

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

**October 2015**

**The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met in regular session on October 12, 2015 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Brad Baney, Mike Blecha, Jason Frederick, Kevin League, Kent Lorens, Mike Lutz, Sandy Noffsinger, and Shad Stamm. Board member Amy Haines was absent. Also present were Principal Adam Fette, Principal Mike Rotherham, Superintendent Jim Kent, and recording secretary JoAnn Decker.**

**President Stamm called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.**

**President Stamm 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. B. 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. If the Board is in agreement, a motion may be 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. Action Concerning Matters Discussed in Executive Session will be acted upon in open session.**

**There were no public items of discussion.**

**Motion by Lorens seconded by Frederick to remove payment of the bills from the Consent Agenda and to approve the remainder of 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 October 12, 2015 regular meeting; approval of minutes of the September 14, 2015 Budget Hearing, approval of minutes of the September 14, 2015 Final Tax Request Hearing and approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular meeting; excusing of board member Amy Haines from the October 14, 2015 regular meeting ; payment of bills was moved to the regular agenda. Yes: Baney, Blecha, Frederick, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Haines. Motion carried.**

**The Board discussed the bill from Fisher Track for track refurbishing.**

**Motion by Noffsinger seconded by League to approve payment of bills and to remove Depreciation Fund check #242 payable to Fisher Track from the bills. Yes: Blecha, Frederick, League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, and Baney. No: None. Absent: Haines. Motion carried.**

**The board recessed at 6:59 P.M.**

**The board reconvened at 7:19 P.M.**

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

**The Board discussed the statutory timeline for teacher negotiations.**

**The Board discussed the Benkelman Elementary HVAC project.**

**The Board discussed the Policy 3028 Sex Offender**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Lorens to approve the first reading 6000 Policy Series, Policies regarding Curricular and Academic matters as presented. Yes: League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, and Frederick. No: None. Absent: Haines. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Lorens seconded by Noffsinger to approve the updated teacher evaluation instrument as presented. Yes: League, Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, and Frederick. No: None. Absent: Haines. Motion carried.**

**Principals Adam Fette and Mike Rotherham handed out assessment testing information and also discussed new AQuESTT School rating system and the Evidence Based Analysis (EBA) the District now submits to The Department of Education. They also discussed RTI initiative and how we are progressing on that.**

**The Board discussed possible sale of lots south of the school gymnasium in Stratton.**

**Technology report-Superintendent Kent and Principal Adam Fette reported to the Board on high school laptop rollout sessions for Grades 9-12. Principal Rotherham reported on parent teacher conferences; assessment reporting; safety committee meeting; student activities for the month of October; MAPS testing; and the Benkelman HVAC project. Principal Fette reported on the laptop rollout for 9-12 students; AQuESTT staff survey; homecoming week; and MAPS testing. He also reported on college fair in McCook; mock ACT testing; upcoming parent teacher conferences; and ACT testing on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Kent reported area enrollments; County Assessor valuation adjustment; and the hiring of Stacey Waters as the new bookkeeper.**

**Board members Brad Baney and Kevin League asked about job descriptions for office staff. Superintendent Kent indicated that with the shuffling in the district office those will be reviewed and restructured with the goal of increasing efficiency and effectiveness.**

**The Board discussed the transportation/maintenance report.**

**The Board also discussed upcoming NCSA/NASB State Education Conference, Board in-service; NSAA and Transgender participation policy; unified sports; and NASB are meeting.**

**Motion by Blecha seconded by Lorens to adjourn at 9:56 P.M. Yes: Lorens, Lutz, Noffsinger, Stamm, Baney, Blecha, Frederick, and League. No: None. Absent: Haines. Motion carried.**

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**Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary**