

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

September 2014

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on September 8, 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 Superintendent Jim Kent, and recording secretary JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Jason Frederick from the Benkelman Post, School Attorney Kelley Baker, Brad Baney, Scott Lambley, Cindy McVicker, Greg McVicker, Elisha Hinojosa, Dan Fox, Julie M Burrell, Rob Zarkowski, Marilyn Zarkowski, Tracy Lambley, Gregg Loghry, Taylor Lutz, and Kathy Blecha. Principal Phil Truax arrived late. Principal Mike Rotherham was absent.

President Stamm called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Principal Truax arrived at 6:03 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.

Under public items of discussion Scott Lambley addressed the Board and read a note of teacher support for Superintendent Kent.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Krug 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 September 8, 2014 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the August 11, 2014 regular meeting; excusing of board member John Metzger from the August 11, 2014 regular meeting; payment of bills; approval of the 2014-2015 bus routes as presented; and substitute teacher approval. Yes: Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Blecha seconded by Krug to adopt the 2014-2015 Dundy County Stratton Public School Budget as presented. Yes: Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Haines. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kerchal seconded by Noffsinger to approve the 2014-2015 Tax Request Resolution for Dundy County Stratton Public School. Yes: Krug, Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, and Kerchal. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger seconded by Lutz to purchase a 2001 Chevy 4 x 4 pickup from Dundy Motors for \$10,000.00. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, and Krug. No: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed track replacement specs, and firm selection to help with the repair/modernization of the HVAC system at Benkelman Elementary.

Principal Truax reported on school pictures; fall sports numbers; fall teacher in-service; activity shuttle; foreign exchange students; homecoming activities, and the appointment of One Act Assistant Coach Elisha Hinojosa.

Board President Stamm stated the next matter before the board is to receive legal guidance from the school district's attorney about the board's role in personnel matters; to receive a report regarding school personnel; to avoid needless injury to the reputations of any individuals; and because it is in the public's and the school district's interest to do this in closed session. The primarily affected employee knows of the proposal to discuss this matter in closed session and has no objection. Is there a motion to enter closed session for these purposes?

Motion by Blecha seconded by Lorens to go into closed session at 6:35 P.M. to receive legal guidance from the school district's attorney about the board's role in personnel matters and to receive a report regarding school personnel. Yes: Lutz, Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, and Lorens. No: None. Motion carried.

President Stamm stated that the board has adopted a motion to enter closed session to receive legal guidance from the school district's attorney about the board's role in personnel matters; to receive a report regarding school personnel; to avoid needless injury to the reputations of any individuals; and because it is in the public's and the school district's interest to do this in closed session. Board members will restrict their comments to these issues.

School Attorney Kelley Baker left at 8:50 P.M.

President Stamm declared executive session over at 9:40 P.M.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Kerchal to enter back into open session at 9:40 P.M. Yes: Metzger, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Motion carried.

President Stamm stated that the only issue discussed during executive session was the item mentioned in the motion to enter into executive session.

Motion by Blecha seconded by Haines to adjourn at 9:41 P.M. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Haines, Kerchal, Krug, Lorens, Lutz, and Metzger. No: None. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary