

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, May 14, 2018 6:00 PM
Dundy County Stratton High School
400 9th Avenue West
Benkelman, Nebraska 69021

1. Opening Procedures

Procedural Item

1.A. Call to order

Action Item

1.B. Roll Call

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

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. Passed with a motion by Sandy Noffsinger and a second by Brad Baney.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Mike Blecha:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	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 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. Summer student group vehicle use and group supervision

Consent Item

Something we approve annually. The NSAA allows for the use of school vehicles with annual board approval.

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 as presented. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Mike Blecha.

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

6.B. School nutrition fund budget amendment

Action Item

We had the hearing on this matter prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve the amended school nutrition fund budget as presented. Passed with a motion by Mike Blecha and a second by Sandy Noffsinger.

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

6.C. Hiring process review

Action Item

Mike, Adam and I will review the hiring process.

6.D. TERIP Policy

Action Item

We have the proposed revisions to this policy and it is attached to the packet. The only changes are the addition of language to limit payouts to 2 applications per year. This would be first reading of two.

The board does not have to put any limit in policy. The original policy gives the board complete discretion over the funding of the policy and the number. Limiting it to two eliminates any discretion on the part of the board

Motion to approve the Teacher Early Retirement Incentive Plan policy #4058 changes as presented on the first reading. Passed with a motion by Craig Kerchal and a second by Sandy Noffsinger.

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

6.E. Projects

Action Item

It would be my recommendation that we pursue two major projects this summer. One would be the replacement of our bus radio system with a more powerful and newer system. The other would be the replacement of the lock systems in all three buildings, this would include some new exterior doors in the high school to make the lock mechanisms work better.

6.F. Pre-school

Action Item

We would like to discuss the pre-school set up for next year at this meeting. This agenda item is to allow for discussion and if necessary, any and all action regarding the district pre-school. Part of our discussion needs to include but not be limited to: the general structure, the fees charged and the situation surrounding transportation of the students.

6.G. Teacher contract release

Action Item

Sharriea Burke has a signed contract for next year. From a legal perspective you would not be required to release her from that obligation after April 15. The other teachers who have left the district this year had not yet returned signed contracts. It is my recommendation that you release her from her contract for the 2018-2019 school year and thank her for her years of service to the district.

Motion to release Sharriea Burke from her teaching contract for the 2018-19 school year and thank her for her 9 years of service to the district Passed with a motion by Craig Kerchal and a second by Mike Blecha.

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

6.H. New teacher contract offer approval

Action Item

We are seeking a replacement for Sharriea Burke and hope to have a contract offer ready for your approval at the meeting.

At this time we do not have a contract to offer

6.I. District communications

Action Item

During the meeting I will attempt to share some information from a company called Apptegy. They connect the school website, twitter feed, facebook page and notification system into a linked package of platforms. It's not free but I think it has some merit to look at this company or find someone who has a similar capability and track record.

6.J. Goal discussion- Improvement and expansion of buildings and grounds

Action Item

6.K. NASB update and Legislation

Action Item

Item to discuss any new information from NASB and information following the conclusion of the legislative session. We could also submit legislative proposals for NASB.

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. Excuse absent member(s)

Action Item

Motion to excuse Amy Haines and Kevin League from the meeting Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Mike Blecha.

Brad Baney: Yea

Mike Blecha: Yea

Jason Frederick: Yea

Craig Kerchal: Yea

Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

9. Adjourn

Information Item

to adjourn Passed with a motion by Mike Blecha and a second by Craig Kerchal.

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