

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met on Monday, December 8, 2025 at Dundy County Stratton High School.

President Noffsinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Attendance Taken at 6:01 PM. Jennifer Fries: Present, Steve Guernsey: Absent, Ted Henderson: Present, Nick Ladenburger: Present, Kent Lorens: Absent, Cole Lutz: Present, Sandy Noffsinger: Present, Lindsay Stamm: Absent, Shad Stamm: Present. Present: 6, Absent: 3. Attendance Update Taken at 7:17 PM. Ted Henderson: Absent. Present: 5, Absent: 4. Attendance Update Taken at 7:28 PM. Lindsay Stamm: Present. Present: 6, Absent: 3. Attendance Update Taken at 7:34 PM. Ted Henderson: Present. Present: 7, Absent: 2.

Others present:

Alan D Garey, Superintendent
Ronda Sargent, Recording Secretary/Business Manager
Emma Baldeh, Student Board Representative
Courtney Gritzuk, Melissa Jacobitz, Shauna Dolph, and Alyssa Stamm

Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Noffsinger 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.

Board Member Roll Call

Motion to approve the absence of Kent Lorens and Lindsay Stamm passed with a motion by Fries and a second by Stamm. Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3.

District Mission Statement:

- Partnering with families and the community, Dundy County Stratton Schools will provide a dynamic and inclusive environment because every Day, every Child, is empowered to achieve Success!

Awards and Recognitions

Fries and Noffsinger recognized Ashlyn Olivas, Julie Shillington and all other staff for the outstanding Christmas program presentation. Ladenburger recognized Emma Baldeh for her outstanding achievement for being award a full scholarship to Yale.

Public comment

Jacobitz presented concerns with the district's music program.

Reports

Technology report

In written form:

Elementary principal report

In written form:

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 met on 12/8/2025

Negotiations committee

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Fries. Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, Stamm: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2. 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 Regular meeting on November 10, 2025, the approval of the bills as presented in the amount of \$490,027.41 for the general fund \$14,750.03 for the nutrition fund; \$29,002.72 for the activity fund; \$104,014.00 for the special building fund.

Business Meeting

Elementary Building HVAC project

Motion to authorize the superintendent to work with Facility Advocates to adjust the scope of work in the HVAC replacement contract for Benkelman Elementary to a Roof Top Unit System for the same guaranteed maximum price of \$1,850,000.00 passed with a motion by Henderson and a second by Stamm. Noffsinger: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Nay, Lutz: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 1, Absent: 3.

Financial Report

Garey presented the financial report to the board.

Motion to approve the financial report as reported passed with a motion by Fries and a second by Stamm. Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Superintendent goals

Motion to approve the following goals for the school year 2026-2027: 1) Board Policy Review; 2) Facility Masterplan for longevity; 3) Build and expand dual credit offerings; 4) Improve curriculum development to align student needs and requirements passed with a motion by Fries and a second by Ladenburger. Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

Superintendent Contract

Tabled to the January 12, 2026 regular meeting.

Pole Vault Package

Motion to approve the bid for \$25,000.00 plus \$360.00 shipping from Misko Sports Inc for Pole Vault Package #03 to be paid out of the Depreciation Fund passed with a motion by Fries and a second by Stamm. Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

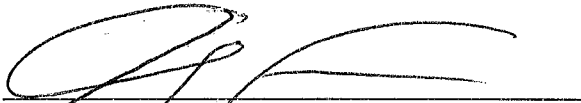
NASB information

Noffsinger and Fries attended the State Conference and reported on the sessions attended.

Legislation

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:59 passed with a motion by Fries and a second by Ladenburger. Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.


Jennifer Fries, Secretary