

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

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

Vice-President Lorens called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Vice-President Lorens 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.

Board member Shad Stamm arrived at 6:03 P.M.

President Stamm presided as President for remainder of the meeting.

There were no public items of discussion.

Board member Jason Frederick arrived at 6:05 P.M.

Motion by Haines seconded by League to approve 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 March 9, 2015 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the February 9, 2015 regular meeting; excusing of board member Brad Baney from the March 9, 2015 regular meeting; payment of bills; and to recognize the Dundy County Stratton Education Association as exclusive bargaining agent representing the teachers in negotiations with the Board of Education for the 2016-2017 contract year. Yes: Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Baney. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 6:05 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 6:12 P.M.

Mark Lewis from BD Construction gave a presentation and discussed the appropriate next steps for various potential construction projects.

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

The Board discussed the board goals from last year as well as topics from the December in-service. Among the items discussed were: changes to the state aid formula, property tax relief, allocation of school land revenue, one to one laptop initiative, teacher/principal evaluation pilot project, curriculum development, professional learning communities, expanded educational facilities, track surfacing and facility, gymnasium/community wellness facility, and inter-building internet connectivity. The goals will be on the April agenda for adoption.

The Board discussed Policy 1002, Creation and Amendment of Board of Education Policies.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Haines to adopt the amendment of Policy 1002, Creation and Amendment of Board of Education Policy as presented. Yes: Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Blecha. No: None. Absent: Baney. Motion carried.

Motion by League seconded by Lutz to accept the high bids for the sale of the old lockers as presented. Yes: Haines, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, and Frederick. No: None. Absent: Baney. Motion carried.

Motion by Frederick seconded by Blecha to approve the bid documents and specifications as prepared by W Design and to approve their release for the purpose of seeking bids for the resurfacing of the running track. Yes: League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Frederick, and Haines. No: None. Absent: Baney. Motion carried.

Motion by League seconded by Lorens to approve the contract with Trane Inc. to develop plans and specifications for the renovation of the Benkelman Elementary HVAC system and to move forward with the process. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, and League. No: None. Absent: Baney. Motion carried.

The Board discussed lawn care contracts for this summer.

The Board discussed instructional staffing for 2015-2016 school year.

Motion Haines by seconded by Noffsinger to offer a teaching contract to Michael Spargo for the 2015-2016 school year and approve 5 years of service for placement on the salary schedule. Yes: Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: Baney. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the procedure for Administrator contracts/negotiations.

Principal Rotherham congratulated Jessie Freeland for being the 5th through 8th grade district spelling bee champion. He also reported on Junior High quiz bowl; EDLA testing; preschool; and Dr. Seuss birthday activities. Principal Truax congratulated the wrestling team, boys and girls basketball teams and coaches for their solid season and their many goals they achieved. He also recognized the girls basketball team for their first undefeated regular season in DCS team sports history, their return to state tournament two years in a row, congratulated the girls and coaches on winning the state runner up trophy in D-1, and Dundy County Stratton for winning the sportsmanship award for D-1 at the Girls State Basketball Tournament for the second year in a row. He also reported on additional coach for boy's golf; spring sports numbers; speech team participating at District; prom; Marzano conference; PLC conference; and girls basketball celebration rally. Superintendent Kent reported on summer projects; Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Legislative Conference; Partnership for Innovation meeting; ESU PLC; and ESU behavior school.

The Board discussed the transportation report which included the monthly vehicle report and the progress of building deer catchers for the coach buses.

During board items of discussion the Board discussed the upcoming Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Spring Conference; legislation currently pending in the legislature; and 2015-2016 budget.

Motion by Blecha and seconded by Lutz to adjourn at 9:32 P.M. Yes: Noffsinger, Stamm, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, and Lutz. No: None. Absent: Baney. Motion carried.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary