

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

The Dundy County Stratton Board of Education met on Monday, May 11, 2026 at Dundy County Stratton High School.

President Fries called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Attendance Taken at 6:03 PM. Jennifer Fries: Present, Steve Guernsey: Absent, Ted Henderson: Present, Nick Ladenburger: Present, Kent Lorens: Present, Cole Lutz: Absent, Sandy Noffsinger: Present, Lindsay Stamm: Present, Shad Stamm: Present. Present: 7, Absent: 2.

Others present:

Alan D Garey, Superintendent  
Sandy O'Neil, Secondary Principal  
Kris Freeland, Elementary Principal  
Ronda Sargent, Recording Secretary/Business Manager

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

President Fries 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.

Motion to excuse Steve Guernsey and Cole Lutz passed with a motion by Lorens and a second by Stamm. Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

**Awards and Recognitions**

Stamm recognized Miss Mues for the FFA banquet being very well done! He welcomed and recognized Mr. Venzon for the great performance at graduation. Ladenberger recognized the music department for a very nice concert. Garey shared an inspiring update with the Board regarding the unique gifts and talents of our students at every point on the spectrum. This is a time to be very proud to be a Dundy County Stratton student, faculty, and board member. Noffsinger wanted to shout out to Steve Guernsey for his lead with the shooting sports and how impressive the state event was. Noffsinger also wanted to mention how he appreciated his involvement with the Safety Day. Henderson recognized the CTSO award presentation and recognizing Mr. Rettele. Stamm and O'Neil recognized the custodial staff for always having the building and grounds in top shape. Freeland thanked the Lions Club and the Men's Club for providing the ribbons and help for the elementary for their participation in the Elementary track meet. L Stamm thanked Mr. Freeland for being outside every morning greeting the students.

**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

Negotiations committee

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Noffsinger. Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: 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 March 9, 2026 regular meeting, the approval of the bills as presented in the amount of \$607,471.26 for the general fund \$24,205.69 for the activity fund; \$22,325.47 for the nutrition fund; \$8,610.00 for depreciation fund; \$213,821.16 for special building fund.

### **Financial Report**

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

### **New Teacher Contract**

Motion to extend a contract with Austin Anderson for the 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Ladenburger and a second by L Stamm. Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

### **Classified Staff Pay**

Motion to approve classified staff rates as presented with a 5% increase passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by Noffsinger. Lorens: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

### **Surplus Property**

Motion to accept the offer for the 1999 Chevy Mid-Bus in the amount of \$500.00 from Steve Guernsey passed with a motion by Stamm and a second by L Stamm. Noffsinger: Yea, L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

### **NASB information**

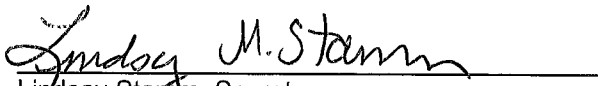
Law conference in June

### **Legislation**

Attached:

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 passed with a motion by Lorens and a second by Ladenburger. L Stamm: Yea, Stamm: Yea, Fries: Yea, Henderson: Yea, Ladenburger: Yea, Lorens: Yea, Noffsinger: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2.

  
Lindsay Stamm, Secretary