

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on November 10, 2014 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Amy Haines, Kent Lorens, Mike Lutz, John Metzger, and Sandy Noffsinger. Also present were Principal Phil Truax, Superintendent Jim Kent, and recording secretary JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Brad Baney, Jason Frederick, Elisha Hinojosa, Scott Lambley, and Tracy Lambley. Principal Mike Rotherham and Board member Shad Stamm arrived late. Board members Craig Kerchal and Steve Krug were 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 posted 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 board recessed at 6:04 P.M.

Shad Stamm arrived at 6:08 P.M.

The board reconvened at 6:15 P.M.

There were no public items of discussion.

Motion by Lorens seconded by Lutz to approve the 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 November 10, 2014 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the October 13, 2014 regular meeting; to excuse Craig Kerchal and Kent Lorens from the October 13, 2014 regular meeting; and to move payment of bills to the regular agenda. Yes: Blecha, Haines, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Krug. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Metzger seconded Noffsinger to work with school attorney, Harding & Shultz P.C., L.L.O, to develop a request for qualifications to assist with the selection of a design/engineering firm for the repair and renovation, or refurbishment of the Benkelman Elementary HVAC system and controls project. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Krug and Kerchal. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lutz to accept the high bid for the sale of the 1990 Ford pickup. If cash or cashier check is not received one week from notification, the bid will go to the next highest bidder. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Krug. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Elementary principal's reports. The elementary reported on the annual craft fair; Junior High book fair; Veteran's Day activities; Title I open house on November 11th; Junior High dance; holiday dinner; parent teacher conferences; safety meeting; and Title I Accountability "needs improvement". Principal Phil Truax reported on PLC process; other activities; academic finals; parent teacher conferences; junior high wrestling and basketball; high school practice; fall musical; fall sports banquet; and RPAC passes.

Board member Mike Blecha left at 6:58 P.M.

Superintendent Kent reported on the hiring of Michelle Myers as part-time Elementary custodian; December meeting location; he also congratulated Phil Truax being named as assistant coach for the Shrine Bowl.

The board discussed the transportation report.

Under Board items of discussion Sandy Noffsinger and Superintendent Jim Kent discussed the Education Committee Visioning Hearing they attended.

Principal Mike Rotherham arrived at 7:13 P.M.

The Board also discussed the upcoming NCSA/NASB State Education Conference; NDE Policy Partner Forums; Policy Makers Roundtable; unofficial election results; new board members workshop in North Platte; and December In-service date and possible topics were discussed.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Haines to enter into executive session to discuss teacher negotiation strategy and goals for 2015-2016 at 7:40 P.M. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Haines, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Blecha, Kerchal, and Krug. Motion carried.

Board member Mike Blecha arrived back at 8:20 P.M.

President Stamm declared the Board out of executive session at 8:49 P.M.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Blecha to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Kerchal and Krug. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary