

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Dundy County Stratton Public School  
Benkelman NE 69021

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met on Monday, January 12, 2026 at Dundy County Stratton High School.

Superintendent Garey called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Attendance Taken at 6:04 PM. Jennifer Fries: Present, Steve Guernsey: Present, Ted Henderson: Present, Nick Ladenburger: Present, Kent Lorens: Present, Cole Lutz: Present, Sandy Noffsinger: Present, Lindsay Stamm: Present, Shad Stamm: Present. Present: 9.  
Attendance Update Taken at 6:35 PM. Nick Ladenburger: Absent. Present: 8, Absent: 1.

Others present:

Alan D Garey, Superintendent  
Sandy O'Neil, Secondary Principal  
Kris Freeland, Elementary Principal  
Ronda Sargent, Recording Secretary/Business Manager  
Emma Baldeh, Student Board Representative  
Shauna Dolph, Emily Cameron, Melissa Jacobitz

**Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Superintendent Garey 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.

**Election of Officers**

Motion to cease nominations for President of Jennifer Fries passed with a motion by L Stamm and a second by Noffsinger. Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea. Yea: 9, Nay: 0.

Motion to cease nominations for Vice President of Nick Ladenburger passed with a motion by Lorens and a second by Stamm. L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea. Yea: 9, Nay: 0.

Motion to cease for nominations for Treasurer of Cole Lutz passed with a motion by Lorens and a second by Ladenburger. Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, Stamm: Yea. Yea: 9, Nay: 0.

Motions to cease nominations for Secretary of Lindsay Stamm passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Noffsinger. Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea. Yea: 9, Nay: 0.

**Awards and Recognitions**

Fries recognized Alyssa Stamm for being nominated for the FFA honor choir. L. Stamm recognized the custodial staff for the amazing job of keeping the buildings presentable. Stamm recognized the outstanding career fair that was held and applauded all those involved. Fries recognized Mrs. Hinojosa and Mrs. Carmichael for the outstanding science fair. Ladenburger recognized the High School Quiz bowl and their accomplishments. Stamm mentioned he appreciates the information put out on social media. Noffsinger recognized the reading accomplishments at elementary and the celebrations. Garey reported that Sandhills Schools

was very complimentary on our coaches and basketball players for the positive presentation at their school for the basketball game.

#### **Public comment**

Shauna Dolph advocated for the support of the music program.

#### **Elementary principal report**

In written form: in addition, Zorn Theater AR movie and assistance of Mr. Loghry with the music program.

#### **Secondary principal report**

In written form:

#### **Transportation report**

In written form:

#### **Superintendent report**

In written form:

#### **Board and committee reports**

Board information

Finance/Budget/Legislation committee

Transportation/Facilities/Grounds committee

Curriculum/Activities/Staff Development committee

Americanism committee

Negotiations committee

Will meet on Thursday, January 15 at 5:00 pm.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda passed with a motion by Guernsey and a second by Noffsinger. Guernsey: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0. The consent agenda includes the verification of notice of the meeting by publication in the Benkelman Post & News Chronicle, a legal newspaper for Dundy County and to each member of the board, approval of the minutes from the December 8, 2025 meeting, the approval of the bills as presented in the amount of \$625,992.47 for the general fund; \$849.00 for the depreciation fund; \$15,179.60 for the nutrition fund; \$25,016.32 for the activity fund; \$462,500.00 for the special building fund. Appoint Non-Discrimination Compliance Coordinator (Superintendent), Appoint Title IX Coordinator (Superintendent), Appoint the Recording Secretary (Business manager), the designation of federal programs coordinator, Fund Depository (Pinnacle Bank, Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund, Lincoln Federal, Premier Bank), Legal Counsel (KSB Law), Legal Newspaper (Benkelman Post and Chronicle, McCook Gazette, Omaha World Herald, Meeting Publication, Publication: Posting as prescribed by Nebraska Statutes and adopt the 2026 IRS mileage rate of .725.

#### **Financial Report**

Motion to approve the financial report as presented passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Guernsey. Henderson: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

### **Superintendent Contract**

Motion to approve the 3-year contract as presented with the addition of 30 accumulative sick leave and the salary to be determined at the end of the current school year passed with a motion by Noffsinger and a second by Stamm. Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Henderson: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

### **Elementary Principal Contract**

Motion to approve the Elementary Principal contract with Nancy Sorensen beginning with the 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Guernsey and a second by Lutz. Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Lorens: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

### **Shop heating and air system**

Motion to approve the estimate of \$12,188.43 from Service Zone to replace the heating and cooling in the shop to be paid out of the Depreciation Fund passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Guernsey. Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

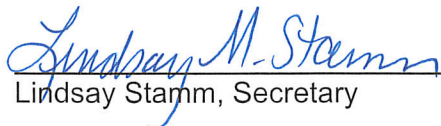
### **NASB information**

#### **Legislation**

Unicameral is now open.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Guernsey. L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

  
Lindsay Stamm, Secretary