

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2019 6:00 PM Mountain
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. 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 move items the payment of the bills from the consent agenda to the business agenda Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Jason Frederick.

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

Kent Lorens: Yea
Toby Marlin: 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. Approval of the minutes

Consent Item

5.C. Teacher contract release

Consent Item

Christen Williamson has accepted a position elsewhere. She cannot legally sign that contract until the board releases her from her contract here.

5.D. Summer student group vehicle use and group supervision

Consent Item

Something we approve annually. The NSAA allows the use of school vehicles by school groups with annual school board approval. Our practice is to require supervision and allow the use of our vehicles provided the school groups pay for all fuel used and any required drivers.

6. Business Meeting

Action Item

6.A. Payment of the bills

Action Item

Motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$485,987.11 from the general fund; \$4140.00 from the depreciation fund; \$13,289.05 from the activity fund and \$13,727.50 from the nutrition fund. Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Steve Guernsey.

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

6.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 Jason Frederick and a second by Nick Ladenburger.

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

6.C. Affordable Care Act insurance offers

Action Item

I would like to discuss our ACA compliant plan with the board. When we started in this process the board selected the \$4000 deductible plan as the plan we would offer classified staff. It's not a great plan. I would like to discuss changing our offer to the \$3500 HSA plan that the certificated staff can select under the dual choice option. At the time of selection we were told we could not offer that plan, new interpretation is we can. It costs the district a little more but is a better plan for the employee.

Motion to offer the \$3500 HDHP/\$1900 PPO dual option to classified staff. Failed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Sandy Noffsinger.

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

6.D. District insurance

Action Item

We have not bid the district insurance since 2012. Seeking new bids is an option the board may wish to pursue. I will have more information at the meeting.

Motion to seek bids for district insurance and to request Shane Sis with the Pinnacle Agency to be the agent of record. 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
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Toby Marlin:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

6.E. Chamber of Commerce membership

Action Item

In the past we have joined the Chamber of Commerce in the respective communities within our school district when we been sent membership information. This year we received the Dundy County information but I do not know which level of membership you wish to join at.

Motion to approve the bronze membership for the Dundy County Chamber of Commerce
Passed with a motion by Nick Ladenburger and a second by Sandy Noffsinger.

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

6.F. School website, notification, mobile app and communication

Action Item

This has come up before. Apptegy is a program that revamps our school webpage and also provides us with a phone app the makes our web page easily navigated on a phone. Hopefully you have all checked out the phone App that Paxton uses, they say it's great.

For my purposes the notification piece is something to look at. With the portion of their program called Thrillshare we can post to our webpage, app, twitter, and facebook accounts with one click, from our cell phones. We can also send out notifications of no school or event change times or don't drive by the hospital during construction from a cell phone. Currently to send these notices I (or Adam or Stacey) have to be by a computer.

Apptegy is tnot he only company we can find who does all of these things in a single place. Typically we set up the users on the school side and anything they want to post or send out only goes out after administrative approval.

We (Patrick) are researching other options.

6.G. Lift

Action Item

On the agenda in case we find one. We can also discuss other options at the meeting. One of the options we have discussed is buying an older and more used model. We could get one of

those for \$1500-\$2000 and then turn Rich and Robert loose refurbishing it. They do have some talent in that area.

6.H. Ag position

Action Item

We will discuss the replacement of the VoAg position

6.I. NASB information

Action Item

NASB sends out information to be included in the board packet. It is attached.

6.J. Summer projects

Action Item

In addition to the usual painting, refinishing, and repairs we will be revamping the food service area at the high school to meet the expectations of the school nutrition inspectors. The need for space may cause some shuffling.

6.K. Legislation

Action Item

In case we need to discuss current legislation

7. Reports

Action Item

7.A. Technology report

Information Item

7.B. Kindergarten Roundup

Both buildings have held their roundups. Stratton had no students for kindergarten roundup and 14 out of a possible 19 showed up for the Benkelman roundup.

Quiz Bowl

Dundy County Stratton 5th & 6th Grade Quiz Bowl Team got second place at the Quiz Bowl meet April 18th at Southwest.

End of the year counts

Benkelman Elementary K-6th ended the year with 139 students - August count was 128.
Stratton Elementary ended the year with 28 students - August count was 33.

Elementary Track Meet

The elementary track meet will be Monday May 13th. Kindergarten thru 3rd grade will participate in the morning and 4th thru 6th grades will participate in the afternoon.

AR Carnival

We will have an AR carnival on Wednesday May 15th for K-3rd grade as a reward for students who achieved their AR points. Grades 4th-6th will go to the YMCA in McCook.

Field Trips

Benkelman Elementary Kindergarten class will go to the fish hatchery on May 14th. 1st & 2nd grade will visit the Children's Museum in North Platte May 14th. The 3rd & 4th grades went to the Railyard in North Platte on May 9th and 5th grade went to the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. The 6th grade attended Northwest Tech Career Day in Goodland on April 24th.

Arbor Day Trees

Arbor Day Trees were donated to the grade schools by the ASCS office on April 27th in celebration of Arbor Day.

Loyalty Day

Mrs. Felt went to the Stratton Elementary on May 1st to listen to the Kindergarten say the pledge of Allegiance and gave a little history about Loyalty Day.

DARE Graduation

Benkelman Elementary DARE students attended the movie Bridge to Terabithia hosted by the Dundy County Sheriff's department at the Zorn Theater on May 8th.

NE 811 Award

Stratton Elementary had a presentation for the school and community for the NE 811 award they received. The community was invited, with flyers and invitations that the kids made. They planted a tree and had a cookie party.

Safety Day

The Dundy County Hospital held a Safety Day at Benkelman Elementary for Pre-School thru 6th grade students. They had 9 presenters demonstrate a variety of safe practices in different situations.

Information Item

7.C. Secondary principal report

Information Item

7.D. Transportation report

Information Item

7.E. Superintendent report

Information Item

Superintendent Report

May 13, 2019

1. **Graduation:** Will be Sunday at 2:00. Toby, Sandy and Shad have volunteered to be on the stage.
2. **Summer policy updates:** When we receive the summer policy updates from KSB they will be placed on your agenda. Hopefully we get them in early June so we can do June/July readings. July/August readings make it tougher to get handbooks, etc. updated.

7.F. Board and committee reports

Information Item

7.F.1. Board information

Information Item

Board Items

May 13, 2019

1. Reception:

Retirement reception for Peggy Parker and Bill Wilson will be on Tuesday May 14 at 4:30. We will also be recognizing the other staff who are moving on.

2. Legal update:

The annual legal update is Friday June 14 in Kearney.

3. Next meeting:

Scheduled at the High School on June 10, 2019 at 6:00 MT

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

9. Adjourn

Information Item

Motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Sandy Noffsinger.

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