

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, September 11, 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. Excuse absent member(s)

##### Action Item

Motion to excuse Brad Baney, Craig Kerchal, and Sandy Noffsinger from the meeting.  
Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Kevin League.

Mike Blecha: Yea

Jason Frederick: Yea

Amy Haines: Yea

Kevin League: Yea

Kent Lorens: 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. Business Meeting

### Action Item

#### 5.A. Consent Agenda

##### Consent Agenda

##### 5.A.1. 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.A.2. 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.A.3. Approval of the minutes

###### Consent Item

#### 5.A.4. Payment of the bills

Consent Item

#### 5.A.5. Set pre-school lunch prices

Consent Item

The administration and food service manager recommend changing the lunch cost for a pre-school student to \$2.00

#### 5.B. 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 as presented Passed with a motion by Mike Blecha and a second by Sandy Noffsinger.

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

#### 5.C. Adoption of 2017-2018 Budget

Action Item

Approval of 2017-2018 budget

Motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget as presented. Passed with a motion by Craig Kerchal and a second by Kevin League.

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

#### 5.D. Approval of tax request resolution

##### Action Item

The adoption of the budget in the previous item leads to approval of the district tax request. We are approving a dollar amount for the tax request, not the levy amount. The attached resolution is what you are being asked to approve.

Motion to approve the tax request for the 2017-2018 budget as stated in the attached motion. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Mike Blecha.

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

#### 5.E. Approval of bus routes

##### Action Item

The board annually approves bus routes. We approve them at the September meeting to try to iron out the kinks before approval. It went much smoother this year with Robert here.

Motion to approve the bus routes as presented. Passed with a motion by Mike Blecha and a second by Amy Haines.

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

#### 5.F. District enrollment

##### Information Item

The administration will present enrollment numbers to the board.

#### 5.G. Senator Kolowski letter

##### Action Item

Senator Kolowski represents District 44 and is the vice-chair of the Education Committee. He is seeking input from school regarding the types things we would like to be part of or removed from the state aid formula. Bring thoughts for discussion. His letter is attached.

#### 5.H. Negotiations for 2018-2019 contract year

##### Action Item

The board needs to select it's negotiations team for this year. This can be accomplished via motion and vote or presidential appointment. Last year's Negotiation team was:

Chair: Jason Frederick

Past Chair: Sandy Noffsinger

Committee: Amy Haines, Kent Lorens

If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Shad or myself.

### 5.H.1. Negotiations Strategy

#### Action Item

The statutory timeline for negotiation is:

- September 1 Bargaining agent must request recognition
- October 1 Governing board must respond to request
- November 1 negotiations must begin
- February 8 If no agreement parties must submit to resolution officer

The board may want to consider entering executive session to discuss strategy for this negotiations season.

#### 5.H.1.a. Enter closed session

##### Action Item

The board should enter closed session to discuss negotiations strategies.

After the motion the president states:

The board has adopted a motion to enter closed session to discuss the negotiations strategy because it is in the school district's best interest and the public's best interest to discuss this in closed session. The board will limit its discussion to this issue.

Motion for the board to enter closed session to discuss negotiations strategy because it is in the school district's interest and the public's best interest to discuss this in closed session. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Kevin League.

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



#### 5.H.1.b. Exit closed session

##### Action Item

The board exits executive session when the president declares the session over or when an individual board member feels the board is no longer discussing the material matter of the motion to enter executive session.

After the declaration and motion to exit executive session has passed the president states: The board entered closed session to discuss the negotiations strategy because it is in the school district's best interest and the public's best interest to discuss this in closed session. The board limited its discussion to that issue.

President Stamm declared the meeting out of executive session at 7:07. President Stamm noted the only item of discussion was negotiations strategy Motion for the board to enter back into open session. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Amy Haines.

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

#### 5.H.2. Select negotiations team

##### Action Item

The board needs to select it's negotiations team for this year. This can be accomplished via motion and vote or presidential appointment. Last year's Negotiation team was:

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Committee: Amy Haines, Kent Lorens

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## 5.I. NASB Report

### Action Item

Sandy may have information from the NASB to report

## 6. Approval of substitute teacher list

### Consent Item

The board annually approves the current list of potential substitute teachers.

Motion to approve the presented substitute teacher list. Passed with a motion by Amy Haines and a second by Kevin League.

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

## 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

## 8. Adjournment

### Action Item

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19. Passed with a motion by Mike Blecha and a second by Kevin League.

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