

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met on Monday, April 14, 2025 at Dundy County Stratton High School.

President Noffsinger called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Attendance Taken at 6:04 PM. Jennifer Fries: Present, Steve Guernsey: Present, Nick Ladenburger: Present, Kent Lorens: Present, Cole Lutz: Present, Sandy Noffsinger: Present, Lindsay Stamm: Present, Shad Stamm: Present, Jordan Stroup: Present. Present: 9. Attendance Update Taken at 6:38 PM. Steve Guernsey: 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
Ted Henderson, Judd Johnson, Trystin Eversole, and Laken Wissink

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.

Awards and Recognitions

Ladenburger congratulated the JH track for their performances at meets; Garey recognized the State Speech qualifiers on their accomplishments; Rick and Jayne Schack sent a donation in appreciation of streaming the games; Noffsinger recognized the behavior of the Jr/Sr High School student during job shadow at the Dundy County Hospital; L. Stamm recognized the JH Quiz Bowl team as they tied for first and ended up with third; Freeland recognized the Elementary Quiz team for their accomplishments; Freeland recognized Clara Spargo for breaking a state record.

Public comment

FFA-Personally invited each board member to the FFA dinner on April 24th.
Senior class asked the board to decorate graduation caps.

Reports

Elementary principal report

In written form:

Secondary principal report

In written form:

Transportation report

In written form:

Superintendent report

In written form:

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda passed with a motion by Lorens and a second by Stamm.
Guernsey: Absent, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L. Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: 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, approval of the minutes from the March 10, 2025 regular meeting, the approval of the bills as presented in the amount of \$533,973.636 for the general fund \$21,628.30 for the activity fund; \$19,974.44 for the nutrition fund; \$5,402.50 specialty building fund.

Business Meeting

Financial Report

Garey presented the financials to the board.

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

Weight Room Flooring

Motion to approve the bid for the weight room flooring, from Push Pedal Pull in the amount of \$34,091.80 to be paid out of the Depreciation Fund passed with a motion by Stroup and a second by Fries. L. Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea. Guernsey: Absent. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

DCSEA

Motion to recognize the Dundy County Stratton Education Association (DCSEA) as the exclusive bargaining agent for the certificated staff for the 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Lorens and a second by Ladenburger. Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L. Stamm: Yea, Guernsey: Absent. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

ESU 15 Contract for 2025-2026

Motion to accept the SPED contract from ESU 15 as presented to be paid from the General Fund passed with a motion by L. Stamm and a second by Lutz. Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L. Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Guernsey: Absent. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

ESU 16 Contract for 2025-2026

Motion to accept the ESU 16 distance education network contract as presented passed with a motion by L. Stamm and a second by Stamm. Fries: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L. Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Guernsey: Absent. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Classified Staff Pay Increase

Motion to approve a 5% increase for classified staff for the 2025-2026 school year beginning September 1, 2025 passed with a motion by Stroup and a second by Fries. Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L. Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Guernsey: Absent. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Resignation

Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Hannah Stroup and thank her for her 7 years of service passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Ladenburger. Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Nay, Noffsinger: Yea, L. Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Guernsey: Absent. Yea: 7, Nay: 1, Absent: 1.

New Contract

Motion to extend a contract with Tony Fiscus for the beginning the 2025-2026 school year passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Fries. Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L. Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Guernsey: Absent. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Underground Sprinkler System Project

Motion to approve the addition of an underground sprinkler system on the Football practice field passed with a motion by Lorens and a second by Stroup. Noffsinger: Yea, L. Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Guernsey: Absent. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

NASB information

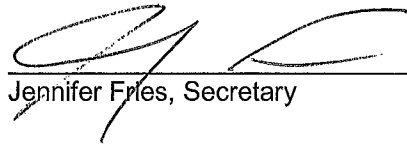
Garey and Sargent went to an amplified budget and financial workshop in Kearney.

Legislation

Stamm discussed the current legislation bills at this present time.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:49 passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Lorens. L. Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Stroup: Yea, Fries: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Lutz: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, Guernsey: Absent. Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.



Jennifer Fries, Secretary