

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2019 6:00 PM Central

Administration Building- Board Room
320 N 5th St
Beatrice, NE 68310

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Absent: Eric Trusty, **Present:** Janet Byars, Erin Chadwick, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Steve Winter, Jon Zimmerman. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

Mrs. Martin, Vice-President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Administration Building Board Room. At the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. Martin announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the west wall of the meeting room.

2. Approval of the Agenda

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Jon Zimmerman and a second by Erin Chadwick.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Nielsen noted that the most up-to-date version of the strategic plan is in Sparq and a large number of areas have been updated since this was discussed at the Board Retreat. Dr. Nielsen shared a handout with the Board and highlighted some of the main things that the district has done to work towards each of the four strategies of the plan. Some of the things that were highlighted included:

- Strategy I
 - Students are introduced to careers through junior achievement, "Working Wednesdays" by the BLAST program, computer technology in Middle School utilizing the Habitudes curriculum
 - 2-hour job shadowing requirement for juniors
 - Monitoring student and staff engagement through the Level 1 High Reliability Schools survey
 - 21st century skills developed and reinforced through the curriculum
- Strategy II
 - Character Counts model to support character education
 - PBIS has been implemented into the PK-K setting
 - K-5 staff are being trained in developing the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
 - BHS theme- #oneschoolonefamily
- Strategy III
 - Increased communication through social media and local media outlets
 - Civic participation- community service as a student requirement, Leadership Beatrice, Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber, TeamMates
 - Ninth hour courses at BMS and Best Possible Summer experience
 - AdvancED report- confirmed strong communication with stakeholders (purposeful and intentional)
- Strategy IV
 - Successful shifts to single-site preschool and K-2 and 3-5 buildings
 - Development of a Level 3 program (CORE)
 - District working with community on facility master plan
 - Staff seeking grants to help support the integration of technology into the system
 - Energy updates are complete and efficiency is monitored regularly
 - Staff have been trained on Standard Response Protocol (SRP)

4. Americanism/Multiculturalism Report

Dr. Nielsen shared that the Americanism Committee met prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting. She referenced a handout that outlined activities throughout the district that students participate in. Additional information was shared on the multicultural nonsexist education report that was grouped by building

level.

5. LB 399 American Civics Education Bill

Dr. Nielsen shared the new requirements of LB 399. She added that the new Committee on American Civics will meet prior to the November & April Board meetings. The checklist for verifying compliance with the new bill was shared and listed the required components for such. Three of the requirements were shared and it was noted that the district already has a strong start with each and some minor modifications would be needed to ensure compliance.

6. Lease Purchase for Bus

Mr. Alexander shared information on the balance that the district will owe for the new activity bus that will be coming this summer. He added that the district needs to take a hard look at the van fleet also as some of them are very old and need to be replaced. He noted that it would be possible to lump together the activity bus balance and the purchase of a new van into a single lease purchase. He shared some estimates for both scenarios and for a 5 or 7 year repayment. He informed the Board that in June, he will be asking them to act approving a lease purchase agreement that will most likely include financing for a new van to be able to act on purchasing a van.

7. School Board Policy

Mr. Alexander stated that with the end of the legislative season coming, there will inevitably be lots of policy updates released. He shared that the Board has a couple of options when it comes to policy updates: 1) make updates on a singular basis (1 by 1) which costs per policy or 2) go section by section through the policy book which is usually much quicker. He noted that he received a quote from Perry law firm for the second option and asked the Board to think about how they may want to proceed.

8. Summer Committee Meetings

Mr. Alexander shared that most of the topics that are on the June Committee of the Whole meeting have been covered so he would be open to eliminating the June Committee meeting. The consensus of the Board was not to meet if there were not any pertinent topics for discussion.

9. Conference Affiliation

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that at this time the district has two real options when it comes to conference affiliation: 1) stay in the RCC or 2) accept the invitation into the new conference (no name yet). He added that Mr. Randel and himself have met with head coaches and most seem in favor of the idea of moving to the new conference. He shared that there is a meeting next week and he intends to keep the discussion going if the Board approves of such. Board members asked for clarification on what schools are committed and those that are being included in the discussion as well as how soon this would take place. Members Chadwick and Byars supported the idea of the new conference and that it consists of public schools. Martin added that it's nice to see a commitment to all activities (not just athletics). Finally, Mr. Alexander shared that he hopes to have dates of implementation to share with the Board at the June meeting and ask them to act on this at that time.

10. Public Comments - This is the proper time for public questions and comments on any topic. Please make sure a request form is given to the Board Vice-President before the meeting begins.
No one spoke at this time.

11. Adjournment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Jon Zimmerman and a second by Steve Winter.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon

Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date