

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

September 2015 – Budget Hearing

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education Budget Hearing was held on September 14, 2015 at the Dundy County Stratton High School. The following members were present: Mike Blecha, Jason Frederick, Amy Haines, Kevin League, Kent Lorens, and Shad Stamm. Also present were Superintendent Jim Kent and recording secretary JoAnn Decker. Visitors were Amy Frederick from the Benkelman Post, Jean Marie Jones, Ron Jones, Nick Ladenburger, Dan Ladenburger, Kelly Raichart, Craig Kerchal, Steve Krug, Greg Burrows, Jeanene Borrows, Stan Jones, Phyllis Jones, Frank Stehno, and Melvin Duvel. Board members Brad Baney, Mike Lutz, and Sandy Noffsinger were absent.

President Stamm called the hearing to order at 5:30 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 closed/executive session during the hearing 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 specific as possible keeping the previously listed stipulation in consideration. B. If the Board is in agreement, a motion to enter into closed/executive session to 1) discuss a personal 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 League seconded by Lorens to approve the Consent Agenda items. Consent Agenda items included to verify that notice of the hearing 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 and approval of the agenda of the September 14, 2015 budget hearing. Yes: Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Baney, Lutz, and Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Budget documents were reviewed. Craig Kerchal, Steve Krug, and Stan Jones addressed the Board regarding the large increase in property tax request this year compared to prior years and also questioned why the cash reserve is so low.

The hearing was closed at 5:45 P.M.

Acting Secretary