

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met on Monday, January 13, 2025 at Dundy County Stratton High School.

Superintendent Garey called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

Attendance Taken at 6:14 PM. Jennifer Fries: Present, Steve Guernsey: Present, Nick Ladenburger: Present, Kent Lorens: Absent, Cole Lutz: Present, Sandy Noffsinger: Present, Lindsay Stamm: Present, Shad Stamm: Present, Jordan Stroup: Present. 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
Ted Henderson

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.

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!

Publication of Meeting-notice was provided according to policy.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Oath of Office: (Policy 2004)

Oath of office was signed by Lindsay Stamm.

Board Member Conflict of Interest Statement: (Policy 2005)

Reviewed

Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education: (Policy 2002)

Election of Officers

Motion to retain current slate of officers with President-Sandy Noffsinger; Vice-President-Shad Stamm; Treasurer-Nick Ladenburger; Secretary-Jennifer Fries passed with a motion by Stroup and a second by Stamm. Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Committee Appointments by Board President

Finance/Budget/Legislation committee: Sandy Noffsinger, Shad Stamm, Kent Lorens

Transportation/Facilities/Grounds committee: Nick Ladenburger, Jordan Stroup, Steve Guernsey

Curriculum/Activities/Staff Development committee: Shad Stamm, Jennifer Fries, Lindsay Stamm

Americanism committee: Lindsay Stamm, Jordan Stroup, Cole Lutz

Negotiations: Jennifer Fries, Cole Lutz, Steve Guernsey, Nick Ladenburger

Designate:

Legal Counsel-KSB Law

Depository Banks-Pinnacle Bank, Lincoln Federal Savings, and Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund

District Newspaper of record-Scoop Media News, McCook Gazette, Omaha World Herald. Meeting Publication, Publication: Posting as prescribed by Nebraska Statutes.

Title IX Coordinator-Superintendent

Compliance Coordinator-Superintendent

Motion to encompass all passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Guernsey. Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Awards and Recognitions

Stamm would like to thank Travis Lutz and Dustin Bundy for taking the time for the wrestling program. Ladenberger congratulated Benton Haskell, who has earned a spot on the League OS Top 100 esports prospects in the country; also, to Emma Baldeh who is the VFW District 4 Voice of Democracy winner and will be entered in the state portion of this at the end of the month. Esmaye Killough who is a finalist for the Patriots Pen contest. Garey thanked the board for the cookies that were distributed before Christmas break. Fries recognized Mrs. Jacobitz with the music program. Stroup thanked Mrs. O'Neil for her attention to the staff and students and for the tremendous job she has accomplished thus far. Noffsinger recognized the maintenance staff for keeping up with the building and the outside with the snow removal.

Public Comment

None

Technology Report

Alisha Fiedler began her duties 12/3/2024.

Elementary principal report

In written form:

Secondary principal report

In written form

Transportation report

In written form

Garey reported that we didn't qualify for the grant that was pursued for a propane bus.

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

Meeting with the teachers was held 1/13/2025 prior to the board meeting.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda passed with a motion by Guernsey and a second by Stamm. Guernsey: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. 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, the approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2024, the approval of the bills as presented in the amount of \$555,602.01 from the general fund; \$24,473.84 from the activity fund; and \$17,397.69 from the nutrition fund, the approval of the IRS mileage rate of .70, Designate (Superintendent) for Federal and State Programs, Appoint Non-Discrimination Compliance Coordinator (Superintendent), Appoint Title IX Coordinator (Superintendent), Appoint the Recording Secretary (Business manager), Fund Depository (Pinnacle Bank, Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund, Lincoln Federal), Legal Counsel (KSB Law), Legal Newspaper (Benkelman Post and Chronicle, McCook Gazette, Omaha World Herald, Meeting Publication, Publication: Posting as prescribed by Nebraska Statutes.

Business Meeting

Financial Report

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

DCSEA as the official bargaining unit for educators

Motion to approve DCSEA as the official bargaining unit for educators for the 25-26 school year passed with a motion by Stroup and a second by Fries. Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Elementary Roof Replacement

Motion to accept the quote from Weathercraft in the amount of \$53,963.00 for the Elementary South Wing Roof Replacement passed with a motion by Guernsey and a second by Stamm. Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Early Retirement Incentive Applications

Motion to approve Jeanne Downey's Early Retirement Incentive application passed with a motion by Stroup and a second by Fries. L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Motion to approve Lisa Fox's Early Retirement Incentive application passed with a motion by Ladenburger and a second by Stroup. Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Date Change for February Board of Education Meeting

Motion to hold the February regular board of education meeting on February 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm passed with a motion by Stroup and a second by Fries. Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

NASB information

NRCSA legislative conference-February 20, 2025
NASB legislative conference-January 26-27, 2025

Legislation

Discussed bills in the legislation at this time.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Ladenburger. Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.



Jennifer Fries, Secretary