insurance coverage. Yes: Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger and seconded by Lutz to adjourn at 9:53 P.M. Yes: Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Shad Stamm, President