

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

JULY 2015

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on July 13, 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, and Sandy Noffsinger. Also present were Principal Mike Rotherham, Superintendent Jim Kent, and recording secretary JoAnn Decker. Visitor was Lisa Fox. Board member Mike Blecha was absent and Board member Shad Stamm arrived late.

Vice-President Lorens called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Vice-President Lorens stated that the board follows the Open Meetings Act Guidelines which are located in the meeting room. A. the Board of Education reserves the right to enter into closed/executive session for (1) the protection of the public interest or (2) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and the individual has not requested a public meeting. When making a motion to enter into closed/executive session, the member making such a request should be as specific as possible keeping the previously listed stipulation in consideration. B. If the Board is in agreement, a motion may be made to enter into closed/executive session to (1) discuss a personnel matter or (2) for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individual, or (3) to discuss litigation and for the protection of the public interest. C. Action concerning matters discussed in executive session will be taken in open session.

Motion by Lutz seconded by League to approve the Consent Agenda items. Consent Agenda items included to verify that notice of the meeting was posted at three different locations, and by written notice to each member of the Board, the designated method of giving notice; approval of the agenda of the July 13, 2015 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the June 8, 2015 regular meeting; excusing of board member Mike Blecha from the July 13, 2015 regular meeting; payment of bills; acknowledgement of NDE Accreditation recognition for 2015-2016; approve on second reading the following new or amended policies: 2005 Conflict of Interest, 2006 Complaint Procedure, 2008 Meetings, 3003 Bid Letting and Contracts, 4001 Nondiscrimination, 4025 Superintendent, 4058 Confidentiality in Counseling and Guidance, 4059 Suicide Prevention Training, 5014 Homeless Students, 5023 Student Illness, 5026 Sex Equality in the Educational Program, 5027 Sexual Harassment of Students by Other Students, 5052 School Wellness Policy, 5057 Parental Involvement in the Title I Program, 5065 Bed Bugs, 6008 Class Rank, 6009 Grade Placement of Transfer Students as well as Administrative Regulation 2008 AR; continue with activity shuttle bus; substitute teacher pay; activity ticket prices; and drivers education. Yes: Baney, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, and Noffsinger. No: None. Absent: Blecha and Stamm. Motion carried.

There were no public items of discussion.

Lisa Fox presented the Technology report. She reported on the student computer checkout initiative for Dundy County Stratton grades 9-12. The Board will consider a program to checkout computers to students to use at home and school. This would take the current checkout to use at school one step further.

Shad Stamm arrived at 6:45 P.M. and presided over the meeting.

The board recessed at 7:05 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:20 P.M.

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

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Haines to recognize that review of Title I Parent Involvement 5057 occurred as required by state statute. Yes: Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Baney. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Haines seconded by Noffsinger to acknowledge the review of Multicultural Education Program/Policy 6141.31 occurred as required by state statute. Yes: Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, and Frederick. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by League seconded by Lorens to acknowledge the review of Student Assessment Policies 4048, 5012, 5013 occurred as required by state statute. Yes: League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Haines seconded by League to recognize that review of Bullying Policy 5054 occurred as required by state statute. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, Haines, and League. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Haines seconded by Noffsinger to acknowledge that the board conducted its annual review of the Attendance Policy (5001) as required by the Nebraska Department of Education. Yes: Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, Haines, League, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Baney to acknowledge review of the Americanism statute and the continued appointment of Amy Haines, Mike Blecha, and Mike Lutz to that committee. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by League seconded by Noffsinger to reaffirm the Parent Involvement Policy (6036) as written. Yes: Stamm, Baney, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, and Noffsinger. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Lorens to reaffirm the Student Fees Policy (5045) as written. Yes: Baney, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by League seconded by Haines to approve the addition of Forgery and Alteration Coverage in the districts insurance policy. Yes: Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Baney. No: Lutz. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a possible contract with W Design for additional preliminary drawings for the high school expansion project.

The Board discussed additional activity assignments and the limit on number of coaches per sport and the conduct of coaches during the summer.

Motion by League seconded by Lorens to authorize the following signatures on the following accounts: Activity Account, General Fund Clearing, School Lunch Account, Cafeteria Plan Account, and Unemployment Account to Jim Kent and one of Adam Fette, Mike Rotherham, JoAnn Decker, Stacey Waters. Yes: Frederick, League, Lorens, and Stamm. No: Haines, Lutz, Noffsinger, and Baney. Absent: Blecha. Motion failed.

Motion by Haines seconded by Baney to authorize the following signatures on the following accounts: Activity Account, General Fund Clearing, School Lunch Account, Cafeteria Plan Account and Unemployment Account to Jim Kent and one of Adam Fette, Mike Rotherham, JoAnn Decker. Yes: Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, and Frederick. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Haines to approve the classified staff salaries and raises as presented with a package of 2.5% for the 2015-2016 school year. Yes: League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Motion by League seconded by Haines to increase school lunch and breakfast prices for 2015-2016 by \$.05. Yes: Lorens, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, Haines, and League. No: Lutz. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

The Board discussed staffing for 2015-2016.

The Board discussed the transportation report which included the monthly vehicle report, hail damage, activity vehicles, DMV records and criminal background checks, and summer NDE transportation reminders.

There were no Elementary or High School Principal reports.

Superintendent Kent reported on status of job openings, RPAC sponsor meeting; updates on track and HVAC projects, storm insurance settlements for the buildings, and meeting with Commissioner on Early Childhood.

Under Board items of discussion the board discussed budget meeting, area NASB meeting, and school calendar.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Baney to adjourn at 9:24 P.M. Yes: Lutz. Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Frederick, Haines, League, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Blecha. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary