

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 9, 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Mr. Rotherham: Talked to teachers who attended the MTSS Conference. Third grade restarted their visits the Hester Home on Wednesdays. Stratton Elementary had a violinist play for them over lunch.

Mr. Fette: Mrs Woods would like to thank everyone for their participating in fundraising. He thanked the the 5 other attendees other than himself that went to the MTSS conference. He reported on the conference and that it was very beneficial.

Superintendent Kent congratulated Sandy Noffsinger on receiving her Level VII award.

4. Public comment

Information Item

Welcome to the Dundly 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.

No public comment

5. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Sandy Noffsinger and a second by Kent Lorens.

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 Dund 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

There were some errors in the minutes the first time they were published. They were corrected and republished. What you are approving is the corrected version, although since you didn't approve the incorrect version you are simply approving the minutes.

As a point of interest, there is no legal requirement for the board to approve the minutes, only a requirement that a record of the action taken at a meeting be available within 10 days of the meeting. I am not suggesting that the board not approve the minutes.

5.C. Payment of the bills

Consent Item

5.D. Approval of bus routes

Consent Item

We are up and running and the routes are pretty set now. They are attached and ready for your approval.

As always they are subject to change.

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 Nick Ladenburger and a second by Toby Marlin.

Nick Ladenburger: Yea

Kent Lorens: Yea

Toby Marlin: Yea

Sandy Noffsinger: Yea

Shad Stamm: Yea

Superintendent Kent explained the transfers in the activity fund, reported on uncollected taxes, and year to date expenses.

6.B. NASB information

Action Item

Sandy achieved Level VII and received her award at the Area Membership Meeting in North Platte. Congratulations Sandy.

Sandy, Nick and Sandy attended the Area Membership Meeting in North Platte and may want to report on it.

Sharon Endorf was in the district Thursday afternoon. She is the NASB Director or Membership Engagement.

Labor Relations Conference in in Lincoln September 11-12.

State Education Conference is in Omaha on November 20-22. Pre-registration with motel reservations at the conference motels opens runs from Sept. 11-27. Straight pre-registration runs through November 8.

The national school boards conference in in Chicago this year. April 4-6.

Noffsinger reported on the handout that was given at the North Platte area meeting on school spending and revenue, and the different sessions they attended.

6.C. Legislation

Action Item

President Stamm noted there was discussion at the area meeting about trying a property tax relief bill again.

President Stamm commented on the need for increased special education funding and help, especially in rural areas like ours.

6.D. Approval of the tax request

Action Item

This item is for the board to approve the district's tax request. There is a formal resolution that goes with it.

Motion to approve the tax request resolution Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Jason Frederick.

Jason Frederick: Yea

Nick Ladenburger: Yea

Kent Lorens: Yea

Toby Marlin: Yea

Sandy Noffsinger: Yea

Shad Stamm: Yea

6.E. Approval of the budget

Action Item

The major portions of the budget are attached. The budget reflects the discussion from the past two meetings and the information published in the paper.

Motion to approve the Dundy County Stratton District #117 Budget for the 2019-2020 school year Passed with a motion by Sandy Noffsinger and a second by Nick Ladenburger.

Jason Frederick: Yea
Nick Ladenburger: Yea
Kent Lorens: Yea
Toby Marlin: Yea
Sandy Noffsinger: Yea
Shad Stamm: Yea

Superintendent Kent explained the budgeted expenses.

6.F. Declaration of excess property and authorization of sale

Action Item

With the acquisition of the new bus and activity van, we need to sell a bus and a van. We need to sell the lunch van (2003 Ford 15 passenger) and route bus (1999 Chevy 21 passenger).

Motion to declare as surplus the 2003 Ford 15 passenger van (#32) and the 1999 Chevy 21 passenger bus (#7) and authorize the seeking of bids for the vehicles. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Sandy Noffsinger.

Jason Frederick: Yea
Nick Ladenburger: Yea
Kent Lorens: Yea
Toby Marlin: Yea
Sandy Noffsinger: Yea
Shad Stamm: Yea

6.G. Show Choir and Marching Band

Action Item

Mr. Ronne would like to start Show Choir and Marching Band. This will involve some travel and occasionally overnight stays.

Show Choir means more than Swing Choir at the Fall Concert, it means travel to festivals and competitions. Marching Band also means not only marching at halftime of games but marching in parades and participating in competitions.

6.H. Diesel and Gasoline

Action Item

This item is to consider and take all necessary action regarding fuel for our vehicles.

It is time to look at gasoline and diesel fuel bids.

Frenchman Valley is our current provider of the fuel as well as the tanks in Stratton.

We may want to consider the purchase of those tanks. That situation has worked out well for our buses based in Stratton.

Motion to approve the low bid from Frenchman Valley. Passed with a motion by Sandy Noffsinger and a second by Kent Lorens.

Jason Frederick:	Yea
Nick Ladenburger:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Toby Marlin:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

6.I. Propane bids

Action Item

It is time to look at propane bids.

Southwest Fertilizer (Bosselman) is our current propane provider.

Southwest and Frenchman Valley will be bidding.

Motion to approve the low bid from Frenchman Valley. Passed with a motion by Sandy Noffsinger and a second by Kent Lorens.

Jason Frederick:	Yea
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Nick Ladenburger: Yea
Kent Lorens: Yea
Toby Marlin: 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

Mr. Fette commented on MAP testing and the random drug testing program. He also mentioned he has had no vaping incidences this year compared to about six at this time last year.

7.D. Transportation report

Information Item

7.E. Superintendent report

Information Item

Superintendent Kent reported on enrollment numbers and the Benkelman Elementary parking lot.

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

9. Adjourn

Information Item

Motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Nick Ladenburger.

Jason Frederick: Yea

Nick Ladenburger: Yea

Kent Lorens: Yea

Toby Marlin: Yea

Sandy Noffsinger: Yea

Shad Stamm: Yea

