

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 13, 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 Mike Blecha and a second by Brad Baney.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Mike Blecha:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Amy Haines:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	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

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 financial report as presented. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Sandy Noffsinger.

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

6.B. Extended contract

Action Item

Typically FFA sponsors receive their additional compensation through extended contracts. Their negotiated agreement stipend is smaller than the other clubs but the extended contract evens that up. The reason that FFA is different is the fact that part of the student requirement is to have a supervised project. The extended contract days allow for this supervision. The board has not approved the extended days for Christen Williamson. She is receiving the FFA stipend. Mr. Behlke was at 17 days, the state average is approximately 20.

The negotiated agreement dictates the amount of the stipend, the board sets the number of days of extended contract.

Motion to approve an extended contract of 17 days for Christen Williamson for FFA that will be documented and will be re-evaluated yearly. Passed with a motion by Craig Kerchal and a second by Mike Blecha.

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

6.C. Budget hearing

Action Item

This agenda item is for the discussion of the procedures used for the budget hearing. The past couple years we have had that hearing two weeks after the August meeting. Prior to that we had that hearing the same night as the September board meeting and budget adoption.

6.D. NDE/NCSA/NSAA/NASB/NCA/NSEA/NSIAAAA/NRCSA/NSBoE Statement of Principle

Action Item

I have attached for your viewing and our possible discussion the document published by all of the above groups in response to some of the complaints and activities that took place last fall and this spring (and before this year as well).

6.E. Policy updates

Action Item

6.E.1. Purchasing policy

Action Item

The laws regarding purchasing have changed. The dollar amounts have been increased. The changed policy is attached for your first round consideration. It would be my recommendation not to make this change.

6.E.2. New Policy

Action Item

After review of the newest policies from KSB, I have four policies that need to be added. 3017, Press Releases; 3039 Threat Assessment and 5067 Student Assistance Team.

Motion to approve new policies: 3017, Press Releases; 3039 Threat Assessment; 5067, Student Assistance Team as presented Passed with a motion by Sandy Noffsinger and a second by Craig Kerchal.

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

6.E.3. Policy rename

Action Item

Another part of the policy updates is to rename and amend policy 4036 Crisis Team Duties to policy 3041

Motion to rename and amend policy 4036 Crisis Team Duties to policy 3041. Passed with a motion by Mike Blecha and a second by Amy Haines.

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

6.E.4. Policy cleanup

Action Item

The other outcome of the policy review is the deletion of policies which are redundant, unnecessary or have been integrated elsewhere. The attached documents are the indexes for each policy series, indicating which policies are to be deleted and where they can be found.

Motion to delete current policies 1004, 1501, 3500, 4021, 4026, 4033, 4035, 4036, 4049, 4062, 5013, 5029, 5038, 5047, 5051, 5067, 5068, 5069, 5070, 5073 and 6023 as presented, first reading. Passed with a motion by Mike Blecha and a second by Kent Lorens.

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

6.F. Staff handbook

Action Item

Item to allow for consideration of the 2018-2019 Staff Handbook

Motion to approved the staff handbook as presented. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Kent Lorens.

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

6.G. Student handbook

Action Item

Item to allow for consideration of the 2018-2019 Student Handbook

Motion to approved student handbook as presented. Passed with a motion by Amy Haines and a second by Kent Lorens.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Mike Blecha:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Amy Haines:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea

Sandy Noffsinger: Yea
Shad Stamm: Yea

6.H. Activities Handbook

Action Item

Item to allow for consideration of the 2018-2019 Activities Handbook

Motion to approve activity handbook as presented. Passed with a motion by Mike Blecha and a second by Craig Kerchal.

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

6.I. Course offering update

Information Item

Mr. Fette will update the board on course offering changes and some of the new ways we will be trying to provide some expanded learning opportunities for our students.

6.J. Pre-school plan report

Action Item

Mr. Rotherham will discuss the plans for the addition of the transitional kindergarten to our school system..

6.K. NSAA classification update

Information Item

The girls were classified as D1 for Volleyball and I suspect that will be the same for Basketball. If that pattern holds the boys will also be D1 in basketball.

6.L. NASB area meetings

Information Item

August 27 | Valentine
August 28 | Gering
August 29 | Kearney
September 12 | Nebraska City
September 19 | York
September 26 | North Platte
October 3 | Norfolk
October 10 | Omaha
October 17 | Fremont

6.M. NASB information

Action Item

August 27 | Valentine
August 28 | Gering
August 29 | Kearney
September 12 | Nebraska City
September 19 | York
September 26 | North Platte
October 3 | Norfolk
October 10 | Omaha
October 17 | Fremont

6.N. Meeting locations

Action Item

We have been holding the December meeting in Stratton for the past couple of years. Does another month work better for that?

Motion to move the November meeting to Stratton. Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Craig Kerchal.

Brad Baney: Yea

Mike Blecha:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Amy Haines:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	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

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 Kevin League from the meeting. Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Amy Haines.

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

9. Adjourn

Information Item

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM Passed with a motion by Mike Blecha and a second by Craig Kerchal.

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