

**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING –June 13, 2011**  
**Central Administration Office Boardroom**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Tobias Tempelmeyer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Central Administration Building Boardroom. At the beginning of this meeting, the chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the West wall of the meeting room.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL FOR ATTENDANCE:**

The Board of Education and those attending the meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Randy Coleman  
Mitch Deines  
Monte Lofing  
Doris Martin  
Lisa Pieper  
Jim Spangler  
Tobias Tempelmeyer  
Steve Winter  
Jon Zimmerman

**3. OPEN MEETING NOTICE OF POSTED LAW:**

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to attendance of the public.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Tobias Tempelmeyer stated the items on the consent agenda and that these items would be approved in one motion unless a Board member requested an item be removed and considered separately.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- 4.a. Approval of the agenda as submitted
- 4.b. Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2011 regular board meeting and the minutes of the May 9, 2011 Special Board of Education Hearing and the minutes of the June 7, 2011 Special Board meetings.
- 4.c. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment
- 4.d. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures
- 4.e. Approval of the committee minutes of the Committee of the Whole
- 4.f. Approval of choice requests - To Tri County- Taylor Lovell – Gr. 6, Derek Wilcox Gr. 9, Cameron Reynolds, Gr. K, Veronica Reynolds – Gr. 2 and Caitlyn Reynolds – Gr. 4
- 4.g. Approval of Hiring – Middle School – Holly Carpenter- Science – Karen Dittbrenner – Media Specialist – High School – Greg Sederberg – Social Studies, Dawn Ruzicka – Family Consumer

Science, Craig Mathis- Instrumental Music, Andrew Coan- English, Kelley Winter – Counselor, Susan Wait- Reading Specialist, Tanna Kimmerling – English/Journalism, Cedar-Miranda Luke – K-Shannon Dahlgren-1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Jill Rice-Community Counselor and Preschool- Angel Avery

A motion was made by Randy Coleman and seconded by Steve Winter to approve the Consent Agenda .

Randy Coleman	Yes
Mitch Deines	Yes
Monte Lofing	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Jim Spangler	Yes
Tobias Tempelmeyer	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

### **Motion Passed**

## **5. OUTSTANDING RECOGNITION:**

5.a. The Board of Education recognized the State Qualifiers for National Junior Academy of Science Competition as part of BHS' Special Topics class. Mr. Sutter introduced Hillary Fischer, Neely Sutter and Kya Campbell. Fischer examined the rooting hormone properties for the willow tree, Sutter's project explored the effects of aloe vera on bacteria. Campbell tested the amount of bacteria found on cell phones. The girls will have an opportunity to compete at an event held in Vancouver, British Columbia next year.

5.b. The Board of Education recognized Student Athletes for their achievements this spring. Mr. Randel presented the students to the board. State Track – Colby Jurgens, second place in the Class B Discus, Hannah Barnard, for her double-gold medal performance in the 100 and 200 at state. The 400 meter relay team of Kelsie Post, Ambrel Fakler, Hannah Laflin and Hannah Barnard broke the school record en route to the state championship. Kaylee Busboom finished second in the Class B Triple Jump.

5.c. The Board recognized John Oltman for his All-State Class B Baseball season.

## **6. INFORMATION:**

### **6.a. Superintendent Report**

Dr. Lopez updated the Board that Paddock Lane Special Education wing renovation is moving along right on schedule and will be done before school starts. The High School Athletic complex negotiations are going very well. We will see if we can expand the seating at the athletic complex to 2000 seats and stay within the budget. Dr Lopez stated because we let the seniors out several days early in the spring and the Kindergarten one day for Kindergarten roundup, this lowers Average Daily Attendance and Average Daily Membership which reduces State Aid. We may want to consider keeping all students in school until the last day of school.

Beatrice Public Schools will reimburse the Nebraska Department of Education \$355,636 over the next three years after an audit by the department determined the district had over claimed its special education reimbursements. Beatrice Public Schools contacted the Nebraska Department of Education in early April 2011 to audit special education reimbursements during the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years. Dr. Lopez said we wanted to clarify how the district should be reporting such expenditures because our current practices are not consistent with what may have been done under past administration. The audit determined the district over claimed \$355,636 in special education reimbursements during those years. BPS has made an agreement with the NDE to reimburse this over-claimed amount over a period of three years with the first reimbursement to begin in June of 2011. The remaining balance would be reimbursed in 2012 and 2013. No penalty or interest will be charged on the payments. The reimbursement will occur as a reduction in future state aid special education payments to the district by the Department of Education

#### **6.b. Student Update**

Neely Sutter thanked the board for coming to the graduation ceremony. The high school band and cheerleaders will march in the homestead days parade. Students have begun to utilize the weight room this summer.

#### **6.c. GNSA Update**

Steve Winter had no update to report.

#### **6.d. Legislative Update**

Mitch Deines had no update to report

**6.e.** Tobias Tempelmeyer awarded a plaque and thanked Neely Sutter for her past service to the Board of Education. He wished her well as she furthers her education.

### **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **7a. Committee of the Whole**

Randy Coleman reported the Committee of the Whole met on May 26th. The committee discussed the Safety Plan Review, updates and minor changes to the elementary handbook, and the middle school and senior high handbooks. John Brazell updated everyone on the construction progress at the buildings. Dr. Lopez stated he is impressed with the moving of the Alternative school from the ESU to our own building.

### **8. PUBLIC FORUM:**

No one spoke in public forum

### **9. ACTION:**

#### **9.a. Approve Policy 5420 Physical Examinations, Immunization and Scoliosis Screening**

A motion was made by Randy Coleman and a second by Jon Zimmerman to approve Policy 5420 Physical Examination, Immunization and Scoliosis Screening.

Randy Coleman	Yes
Mitch Deines	Yes
Monte Lofing	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Jim Spangler	Yes
Tobias Tempelmeyer	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

**Motion Passed:**

**9.b. Approve Policy 8230 Gifts to the School District**

A motion was made by Randy Coleman and a second by Steve Winter to approve Policy 8230 Gifts to the School District

Randy Coleman	Yes
Mitch Deines	Yes
Monte Lofing	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Jim Spangler	Yes
Tobias Tempelmeyer	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

**Motion Passed:**

**9.c. Approve the Safety Crisis Response Plan**

A motion was made by Randy Coleman and a second by Monty Lofling to approve the Safety Crisis Response Plan

Randy Coleman	Yes
Mitch Deines	Yes
Monte Lofing	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Jim Spangler	Yes
Tobias Tempelmeyer	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

**Motion Passed:**

**9.d. Approve Certified Employee Handbook**

A motion was made by Randy Coleman and a second by Jim Spangler to approve the Certified Employee Handbook

Randy Coleman	Yes
Mitch Deines	Yes
Monte Lofing	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes

Jim Spangler	Yes
Tobias Tempelmeyer	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

**Motion Passed:**

**9.e. Approve Classified Employee Policy Handbook**

A motion was made by Randy Coleman and a second by Steve Winter to approve the Classified Employee Handbook.

Randy Coleman	Yes
Mitch Deines	Yes
Monte Lofing	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Jim Spangler	Yes
Tobias Tempelmeyer	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

**Motion Passed:**

**9.f. Approve 2011-12 High School Student Handbook**

A motion was made by Randy Coleman and a second by Jon Zimmerman to approve the 2011-2012 High School Student Handbook.

Randy Coleman	Yes
Mitch Deines	Yes
Monte Lofing	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Jim Spangler	Yes
Tobias Tempelmeyer	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

**Motion Passed:**

**9.g. Approve 2011-12 Middle School Student Handbook**

A motion was made by Randy Coleman and a second by Steve Winter to approve the 2011-12 Middle School Student Handbook

Randy Coleman	Yes
Mitch Deines	Yes
Monte Lofing	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Jim Spangler	Yes
Tobias Tempelmeyer	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

**Motion Passed:**

**9.h. Approve 2011-2012 Elementary Student Handbook**

A motion was made by Randy Coleman and a second by Steve Winter to approve the 2011-12 Elementary Handbook.

Randy Coleman	Yes
Mitch Deines	Yes
Monte Lofing	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Jim Spangler	Yes
Tobias Tempelmeyer	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

**Motion Passed:**

**10. NOTIFICATION OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Board of Education of District #15 is scheduled for July 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Central Administration Building. A Special Hearing on Student Fees is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:55 pm. A Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2011.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**11.a. To discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to teacher negotiations necessary for the protection of public interest and/or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such person has not requested a public meeting.**

A motion was made by Randy Coleman and a second by Monte Lofing to go into Executive Session to discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to teacher negotiations necessary for the protection of public interest and/or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such person has not requested a public meeting.

Randy Coleman	Yes
Mitch Deines	Yes
Monte Lofing	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Jim Spangler	Yes
Tobias Tempelmeyer	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

**Motion Passed:**

The Board of Education took a five-minute recess before going into executive session to discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to possible litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of possible litigation to or by the School District necessary for the protection of public interest and/or for

the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The Board went into closed session at 7:50 PM. Immediately prior to closed session the presiding officer restated on the record the limitation for the subject matter of closed session.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 9:10 PM.

## 12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mitch Deines and a second by Monte Lofing that the meeting adjourn.

Randy Coleman	Yes
Mitch Deines	Yes
Monte Lofing	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Jim Spangler	Yes
Tobias Tempelmeyer	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

### Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

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Superintendent

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Date