

Board of Education Committee of the  
Whole Meeting  
Tuesday, October 23, 2018 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:** Lisa Pieper, **Present:** Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Nancy Sedlacek, Steve Winter, Jon Zimmerman. Present: 5, 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 Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Nancy Sedlacek: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

3. Sparq Training

Mr. Alexander shared that he recently attended training on Sparq meetings and he wanted to take some time to share some of the features of the system with Board members. Mr. Alexander and Danielle Fairbanks walked Board members through some of the following features: logging in, the calendar, the agenda, adding personal notes, following the leader, and the power of the search feature. They also briefly went through all of the options under the top tool bar.

4. Superintendent Update

4.1. District PLC Date

Dr. Nielsen went through the agenda for the upcoming district-wide PLC date, November 7th. She summarized the topics that will be covered and highlighted what pieces administration wants to make sure are shared with all staff. Mr. Alexander added that we want to establish a culture within the district and this gathering will help achieve that. He stated that all staff came back to start the school year off together as a group out at the high school, but then went their separate ways to do their jobs in their individual buildings. He added that this is a great opportunity to bring all staff back together to celebrate the first quarter of the school year. Mr. Alexander reminded Board members that they are invited and encouraged to attend as well.

4.2. Digital Video Board

Mr. Alexander shared information from Daktronics on options for a digital video board. Business sponsorships, anchor partners, and infusing the operation of the board into a classroom curriculum were some of the topics that were shared. Images of a couple of different options were displayed for Board members to see. He informed the Board that he was requesting permission from the Board to pursue the potential of this project which would include scheduling a luncheon to thank and talk to local businesses to gauge interest. Mr. Alexander added that if there is not enough interest from businesses then this project would not be pursued. Board members asked questions on the cost, how the revenue would be divided, and if there are additional manufacturers that we could get quotes from.

4.3. Superintendent Evaluation

Mr. Alexander shared three samples of superintendent evaluations (current BPS, NASB, and a different district) with the Board. He asked Board members to take some time to review them over the next few days and stated that they would be sent an email the following week asking which tool they prefer. Mr. Alexander shared that he takes the evaluation process very seriously so he wants to ensure that an effective tool is being used.

5. 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.

6. Adjournment

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

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Nancy Sedlacek: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

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Board Secretary/Superintendent

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Date