

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON PUBLIC SCHOOL  
BENKELMAN NE 69021

May 2015

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on May 11, 2015 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Brad Baney, Mike Blecha, Jason Frederick, Amy Haines, 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. Visitors were Amy Frederick, Craig Kerchal, and Stephanie Williams. Board member Kevin League was absent.

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 authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act.

There were no public items of discussion.

Motion by Noffsinger seconded by Haines to approve the Consent Agenda items. 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 May 11, 2015 regular meeting; approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2015 regular meeting; excusing of board member Kevin League from the May 11, 2015 regular meeting; payment of bills; to recognize the class of 2015 and to wish them the best for all their accomplishments; and to allow the use of school vehicles for school activities during the summer and to require school groups using these vehicles to pay for the fuel used. Yes: Blecha, Frederick, Haines, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Baney. No: None. Absent: League. Motion carried.

The Board discussed instructional staffing for the 2015-2016 school year. Updates were given on the music and guidance counselor positions. The Board was also updated on Drivers Education options for the coming year.

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

The Board discussed whether to add the structural spray coating to the base mat on the track during the replacement project.

President Stamm appointed Brad Baney, Amy Haines, Kevin League, and Kent Lorens to the facility planning committee.

The Board discussed the high school activity assignments. Board member Lorens expressed his concerns on hiring head coaches outside the school system. Board member Blecha also expressed that he believes that it is better to have more coaches that are in house instead of hiring outside of the system.

Motion by Frederick seconded by Noffsinger to approve the 2015-2016 High School activity assignments as presented. Yes: Haines, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, and Frederick. No: None. Absent: League. Motion carried.

Board President Stamm asked for a motion for the Board to enter closed session to discuss the purchase or sale of school property because it is in the school districts and the public's best interest to discuss this in closed session.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Baney to enter into closed session to discuss the purchase or sale of school property because it is in the school districts and the public's best interest to discuss this in closed session. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Frederick, and Haines. No: None. Absent: League. Motion carried.

President Stamm has adopted a motion to enter closed session to discuss the purchase or sale of school property because it is in the school districts and the public's best interest to discuss this in closed session. The Board will limit its discussion to this issue.

President Stamm declared the Board out of closed session at 7:17 P.M.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Blecha to enter open session at 7:17 P.M. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Frederick, and Haines. No: None. Absent: League. Motion carried.

President Stamm stated that the Board adhered to the guidelines for closed session and discussed only the topic of record during closed session.

The board recessed at 7:18 P.M.

The board reconvened at 7:44 P.M.

The Board discussed the HVAC financing and payment.

The District Technology Report was presented. It was reported that the radio to the Stratton building is down and is in the process of being repaired; distributed protective covers for the 1 to 1 transformers; and reported that three teachers attended the Nebraska Educational Technology Spring Conference in Omaha. Principal Rotherham reported on kindergarten roundup; kindergarten graduation dates; quiz bowl; end of year enrollment numbers; elementary spring music concerts; elementary track meet; AR carnival and AR field trip; safety day; Pre-K enrollment numbers for 2015-2016; and end of year field trips. Principal Truax congratulated the National Honor Society inductees: Jared Crouse, Aubrey Frederick, Madison Lambley, Bailey Peckham, and Payton Zarkowski. He also congratulated Diane Hughes and the DCS Choir for the Superior award they received at the District Music Contest, Gregg Loghry and the DCS Band for the Excellent rating at the District Music Contest, DCS Girls track team for winning the RPAC team championship, Phalen Sanford for breaking the school record and RPAC meet record in the pole vault; and sponsors Bill Wilson, Ben Killingsworth, Nathan Behlke, Kris Freeland, Dudes McDonald and the DCS Power Drive team for finishing first in their state competition in the novice division. He also reported on District track; RPAC golf; District golf; spring athletic awards banquet; graduation; awards convocation/talent show; hour requirements; and 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation on May 18th. Superintendent Kent reported on summer projects; natural gas contract; RPAC news; graduation; classified resignations; and being nominated for the 2014 Freedom Award for support of National Guard and Reserve. He also informed the board on the retirement receptions for Sally Hudson, Marty Hughes, Verla Martin, John Metzger, Steve Krug, and Craig Kerchal on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-5:00 P.M. at Benkelman Elementary.

The Board discussed the transportation report which included the monthly vehicle report.

The Board discussed the upcoming NASB Legal Review on June 5, 2015.

During board items of discussion the board briefly discussed legislation and the assessment program.

The Board discussed the timelines for Administrative contract negotiations.

Motion by Lutz seconded by Blecha to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. Yes: Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Frederick, Haines, and Lorens. No: None. Absent: League. Motion carried.

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Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary