

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

September 2015 – Final Tax Request

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met on September 14, 2015 at the Dundy County Stratton High School for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of tax payers relating to setting the Final Tax Request at a different amount than the prior year Tax Request. 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 and Mike Lutz were absent. Board member Sandy Noffsinger arrived late.

President Stamm called the hearing to order at 5:45 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.

Sandy Noffsinger arrived at 5:48 P.M.

Motion by Frederick seconded by League to approve the Consent Agenda items. Consent Agenda items included to verify that notice of the special tax request 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 tax request hearing. Yes: Blecha, Frederick, Haines, League, Lorens, Noffsinger, and Stamm. No: None. Absent: Baney and Lutz. Motion carried.

The proposed School District 29-0117 tax request for 2015-2016 information was reviewed.

Craig Kerchal, Steve, Krug, Stan Jones, and Nick Ladenburger voiced their concerns of the 2015-2016 proposed budget. They discussed the increase in the property tax request compared to prior years; the tax savings of closing the Haigler Elementary Site; class size; and the possibility of sending more students to Stratton Elementary/Benkelman Elementary to avoid excess classified staff.

The hearing was closed at 6:07 P.M.

Sandy Noffsinger, Secretary