

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 8, 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

1.C. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural Item

New to the agenda this month. At the NSAA board meetings the pledge is led by the vice-president. Just a thought.

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

Brad Baney: Yea

Mike Blecha:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	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

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.

Included this month is a new document which contains 5 years of data for the current month. The data included is month and year to date income, month and year to date expenses, the fund balances for the past 5 years and an average for each of those items.

Also included this month are the Certified School Adjusted Value Reports for the past two years. These pages show the state adjustments to the local assessors valuation.

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

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

6.B. Roof repair

Action Item

Weathercraft has been here to evaluate the condition of our roofs. They propose \$798.74 in repairs to the high school facility and \$287.49 to Benkelman Elementary. These are simple maintenance projects.

They propose replacement of the roof at Stratton Elementary for a price of \$56,500. Since this estimate is well under the threshold where we are required to undergo the formal bidding process you may approve the replacement or go through the formal bidding process.

Weathercraft has helped us squeeze three extra years out of that roof by doing some repairs over the years.

The proposal is within what I consider a normal range based on other projects and I would recommend that we approve Weathercraft to proceed.

Motion to approve Weathercraft Companies to repair the roofs at Benkelman Elementary and the High School and to replace the roof at Stratton Elementary. Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Brad Baney.

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

6.C. Audit

Action Item

The annual required audit was conducted on Oct. 1 and 2. If we have any news we will report it to the board.

6.D. ALICAP Safety Audit

Action Item

The safety committee has reviewed the document and will discuss it at the meeting.

Rule 10 Safety Committee

Robert, Jody, Adam, Lisa, Patrick, Sandy, Pam, Rich, Mike, JoLen, Karla, Sheriff's Office

Labor Committee Robert, Jody, Adam, Lisa, Patrick, Rich, Mike, JoLen, Karla

Motion to acknowledge the receipt and review of the 2018 ALICAP Safety Audit as presented Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Sandy Noffsinger.

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

6.E. Negotiations

Action Item

The board may need to further discuss further negotiations strategies and topics for the upcoming negotiating session.

The Statutory timeline is below:

- - September 1 Bargaining agent must request recognition (done Oct. 4, 2017)
 - October 1 Governing board must respond to request (done Feb. 12, 2018)
 - November 1 negotiations must begin
 - February 8 If no agreement parties must submit to resolution officer
 - March 25 Negotiations must end
 - September 15 CIR must render a decision on dispute

We need to to either meet or mutually agree to delay the first meeting prior to to November 1.

Presidents statement before entering executive session:

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.

Presidents statement upon leaving executive session:

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 this issue.

Motion for the board to mutually agree with the teacher's association to delay beginning of negotiations until after November 1. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Kent Lorens.

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

6.F. NASB information

Action Item

The monthly NASB update is attached.

6.G. Outdoor projects

Information Item

There are some things I would like to discuss involving our facilities.

6.H. NASB voting delegate

Action Item

One board member may be selected to be our voting delegate at the State Conference in November.

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

Craig, Kevin and possibly Amy will be unable to attend the meeting. They have all contacted me.

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

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

9. Adjourn

Information Item

Motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM. Passed with a motion by Mike Blecha and a second by Kent Lorens.

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