

Board of Education Meeting
Stapleton Public Schools
District 57-0501
March 15, 2021

President Opela called the regular meeting of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 15, 2021, in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited; the board goals were read aloud.

President Opela observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Burnside: Present, Kramer: Present, Kramer: Present, Opela: Present, Schaeffer: Present, Walz: Present.

Opela attended the NASB President's Retreat workshop.

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by Rich Burnside, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Notice of the meeting was published in the Stapleton Enterprise on Thursday, March 11, 2021, and posted at five local business along with notice to the president of the board and all members prior to the meeting date.

President Opela asked if there was any public comment and referred to the guidelines in the agenda.

David Olson, chair of Nebraska Admirals Association, presented Mr. Howard Gaffney, Supt. with a certificate as Admiral of the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska from Governor Pete Ricketts.

Gary Halstead, librarian, jr. high wrestling coach, asst. AD and golf coach presented to the board what is happening in the library, with golf and the conclusion of the wrestling season. He also discussed his employment over four years at Stapleton and his different positions.

Mary Peters, Director of Special Education, and Deb Paulman, ESU #16 Administrator, addressed the board regarding the ESU #16 contract and explaining services our school utilizes.

Polly Burnside, FCS teacher and speech coach, addressed the board regarding her programs, curriculum, and success in speech this year.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to approve minutes from February 15, 2021, regular board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Kristy Opela, seconded by Rich Burnside, to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

The treasurer's report was presented by Superintendent Gaffney.

Lacy Kinderknecht gave her Community Liaisons' report which included: 4th year of Foundation Gala was very successful with lots of thanks to everyone that helped make it a success, update housing for Stapleton, updating website and sending pictures and stories to the newspaper.

The Activities Director's report given by Jason Wehnes included the following: congratulations to the speech team for earning D1-5 District Runner-up, with seven students: Hannah Burnside, Trinity Hansen, Hope Gustason, Keali Florea, Megan Amos, Caleb Burnside, Jared Trimble, and Saige Johnson making it to State, congratulations to Dayton Gipe for being the first Sandhills Valley NSAA State Wrestling Runner-up, girls and basketball records, start of track and golf and new NSAA guidelines with Covid.

Principal Walker's report included: WCHD Covid dial, school improvement goals, ACT scores, graduation criteria for valedictorian/salutatorian, kindergarten round-up, March 22 teacher in-service, NSCAS assessment, PreACT, and NSCAS ACT.

The Coop Committee reviewed topics from the January 12, 2021 and March 9, 2021 meetings.

The board discussed updated items to the building project with bids being let and opening the bids on April 7th.

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by K. Kramer, to offer Mark Frey the maintenance position and Paula Goffena the head custodial position. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to approve 2021-2022 contract with ESU #16. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by F. Kramer, to table purchase of custodial supplies until next month. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by F. Kramer, seconded by Rich Burnside, to approve declaring surplus property of black mat flooring, student chairs, folding tables and box fans to be advertised for bids. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to approve leaving graduation policy as is. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by F. Kramer, to recognize the Stapleton Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's certificated staff for the 2022-23 contract year. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by F. Kramer, seconded by K. Kramer, to accept letter of resignation from Bryce Funk and to thank him for his service. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by F. Kramer, seconded by Rich Burnside, to accept letter of resignation from Robert Harvey and thank him for his years of service. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to accept letter of resignation from Dakota Meyers and thank her for her years of service. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by F. Kramer, to accept letter of resignation from Jeff Paben and thank him for his years of service. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to accept letter of resignation from Jason Wehnes as AD and teacher and thank him for his years of service. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by F. Kramer, seconded by Kristy Opela, to accept letter of resignation from Delite Weinman and thank her for her service. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Rex Walz, to offer contract to Patrick Hynes for social studies position for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by Rich Burnside, to offer contract to Dasie Nichols for the Ag position for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Steve Schaeffer, seconded by Kristy Opela, to offer contract to Janet Victory for the SPED/Title I position for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by F. Kramer, to pay Bryce Funk the complete teaching contract and FFA extra duty percentage and withhold the 20 extra days for FFA. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

The motion to go in to closed session to discuss personnel and to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual was repeated by President Opela.

The closed session started at 9:22 p.m. and ended at 9:37 p.m.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Rex Walz, to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

Closed session is held to discuss personnel and to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Superintendent Gaffney's report presented information on the following: teacher resignations, interviews, maintenance/custodian position, surplus items, and building project update.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

President Opela adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Kim Kramer, Secretary