

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2017 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. Oath of Office and conflict of interest form

Procedural Item

Board members should sign the oath of office and conflict of interest forms as a matter of procedure.

1.D. Election of officers

Action Item

The board annually elects officers at the January meeting.

Nominations for President: Frederick nominated Amy Haines, Sandy nominates Shad Stamm. Motion by League, second by Baney to cease nominations for President. All in favor. Haines-3 Stamm-6. Nominations for VP: Baney nominated Lorens. Haines nominated Haines; Blecha nominated Frederick. League motion nominations Lorens second. Frederick- Haines- Lorens-5 remains VP Nominations for Secretary: Kerchal nominated Noffsinger, League nominated Haines. Motion by Lorens, second by League to cease nominations for Secretary. Haines, Noffsinger. Noffsinger retains. Nominations for Treasurer: Lorens nominated Blecha, Noffsinger cease nominations, Lorens second. Blecha abstained Passed with a motion by Sandy Noffsinger and a second by Kent Lorens.

Mike Blecha:	Abstain (With Conflict)
Brad Baney:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Amy Haines:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Kevin League:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

1.E. Excuse absent member(s)

Action Item

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

Information 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. Passed with a motion by Brad Baney and a second by Kevin League.

Amy Haines:	Nay
Brad Baney:	Yea
Mike Blecha:	Yea

Jason Frederick:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Kevin League:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	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 Dundee 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. Authorization of board to conduct board business

Consent Item

Annual item which allows for board members to sign checks and forms as required by policy, statute and Nebraska Department of Education regulations. Many times a copy of the minutes with this motion is required to be sent with the rest of the paperwork.

5.F. Appoint non-discrimination officer

Consent Item

Appointing this officer is an annual item of business

5.G. Appoint recording secretary

Consent Item

This is also an annual item of business.

5.H. Mileage rate

Consent Item

Annual item of business. We traditionally follow the federal mileage rate (IRS) for all programs. The motion from last year was to continue to follow the federal mileage rate. The rate dropped from \$0.54 to \$0.535.

5.I. Designate official depository

Consent Item

We annually make a motion to designate an official depository and bank.

5.J. Designate State and Federal programs coordinator for the district

Consent Item

Another annual item of business. For many programs this is statutorily the superintendent.

6. Business Meeting

Action Item

6.A. Financial Report

Action Item

Presentation of the financial status of the district, balances in various funds, recent/impending activity therein, anticipated expenses and planning for future considerations.

Motion to approve the financial report. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Amy Haines.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Mike Blecha:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Amy Haines:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Kevin League:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

6.B. Designation of official publication

Action Item

We annually designate our official publication

Motion to designate the Benkelman Post and News Chronicle as the official publication of the district. Passed with a motion by Kevin League and a second by Mike Blecha.

Jason Frederick:	Abstain (With Conflict)
Brad Baney:	Yea
Mike Blecha:	Yea
Amy Haines:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Kevin League:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

6.C. Assignment of Committees

Action Item

Committees are annually appointed/re-appointed. This can be done by presidential appointment or board motion.

Current Committees are:

Finance/Budget/Legislation: Mike Blecha, Kent Lorens, Sandy Noffsinger, _____

Transportation/Facilities/Grounds: Brad Baney, Mike Blecha, Kevin League, Kent Lorens

Curriculum/Activities/Staff Development: Jason Frederick, Amy Haines, Sandy Noffsinger, Shad Stamm

Americanism: Mike Blecha, Amy Haines, _____

If you are interested in a new committee assignment please let me know prior to the meeting.

Finance/Budget/Legislation: Mike Blecha, Kent Lorens, Sandy Noffsinger, Brad Baney

Transportation/Facilities/Grounds: Craig Kerchal, Mike Blecha, Kevin League, Kent

Lorens Curriculum/Activities/Staff Development: Jason Frederick, Amy Haines, Sandy

Noffsinger, Shad Stamm Americanism: Mike Blecha, Amy Haines, Craig Kerchal Passed with a motion by Kevin League and a second by Amy Haines.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Mike Blecha:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Amy Haines:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Kevin League:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea

Shad Stamm: Yea

6.D. Goals

Action Item

We adopted goal areas at the December meeting. It is my opinion that the board committees should write the goals, develop plans to implement and determine how we will measure progress. The board went through a good process to develop the areas and it will be better if they hammer out the final versions. Below are the goal areas and the committee I think should work on those goals:

1. Community relations/career pathways
 - (Curriculum/activities/staff development, Jason, Amy, Sandy, Shad)
2. Increasing cash reserves/budget efficiency
 - (Finance, budget, legislation, Mike, Kent, Sandy, _____)
3. Staff development/professional growth.
 - (Curriculum/activities/staff development, Jason, Amy, Sandy, Shad)

They will just be better goals if we do them this way.

