

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on February 9, 2015 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Brad Baney, Jason Frederick, Amy Haines, Kevin League, Kent Lorens, Mike Lutz, Sandy Noffsinger, and Shad Stamm. Also present were Principal Mike Rotherham, Principal Phil Truax, Superintendent Jim Kent and recording secretary JoAnn Decker. Board member Mike Blecha arrived late.

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 Meetings Act.

There were no public items of discussion.

Motion by Lutz seconded by League to approve the Consent Agenda and to move declaration of old lockers as excess equipment and authorization of sale of lockers from 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 February 9, 2015 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the January 12, 2015 regular meeting; excusing of board member Mike Blecha from this meeting; payment of bills; and to declare AmFirst Bank the official depository for district funds. Yes: Baney, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the process for sale and disposal of the old lockers. Motion by Lutz seconded by Baney to declare the old lockers as surplus equipment and to authorize the sale of lockers. Yes: Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Baney. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by League seconded by Haines to approve the financial reports as presented. Yes: Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, and Frederick. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the quote/contract from Extreme Green for fertilizer/iron application for 2015. Additional proposals will be requested.

The Board reviewed board policies in the 1000 and 3000 series. These policies address Policy Overview and Mission Statement (1000) and Business Operations of the District (3000).

Board member Brad Baney sought clarification of the Sex Offender Policy (3028). The Board discussed the policy.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Lutz to rank TRANE #1 and Specialized Engineering Solutions (SES) #2 in ranking as the performance-criteria developer for the HVAC upgrade at Benkelman Elementary and to enter into contract negotiations with TRANE. Yes: League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Board member Mike Blecha arrived at 6:40 P.M.

Motion by Haines seconded by Lorens to approve the negotiated agreement with DCSEA for the 2015-2016 contract year as presented. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, and League. No: None. Motion carried.

The board recessed at 6:45 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:02 P.M.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Frederick to adopt the 2015-2016 School Calendar version A as contained in the board packet. Yes: Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, and Lorens. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by League to approve the assistant track activity assignment as presented. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Haines to authorize W Design to develop the contract design bid documents for the track surface replacement. Yes: Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, and Noffsinger. No: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Harding and Shultz as our legal counsel.

Motion by Haines seconded by Noffsinger to designate Harding & Shultz and KSB Law Office as our legal counsel and to retain all legal records at Harding and Schulz. Yes: Baney, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Motion carried.

Board member Mike Blecha left at 7:35 P.M.

The Board discussed the correspondence from the Department of Education regarding compliance issues in our pre-school program.

Motion by League seconded by Lorens to create and utilize a sliding scale fee effective March 1, 2015 for the pre-school program. Fees will be \$5.00 or \$4.00 a day based on free or reduced lunch status. Yes: Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Baney. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Haines seconded by League to authorize Principal Mike Rotherham and Superintendent Jim Kent to work with Nebraska Department of Education to correct the violations stated in the letter dated January 30, 2015 before the February 27, 2015 deadline. Yes: Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Baney. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Haines to accept the resignation of Sally Hudson effective at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year and to thank her for her 34 years of service to the District. Yes: Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, and Frederick. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Baney to accept the resignation of Diane Hughes effective at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year and to thank her for her 9 years of service to the District. Yes: League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Haines seconded by Lutz to accept the resignation of Kacie Ruppert effective at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year and to thank her for her 2 years of service to the District. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, Haines, and League. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by League second by Lorens to accept the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program Application and Agreement for Sally Hudson and to thank her for her years of service to the students of the District. Yes: Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, Haines, League, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

The Board discussed staffing needs for 2015-2016 and the future.

Board member Mike Blecha arrived at 8:40 P.M.

Principal Rotherham reported on writing assessments; map testing; and the pennies for patients program. Principal Truax congratulated Mrs. Rettele and the DCS FCCLA for a job well done at the STAR Contest; congratulated the state FCCLA qualifiers; and the wrestling team along with coaches Dan Fox and Josh Fanning on a very successful year. He congratulated the girls' basketball team for winning the RPAC tournament. He reported on district basketball activity dates; the 2014 graduation date; staff in-service day; and reported on the assistant track coach assignments. Superintendent Kent reported on NSAA proposals/issues; current legislation; use of electronic meetings software; possible special meeting on February 23, 2015.

The Board discussed the transportation report and monthly vehicle report. They also discussed the future need to replace some buses and suburban/expeditions.

During board items of discussion Brad Baney, Mike Blecha, Kent Lorens, Jim Kent, Sandy Noffsinger, and Shad Stamm, reported on the Legislative Issues Conference. Sandy Noffsinger reported on the Education Forum. Superintendent Kent discussed the upcoming Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Legislative Conference and the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Spring Conference dates.

Motion by League seconded by Lutz to adjourn at 9:52 P.M. Yes: Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, and Noffsinger. No: None. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary