

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Monday, November 19, 2018 6:00 PM Central

Administration Building - Student Programs
Conference Room
320 N 5th St
Beatrice, NE 68310

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.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Absent: Doris Martin, **Present:** Janet Byars, Lisa Pieper, Nancy Sedlacek, Steve Winter, Jon Zimmerman. Present: 5, Absent: 1.

Mr. Zimmerman, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Administration Building Student Programs Conference Room. At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Zimmerman 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 Nancy Sedlacek and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Nancy Sedlacek: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

3. Bus Grant Update

Mr. Alexander provided a brief timeline on the bus grant and information that has been previously shared. He added that December is when the purchasing must be complete in order to meet the grant requirements. Board members were provided with a handout with different bus options. Information was provided from the following companies: Blue Bird, Thomas, and International. Mr. Alexander informed the Board that he was submitting another grant in hopes of receiving additional funding for a new bus, but that his recommendation would be to sign a lease purchase agreement for the cost not covered by grants. Pieper stated that she would like to see an official replacement schedule for the district's fleet of vehicles for planning purposes. Tyler Cox with Blue Bird shared some more detailed information on bus options (color, seating, wrapping, etc.). Those attending the meeting took time to go outside to take a look at the Falls City bus that Tyler Cox brought as an example. Winter asked on the cost for a wrap. Tyler Cox responded that the cost range is \$3,000- \$9,000 depending on if it's a partial or full wrap. Pieper asked for a graphic of a wrap on a yellow bus. Tyler Cox noted that he will request such and send it to Mr. Alexander to share with the Board. Board members also asked if black would be an option and how or if that would change the price. Tyler responded that he will look into this as well.

4. 2019-2020 Calendar

Mr. Alexander noted that the proposed calendar for 2019-20 has been shared with the administrative team and the BEA for feedback. Two draft versions of the calendar were shared with Board members. Dr. Nielsen took time to highlight the major differences between the two versions. Board members shared feedback on the options. The consensus from the Board was leaning towards option B with some slight modifications which include building snow days back in.

5. Superintendent Evaluation

Mr. Alexander noted that the NASB evaluation instrument was selected at the regular November meeting. He stated that it is his understanding that individual Board members will complete their evaluation and turn them in to President Zimmerman who will then tabulate the results and meet with Mr. Alexander to go over them. Mr. Alexander shared that he is looking forward to the feedback he receives and he takes the evaluation process very seriously as it provides an opportunity to learn and grow through communication with Board members. Board members stated that they would prefer to complete the instrument electronically.

6. Board Retreat

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that he is in discussion with a couple of people and will be suggesting some dates for a retreat early on in the new year.

7. 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.

8. Adjournment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Nancy Sedlacek and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Nancy Sedlacek: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Superintendent

Date