Motion to assign the committees to develop district goals in the areas of Community relations/career pathways, cash reserves/budget efficiency, and staff development/professional growth Passed with a motion by Kevin League and a second by Jason Frederick.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Mike Blecha:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Amy Haines:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Kevin League:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

6.E. Board insurance

Action Item

This item is to allow for updated information and discussion on board member purchase of health insurance through the school.

What we know so far is this:

1. It is allowed.
2. Signup must take place during open enrollment period or after a 'life event'
3. Board members who wish to purchase the insurance write a check directly to the school.
4. We will need a policy.

Questions I have been asked are:

1. What should that policy say?
2. . Among those of you who are interested are there enough to create your own pool and have a plan different from the teachers or are you all just wanting the teacher plan?
3. If you purchase the plan does that create any conflicts when you are on the negotiations committee?
4. Do we want to schedule Greg Long from Blue Cross to come visit with us and the teachers?

6.F. School calendar

Action Item

The February board meeting agenda will include adoption of the 2017-2018 calendar. Attached is a blank calendar and the memo that will go to staff. If you have anything you would like to see in a calendar now would be the time to bring it up.

6.G. District travel

Action Item

This month is a good time to discuss the ins and outs of district travel, compensation/reimbursement and how all of that is handled.

6.H. Lunch program

Action Item

This agenda item is to allow for discussion of the lunch program structure, staffing and overall function.

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

Superintendent Report

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1. **In-service:** There is no school on Jan. 16 for the ESU In-service/PLC training day in McCook.
2. **RPAC:** We are hosting the first round of RPAC Basketball on Jan. 21. That means we have 6 games here on that Saturday, starting at 10 AM. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to help please contact Crissy.
3. **More RPAC:**

Quiz Bowl Jan. 11 at Southwest
Art Contest Jan. 18 at Cambridge
Wrestling Jan. 20 at Medicine Valley
Vocal Music Feb. 6 at Hayes Center
Speech Meet Feb. 15 at Hitchcock County
4. **RPAC/MCC:** RPAC and MCC are committed to hosting Volleyball and Basketball Finals at the Graff Event Center through the 2017-2018 seasons. The Student Council Workshop will be held on the MCC campus through the 2019-2020 school year. This partnership has and continues to provide outstanding opportunities for our students and MCC as well.
5. **Legislature:** Senator Jim Scheer of Norfolk was elected Speaker of the Legislature, defeating Senator Matt Williams of Gothenburg. Senator Mike Groene of North Platte was elected Chair of the Education Committee over Senator Roy Baker of the area south of Lincoln.

7.F. Board and committee reports

Information Item

7.F.1. Board information

Information Item

Board items January 2017

Upcoming board workshops: There is a lot of stuff for you to potentially attend coming up. Let Crissy you know if you wish to be signed up.

1. NASB Legislative issues: Lincoln, Jan. 22-23 (Sandy is registered, I will be registering)
2. NASB Budget and Finance Workshop: Lincoln Jan. 23
3. ESU 15/16 Workshop: North Platte, Jan. 25 at 4:00
4. Education Forum: Kearney, Feb. 8-9
5. NRCSA Legislative update: Lincoln, Feb. 22
6. NASB Presidents Retreat: Kearney Feb. 26-27, Norfolk Mar. 5-6
7. NASB School Law Basics: Gering Mar. 7, Kearney Mar. 14, Norfolk Mar. 16, Lincoln Mar. 21
8. NRCSA Spring Conference: Kearney March 23-24
9. NSBA National Conference: Denver, Co, March 25-27
10. NASB SWEAT (School Wellness Education & Training): Kearney April 12-13

7.F.1.a. Review of policy pertaining to board

Action Item

This item is before you to allow access to these policies as a resource for any discussion that comes up during agenda items.

7.F.1.b. Board Calendar

Action Item

Attached is the tentative Board Calendar. This allow us all to look forward a little and know those items which will be consistently coming before the board each month.

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 8:10 Passed with a motion by Brad Baney and a second by Kevin League.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Mike Blecha:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Amy Haines:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Kevin League:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

