

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on January 12, 2015 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Brad Baney, Mike Blecha, 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. Visitor was Trenton Frederick from the Benkelman Post.

Superintendent Kent called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Superintendent Kent 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.

The oath of office was administered to the new Board members.

Superintendent Kent called for nominations for the office of President. Noffsinger nominated Stamm. Motion by Lorens seconded by League to cease nominations for President and to cast unanimous ballot. Yes: Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, and Baney. No: None. Abstain: Stamm. Motion carried. Board President is Shad Stamm.

President Stamm presided as President for the meeting.

President Stamm called for nominations for the office of Vice President. Haines nominated Noffsinger and Lutz nominated Lorens. Motion by League seconded by Blecha to cease nominations for Vice President and to cast secret ballot. Yes: Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, and Blecha. No: None. Motion carried. Board Vice President is Lorens; vote was 5 for Lorens and 4 for Noffsinger.

President Stamm called for nominations for the office of Secretary. Blecha nominated Noffsinger. Motion by Lorens seconded by Lutz to cease nominations for Secretary and cast unanimous ballot. Yes: Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, and Frederick. No: None. Abstain: Noffsinger. Motion carried. Board Secretary is Sandy Noffsinger.

President Stamm called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Noffsinger nominated Blecha. Motion by Lorens seconded by League to cease nominations for Treasurer and to cast unanimous ballot. Yes: League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, and Haines. No: None. Abstain: Blecha. Motion carried. Board Treasurer is Mike Blecha.

The oath of office was administered to the newly elected officers.

There were no public items of discussion.

**Motion by Haines seconded by Baney to approve the Consent Agenda and to move payment of bills and designation of official publication to the action item portion of the business agenda. 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 January 12, 2015 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the December 8, 2014 regular meeting and the December 16, 2014 Board In-Service; to excuse Kent Lorens and Sandy Noffsinger from the December 8, 2014 regular meeting; to approve the officers of the Board of Education of Dundy County Stratton Public Schools to take necessary action to transact business as required by Nebraska statute and district policy; to appoint Superintendent Jim Kent as the District's non-discrimination compliance officer; and to appoint JoAnn Decker as the board's recording secretary. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, and League. No: None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Baney to approve payment of bills as presented. Yes: Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, and Lorens. No: None. Motion carried.**

**Motion by League seconded by Lutz to designate the Benkelman Post as the official legal publication for Dundy County Stratton Public Schools. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Haines, League, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Abstain: Frederick. Motion carried.**

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

**The Board recessed at 6:30 P.M.**

**The Board reconvened at 6:57 P.M.**

**The Board reviewed board policies in the 0000 and 2000 series. These policies address Philosophy-Goals-Objectives (0000) and Policies regarding the Role and Conduct of the Board of Education (2000).**

**President Stamm appointed the following standing committees which meet and provide guidance to the superintendent:**

**Finance/Budget/Governance:**

**Mike Lutz, Mike Blecha, Kent Lorens, and Sandy Noffsinger**

**Transportation/Buildings/Grounds:**

**Kevin League, Mike Blecha, Brad Baney, and Kent Lorens**

**Curriculum/Activities/Staff Development:**

**Amy Haines, Jason Frederick, Shad Stamm, and Sandy Noffsinger**

**Americanism:**

**Amy Haines, Mike Blecha, and Mike Lutz.**

**The Board discussed the IRS mileage rate for 2015 and the natural gas marketing firm.**

**The Board discussed the selection of a performance-criteria developer for the Benkelman Elementary HVAC project. We received letters of qualifications from two firms, SES Engineering and Trane Inc.**

**The Board also discussed teacher negotiations for the 2015-2016 contract year; structure for the 2015-2016 school calendar; and the District annual report.**

**Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Frederick to approve Scott Lambley as the head track coach for both girls and boys. Yes: Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Baney. No: None. Motion carried.**

**The Board discussed District legal counsel.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Lutz to accept the resignation from Marty Hughes effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year and to thank him for his 17 years of service to Dundy County Stratton Schools. Yes: Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, and Blecha. No: None. Motion carried.**

**The Board discussed staffing for 2015-2016.**

**Principal Rotherham reported on report cards; holiday happenings; 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter safety meeting date; statewide writing assessment schedule; and mid-year “MAPS” test; and the St of NE on-site preschool visit. Principal Truax congratulated Mr. Loghry and Mrs. Hughes for very good winter concerts and the winter season athletic teams for their success thus far. He also thanked Greg McVicker for the amazing impact that he has had on our students and athletics at Dundy County Stratton and Haigler. He has been affiliated with our district’s track program for 35 years and has decided to step down from coaching. He will be truly missed. There are 7 wrestlers and most have .500 record; girls basketball have an undefeated record and have won the Kimball, Cattle Trail, and Paxton tournaments and are ranked #1 in their class; and boys basketball won the Cattle Trail Tournament and have a winning record. He also reported on Republican Plains Activities Conference events; annual wrestling invite; additional coach pay for boys basketball due to the 12:1 ratio; report cards; FCCLA star competition; FFA Denver Stock Show trip; and presented a data slideshow. Superintendent Kent reported on NSAA legislative proposals; Legislative committee chairmanships and appointments; and late start on January 21.**

**The Board discussed the transportation report which included coach bus repairs, and the monthly vehicle report.**

**During board items of discussion the Board discussed the new board member workshop, 2015 Nebraska Association of School Boards Legislative Issues Conference, ESU 15/16 Board member workshop, the 2015 Education Forum, and discussed board member absences at monthly board meetings.**

**The Board reviewed the crisis plan.**

**Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Baney to adjourn at 9:49 P.M. Yes: Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, and Frederick. No: None. Motion Carried.**

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**Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary**