

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2019 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

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. Student presentation

Action Item

When feasible we will have a student group present at this point in the meeting.

4. Successes and Good News from the High School Staff

- Two wrestlers have qualified for the state tournament. Brenden Warman at 120 pounds and Delton Haines at 220 pounds.
- Mr. Ronne would like to share that the RPAC Vocal Clinic went very well. Our students were strong leaders in their sections and Olivia Sis earned a solo at the concert.
- Mrs. Zarkowski would like to share that the junior high art students are working on clay project mugs. They are a favorite project across the board for most students. She is thankful for the opportunity to work in clay with all the grades.
- Mrs. Fette would like to share that for quarter 2, 4 students had a 4.0 and 48 students had a 3.5 or better term GPA to make the honor roll. That is approximately 38% of our students making the honor roll.
- Mrs. Fox would like to share that students in the Video Production class each submitted one of their productions from first semester to the 2019 NETA Student Contest. NETA is the Nebraska Educational Technology Association that leads the way for helping schools integrate technology into the curriculum. Grace Frederick's submission of her Zorn Theater 90th Anniversary Celebration video made for our local theater placed 2nd in the 9-12 Video division.
- Nearly every 7-12th grade student is participating in the new random drug testing program.

Action Item

5. 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.

6. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Steve Guernsey.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Steve Guernsey:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Nick Ladenburger:	Yea
Toby Marlin:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

6.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 Dundly County Stratton and by written notice to each member of the board, the designated method of giving notice

6.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.

6.C. Approval of the minutes

Consent Item

6.D. Payment of the bills

Consent Item

6.E. Teacher resignation(s)

Consent Item

We have teacher resignation(s) to act on at this meeting

7. Business Meeting

Action Item

7.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 Nick Ladenburger.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Steve Guernsey:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Nick Ladenburger:	Yea
Toby Marlin:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

7.B. NASB information

Information Item

7.C. Assessment/AQuESST Report

Information Item

Mike and Adam will present some information from the state accountability reporting

7.D. Staffing 2019-

Action Item

Item intended for discussion of staffing needs for next year and possibly for the remainder of this year.

Motion to enter executive session at 7:11 for the purpose of discussing staffing for 2019-2020 school year because it is in the school district's interest, to prevent needless injury to someone's reputation and the public's best interest to discuss this in closed session. because it is in the public's best interest to do so Passed with a motion by Craig Kerchal and a second by Toby Marlin.

Brad Baney:	Yea
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Jason Frederick: Yea
Steve Guernsey: Yea
Craig Kerchal: Yea
Nick Ladenburger: Yea
Toby Marlin: Yea
Sandy Noffsinger: Yea
Shad Stamm: Yea

Motion to enter executive session at 7:11 for the purpose of discussing staffing for 2019-2020 school year because it is in the school district's interest, to prevent needless injury to someone's reputation and the public's best interest to discuss this in closed session. because it is in the public's best interest to do so Passed with a motion by Craig Kerchal and a second by Toby Marlin.

Brad Baney: Yea
Jason Frederick: Yea
Steve Guernsey: Yea
Craig Kerchal: Yea
Nick Ladenburger: Yea
Toby Marlin: Yea
Sandy Noffsinger: Yea
Shad Stamm: Yea

Motion to enter into open session. Passed with a motion by Sandy Noffsinger and a second by Nick Ladenburger.

Brad Baney: Yea
Jason Frederick: Yea
Steve Guernsey: Yea
Craig Kerchal: Yea
Nick Ladenburger: Yea
Toby Marlin: Yea
Sandy Noffsinger: Yea
Shad Stamm: Yea

7.E. New teacher contract(s)

Action Item

We may have new teacher contract(s) for the board to approve

7.F. Track and outdoor stadium upgrades

Action Item

If we are going to do this we need to get it scheduled. The cost breakdown of what is proposed is below:

Track structural spray: \$65,675

PV runway surface: \$1,069

New LJ/TJ runways: \$8,250

LJ/TJ surface: \$3,667

HJ expansion concrete: \$26,400

HJ surfacing: \$14,667

Total cost: \$119,728

From Depreciation \$66,744

From Sp. Building: \$52,984

The cost to just put the structural spray on the track and surface the existing runways as they are currently configured would be \$78,393.

The 'ultimate' long and triple jump facility would add \$62,083. Moving the pole vault facility inside the track would add \$14,072.

Motion to approve the cost of \$119,728 as presented for track improvements. Failed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Nick Ladenburger.

Brad Baney: Nay

Craig Kerchal: Nay

Nick Ladenburger: Nay

Toby Marlin: Nay

Jason Frederick: Yea

Steve Guernsey: Yea

Sandy Noffsinger: Yea

Shad Stamm: Yea

Motion to approve the track structural spray \$65,675 and the high jump expansion and surfacing \$26,400, and \$14,667 for a total of \$106,742. Passed with a motion by Shad Stamm and a second by Craig Kerchal.

Brad Baney: Yea

Jason Frederick: Yea

Steve Guernsey: Yea

Craig Kerchal: Yea
Nick Ladenburger: Yea
Toby Marlin: Yea
Sandy Noffsinger: Yea
Shad Stamm: Yea

7.G. Bus/Vehicle acquisition

Action Item

After the transportation committee meeting discussion I am recommending that we purchase a new bus for next year. This bus would need to be a 47 passenger. It would replace #27 on the route. We would dispose of #26 after the arrival of this bus.

Motion to approve the specifications and to seek bids on a new 47 passenger route bus.

Passed with a motion by Steve Guernsey and a second by Craig Kerchal.

Brad Baney: Yea
Jason Frederick: Yea
Steve Guernsey: Yea
Craig Kerchal: Yea
Nick Ladenburger: Yea
Toby Marlin: Yea
Sandy Noffsinger: Yea
Shad Stamm: Yea

7.H. 2019-2020 School Calendar

Action Item

Motion to approve the 19-20 calendar as presented. Passed with a motion by Craig Kerchal and a second by Brad Baney.

Brad Baney: Yea
Jason Frederick: Yea
Steve Guernsey: Yea
Craig Kerchal: Yea
Nick Ladenburger: Yea
Toby Marlin: Yea

Sandy Noffsinger: Yea
Shad Stamm: Yea

7.I. Legislation

Action Item

8. Reports

Action Item

8.A. Technology report

Information Item

8.B. ELDA Testing

The statewide assessment for English Language Learners is taking place at this time. This is a yearly test to evaluate growth of ELL students.

100 Days of School

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades celebrated 100 days of school on January 21st.

JH Quiz Bowl

The first JH Quiz Bowl was Monday, February 5th at Southwest High School.

5th & 6th Grade Healthy Habits for Kids Day in Culbertson

The 5th and 6th Grades from Benkelman and Stratton attended the Healthy Habits for Kids Day on February 5, 2019.

They learned about food nutrition and healthy snacks.

Lockdown drills

Both Elementary buildings held a lockdown drill on 1/10/2019. The students took the drill very seriously and did a nice job. We will continue these drills throughout the year to improve our

preparedness.

Radon Poster Contest

Eden Lozano, 5th grade Stratton Elementary, won first place in the 11-12 old age group Radon Poster Contest. She received a prize of \$50.00.

Information Item

8.C.

- Full day In-Service was held Monday February 4th.
 - Technology Updates/Training & School Improvement were the focus. For school improvement staff were split into two teacher teams as they progressed through a school improvement self-assessment tool.
 - ACT data was also shared with the appropriate staff to identify specific areas of improvement.
- Staff are preparing for spring assessments in grades 3-8 for math, science, and English. They are also preparing for the juniors' required ACT exam in the areas of math, science, English, reading, and writing.
- Annual ELPA testing will begin soon to evaluate the progress of our English Language Learners.
- The CTSO Week events went well with over 50 members actively participating.
- Review of applicants for the social studies and math positions has begun.
- The random drug testing policy sign up is complete. Nearly all of our 7-12th grade students are participating in the program.

Information Item

8.D. Transportation report

Information Item

8.E. Superintendent report

Information Item

1. **RPAC/MCC:** This arrangement has been highly beneficial for both parties. The gate from basketball this year, even without the raise in prices, was a new high. The financial arrangement for volleyball and basketball is we keep the gate and pay the officials, they provide the workers and keep the concessions. RPAC also sponsors a \$500 scholarship to MCC.
2. **Legislature:** If anyone has a crystal ball so you know what they are up to let the rest of us in on it. What I would anticipate is no movement on property taxes and the passage of some feel good legislation that means nothing other than another burden placed on schools.

8.F. Board and committee reports

Information Item

8.F.1. Board information

Information Item

Board information February 2019

1. **New board member workshop:** KSB School Law is putting on a video workshop for new board members Monday night at 5 MT. I have registered the board. Anyone can attend and it should last 50 minutes. I will post it as a workshop/no

action to be taken in three places. Technically, it is no different from driving to a workshop in Kearney; those do not have to be advertised, but to be safe I will post it. Three pieces of paper are cheap.

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

February 20 NASB Budget and Finance Workshop - North Platte

March 5 NRCSA Legislative Forum - Lincoln

March 21-22 NRCSA Spring Conference - Kearney

3. **Legislation:** I am trying to forward you more information on legislation as I get it.

8.F.2. Finance/Budget/Legislation committee

Information Item

8.F.3. Transportation/Facilities/Grounds committee

Information Item

8.F.4. Curriculum/Activities/Staff Development committee

Information Item

8.F.5. Americanism committee

Information Item

We will be having a committee meeting this spring, complete with an agenda, minutes and engaging discussion.

8.F.6. Negotiations committee

Information Item

9. Excuse absent member(s)

Action Item

10. Adjourn

Information Item

Motion to adjourn at 8:43 PM Passed with a motion by Nick Ladenburger and a second by Sandy Noffsinger.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Steve Guernsey:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Nick Ladenburger:	Yea
Toby Marlin:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

