

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 8, 2016 6:00 PM  
Dundy County Stratton High School  
P.O. Box 586  
400 9th Avenue West  
Benkelman, NE 69021-0586

1. Opening Procedures

Procedural Item

1.A. Call to order

Action Item

1.B. Roll Call

Action Item

1.C. Excuse absent member(s)

Action Item

Motion to excuse Sandy Noffsinger and Mike Blecha from this meeting Passed with a motion by Kevin League and a second by Mr. Mike Lutz.

Brad Baney: Yea

Jason Frederick: Yea

Amy Haines: Yea

Kevin League: Yea

Kent Lorens: Yea

Mr. Mike Lutz: Yea

Shad Stamm: Yea

## 2. Open meetings law

### Action Item

1. The Board of Education reserves the right to enter into Closed/Executive Session for 1) the protection of public interest or 2) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and the individual has not requested a public meeting. When making a motion to enter into Closed/Executive Session, the member making such a request should be as specific as possible keeping the previously listed stipulation in consideration.
2. If the Board is in agreement, a motion maybe to enter into Closed/Executive Session to 1) discuss a personnel matter, or 2) for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individual, or 3) to discuss litigation and for the protection of the public interest.
3. Action concerning matters discussed in Closed/Executive Session will be acted upon in open session

## 3. Awards and Recognitions

### Action Item

## 4. Public comment

### Information Item

Welcome to the Dundy County Stratton Public Schools Board of Education Meeting. The Board welcomes citizens to attend board meetings to become acquainted with the programs and operations of the district. Members of the public are also encouraged to share their ideas and opinions with the Board during the agenda item labeled "Public Items". Comments or questions from the audience at any other time during the meeting except for the agenda item "Public Items" will out of necessity be declared out of order.

The Nebraska Open Meetings Act prevents the board from speaking to a matter that is not on the agenda. Please understand that the board may be unable to address your issue during the meeting. It is not permissible for the board to comment on items not listed for the protection of the public's right to know and participate in the discussion of items that do come before the board and stated appropriately in the meeting agenda.

During this agenda item “Public Items” we ask that you abide by the following rules:

**Public Comment Protocol and Procedures**

1. Anyone wishing to speak to the board on specific agenda items or on other topics relevant to board business must complete a Public Comment Request Card and submit it to the Board President prior to the opening of the meeting. The public will only be recognized and their comments heard at Item “Public Items” on the board agenda. The total time allotted for the public comment will not exceed thirty minutes and each member of the public will be allotted not more than five minutes to address the Board. If a group wishes to speak, please designate one spokesperson for the group.
2. Please state your name and the topic you are addressing before you begin.
3. Speakers are asked to direct their questions and comments to the chair. A member of the Board of Education or the Superintendent may direct clarifying questions to the chair, but the board will not under any circumstance enter into a debate with any the member of the public.
4. Speakers may offer objective criticism of district operations and programs, but the Board would encourage members of the public to address complaints concerning individual district personnel through the proper chain of command. The chair may direct the member of the public to the appropriate means to address concerns brought before the Board; however, the board will not respond with action but will take comments under advisement and direct the comments to the appropriate staff member to address outside of the board meeting.
5. Please remember that is a public meeting for the conduct of business of the Dundy County Stratton Public School District. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated. You should further be advised that there is no legal protection for any comments that are made.
6. As stated in **NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-570 Class I, II, III, IV, or VI school district; president; meetings; maintenance of order.**

If any district meeting of a Class I, II, III, IV, or VI school district any person conducts himself or herself in a disorderly manner and persists in such conduct after notice by the president or person presiding, the president or person presiding may order such person to withdraw from the meeting and, if the person refuses, may order any person or persons to take such person into custody until the meeting is adjourned.

7. As stated in **NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-571 Class I, II, III, IV, or VI school district; meetings; disorderly conduct; penalty.**

Any person who refuses to withdraw from such meeting on being so ordered as provided in section 79-570 or who willfully disturbs such meeting shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

## 5. Consent Agenda

### Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with the exception of moving item 5.H Student handbook approval to the business agenda and Staff Handbook. Passed with a motion by Amy Haines and a second by Mr. Mike Lutz.

Brad Baney: Yea  
Jason Frederick: Yea  
Amy Haines: Yea  
Kevin League: Yea  
Kent Lorens: Yea  
Mr. Mike Lutz: Yea  
Shad Stamm: Yea

### 5.A. Verification of publication and notice

#### Consent Item

To verify that notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Benkelman Post, a legal newspaper for Dundy County Stratton and by written notice to each member of the board, the designated method of giving notice

### 5.B. Adoption of the agenda

#### Consent Item

To adopt the agenda of this meeting. The board reserves the right to change the order of items within the agenda.

5.C. Approval of the minutes

Consent Item

5.D. Payment of the bills

Consent Item

5.E. Final activity assignments

Consent Item

Mike, Mike and Adam should have activity assignments finalized. These should be approved during the consent agenda. The policy will be forthcoming to make these assignments an administrative function.

5.F. Classified staff handbook approval

Consent Item

This document has not been updated in some time. I made some revisions and changed the format a little. It is somewhat modeled after Crete Public Schools using our information.

6. Business Meeting

Action Item

#### 6.A. Staff handbook approval

##### Action Item

Motion to approve the staff handbook for 2016-2017 Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Kent Lorens.

Brad Baney: Yea

Jason Frederick: Yea

Amy Haines: Yea

Kevin League: Yea

Kent Lorens: Yea

Mr. Mike Lutz: Yea

Shad Stamm: Yea

#### 6.B. Student handbook approval

##### Action Item

The handbooks have been updated and are ready for your approval

Motion to approve the 2016-2017 student handbook as presented. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Kevin League.

Brad Baney: Yea

Jason Frederick: Yea

Amy Haines: Yea

Kevin League: Yea

Kent Lorens: Yea

Mr. Mike Lutz: Yea

Shad Stamm: Yea

#### 6.C. Financial Report

##### Action Item

Motion to approve the financial report as presented Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Kent Lorens.

Brad Baney: Yea  
Jason Frederick: Yea  
Amy Haines: Yea  
Kevin League: Yea  
Kent Lorens: Yea  
Mr. Mike Lutz: Yea  
Shad Stamm: Yea

#### 6.D. Board budget discussion

##### Action Item

This agenda item for the purpose of discussing the budgeget for the 2016-2017 school year as well as the potential tax request for 2017.

#### 6.E. Approval of teaching contract

##### Action Item

We have found a certificated teacher to replace Cindy McVicker in Title I. We would like to recommend Chris Watt for this position. Mr. Watt is a graduate of Stratton High and was most recently employed by Holdrege Schools. He has endorsements in Social Studies, Coaching, Drivers Education and Counseling as well as Elementary Education.

This means Tracy Lambley will stay in Special Education for now and Courtney Nix will be her aide. Courtney will continue working towards her degree in Elementary Special Education.

Motion to approve the teaching contract for Chris Watt for the 2016-2017 school year  
Passed with a motion by Kevin League and a second by Mr. Mike Lutz.

Brad Baney: Yea  
Jason Frederick: Yea  
Amy Haines: Yea  
Kevin League: Yea  
Kent Lorens: Yea  
Mr. Mike Lutz: Yea  
Shad Stamm: Yea

## 6.F. NASB Area meetings

### Action Item

The NASB area meetings are coming up soon, plan to sign up. The first meeting is in Kearney on September 1 in Kearney, the second is in North Platte on Sept. 28. Registration begins at 3:30MT at both sites. Let Crissy, Stacey or myself know if you need to be signed up. There is a \$20 cancellation fee. Mike B., Amy, Jason and Kevin should be receiving awards this year.

## 6.G. 2017-2018 Negotiations committee

### Action Item

The board should select their negotiators. The committee for 2016-2017 negotiations was Sandy Noffsinger, Chair, Amy Haines - Past Chair, Kent Lorens and Jason Frederick. The president may appoint the committee or it may be done via a motion.

## 7. Reports

### Action Item

### 7.A. Technology report

#### Information Item

### 7.B. Elementary principal report



Information Item

7.C. Secondary principal report

Information Item

7.D. Transportation report

Information Item

7.E. Superintendent report

Information Item

7.F. Board and committee reports

Information Item

7.F.1. Board information

Information Item

7.F.2. Finance/Budget/Legislation committee

Information Item

7.F.3. Transportation/Facilities/Grounds committee

Information Item

7.F.4. Curriculum/Activities/Staff Development committee

Information Item

7.F.5. Americanism committee

Information Item

7.F.6. Negotiations committee

Information Item

8. Adjourn

Information Item

at 8:43 Passed with a motion by Kevin League and a second by Kent Lorens.

Brad Baney: Yea

Jason Frederick: Yea  
Amy Haines: Yea  
Kevin League: Yea  
Kent Lorens: Yea  
Mr. Mike Lutz: Yea  
Shad Stamm: Yea