

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2015 6:00 PM
Dundy County Stratton High School
P.O. Box 586
400 9th Avenue West
Benkelman, NE 69021-0586

1. Call to Order and Notice of Open Meetings Act

Procedural Item

1. The Board of Education reserves the right to enter into Closed/Executive Session for 1) the protection of the 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 may be 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 Executive Session will be acted on in open session

2. Roll Call

Procedural Item

3. Public Items of Discussion

Information Item

Limited to 30 minutes or 5 minutes per speaker

4. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

Consent agenda items are those routine and regulatory items which should require little or no discussion. Please look consent agenda items over closely prior to the meeting and call the superintendent with questions. Should you wish to have an item moved to the regular agenda, please do with a request and motion at the meeting. The purpose of the consent agenda is to speed up the meeting and allow us to focus time and energy on those matters which require discussion, explanation and deliberation.

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Brad Baney.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Amy Haines:	Yea
Kevin League:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

4.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 electronic notice to each member of the board, the designated method of giving notice.

4.B. Approval of Agenda

Consent Item

Approve the agenda of this meeting. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items within the agenda.

4.C. Approval of Minutes

Consent Item

Approve minutes of previous meeting(s)

4.D. Excusing a board members absent from this meeting

Consent Item

4.E. Payment of bills

Consent Item

WE are holding checks for Rome Service for completion of the Elementary HVAC project

4.F. AHERA compliance officer

Consent Item

Annual item of business to appoint the superintendent as compliance officer for hazardous materials in the district.

5. Business Meeting

Information Item

Discuss, consider and take all necessary action regarding:

5.A. Financial Report

Action Item

Presentation of the financial status of the district, balances in the 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 Kevin League and a second by Kent Lorens.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Amy Haines:	Yea
Kevin League:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

5.B. Additional activity and extra duty assignments

Action Item

We anticipate filling the remaining activity and extra duty assignments at this time.

Motion to approve the presented activity and extra duty assignments 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
Kevin League:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

5.C. Student Handbooks

Action Item

There will be a link for you to access this handbook. Please review at your convenience.

Motion to approve the student handbook as presented Passed with a motion by Kevin League and a second by Amy Haines.

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

5.D. Student schedules

Action Item

You annually approve the student schedule for grades 7-12.

Motion to approve the 7-12 student schedule as presented Withdrawn with a motion by Kevin League and a second by Amy Haines.

5.E. Teacher handbooks

Action Item

There will be a link for you to access this handbook. Please review at your convenience.

Motion to approve the teacher handbooks for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Kevin League.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Mike Blecha:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea

Amy Haines:	Yea
Kevin League:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

5.F. Student laptop checkout

Action Item

The curriculum/activities/transportation committee will have met prior to the meeting (Friday at 5) and have recommendations for the administration to present to the board on this topic.

Motion to approve the procedures for the student laptop initiative for grades 9-12. Passed with a motion by Amy Haines and a second by Kevin League.

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

5.G. RTI

Action Item

A portion of the staff attended a workshop on this on August 6 and 7. Mr. Rotherham represented the administration and will summarize at the meeting.

6. Reports and discussion items

Information Item

6.A. Technology report

Action Item

6.B. Elementary principal report

Action Item

6.C. Secondary principal report

Action Item

6.D. Transportation report

Information Item

6.E. Superintendent report

Information Item

6.E.1. Classified staff hiring

Information Item

Just to report we have hired:

Nurse: Ellen Potthoff

Cafeteria: Brenda Shill

Teacher Aid: _____ and _____

Custodial: _____

6.E.2. NRCSA

Information Item

NRCSA has not ramped up its legislative arm yet. There are some nice initiatives and opportunities being piloted which should eventually be available statewide.

The TEEOSA meeting with the other school organizations went nicely.

The focus of the meeting was property tax relief, that was a difficult task to stay on.

6.E.3. NDE/Administrator Days

Information Item

Adam, Mike and I will discuss the Commissioners Day and Administrator Days.

6.E.4. Teacher workdays

Action Item

When we changed to the early out on Fridays (and other last day of the week) a few years ago part of the tradeoff was that we would have in-service on fridays. If we don't schedule those then they have a tendency not to happen. The following days are currently scheduled:

August 21

September 4

October 2

November 20

December 18

January 8

February 26

April 8

April 22

May 13

The principals in conjunction with staff, ESU and myself will set the agenda and topics for these days.

6.E.5. ESU 15/16 annual board member workshop

Action Item

This event is set for January 27th in North Platte. If you have anything you would like to have be part of the program please let me know. The planning starts soon.

6.E.6. HVAC Progress

Information Item

The boilers are not smaller, but are here. They will be more efficient. The primary push of Rome Services is to reattach all the pipes so we can attempt to cool the building soon.

6.E.7. Track Progress

Information Item

The track is installed. I have some issues with the finish of the surface and contacted W design as well as Fisher Tracks. The paint crew has not arrived yet.

6.E.8. AQuESTT

Action Item

We need to review the new AQuESST rating system for state accountability.

6.F. Board items

Action Item

6.F.1. NASB Quicks

Information Item

I believe you all get these but this is the link.

<http://members.nasbonline.org/NewsandResources/SchoolLeadersBullentin/Board%20Quicks/Board%20Quicks%20-%20Aug%2015.pdf>

6.F.2. NASB Area Meeting

Information Item

Please plan to attend either August 27 in Kearney or September 30 in North Platte.

6.F.3. State Education Conference

Information Item

Online registration begins on September 16, the conference begins on November 18 in Omaha. Please sign up. You must be signed up to get rooms in the block and rooms are always an issue.

6.F.4. NASB awards

Information Item

Congratulations to:

Level I: Brad Baney, Jason Frederick

Level III: Amy Haines, Mike Lutz

Level IV: Kent Lorens

Level V: Sandy Noffsinger

6.F.5. Finance Committee report and budget discussion

Information Item

This item is to allow the finance committee the opportunity to report both their discussion and recommendations made to the superintendent, to the entire board, as well as to allow the entire board to discuss the budget and tax request associated with it.

We will receive the valuations from the assessors by August 20. We must publish all the required notices in the paper prior to the meeting. Labor Day weekend always seems to create issues with the timing here. We also have to have stuff submitted to the state by September 20.

7. Adjournment

Action Item

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58P.M> Passed with a motion by Mike Blecha and a second by Kent Lorens.

Brad Baney: Yea

Mike Blecha: Yea

Jason Frederick: Yea

Amy Haines: Yea

Kevin League: Yea

Kent Lorens: Yea

Sandy Noffsinger: Yea

Shad Stamm: Yea

