

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Thursday, September 27, 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: Doris Martin, Steve Winter. **Present:** Janet Byars, Lisa Pieper, Nancy Sedlacek, Jon Zimmerman. Present: 4, Absent: 2.

Mr. Zimmerman, 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, 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, Jon Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

3. Curriculum Review: Effective Instructional Models

Dr. Nielsen shared a handout on effective instruction in every classroom blueprint with Board members. The handout provided detailed information regarding the purpose and rationale for use of the Title IIA funds. Dr. Nielsen informed the Board that guidelines have been modified by the federal government so these funds can no longer be used for classroom reduction, but rather are now used for professional development. She added that the focus for this year is going to be on principals and the plan complements the High Reliability Schools book read. Swivel cameras (two per building) are also being purchased so staff can get a better look at the learning process and how it is going for teachers while they are teaching in their classrooms. Dr. Nielsen clarified that the funds came from the curriculum budget and moved into the Title IIA fund.

4. Bus Grant

Mr. Alexander shared that the specifications have been confirmed and RFPs sent out to bus companies. As information is received, it will be compiled into a spreadsheet with the specifications and options so it can later be shared with all Board members. Mr. Brethouwer explained the main differences between a rear and front engine bus. Mr. Alexander added that coach style buses generally require a lot more maintenance than a regular school bus. Pieper shared a concern on making sure the bus is big enough to haul the entire team so that there is not a need to take two buses. Byars asked if buses come with seatbelts to which Mr. Alexander responded no. Mr. Alexander told the the Board that his goal is to have everything put together by the October meeting, but that the bus must be ordered before January 1st to meet the grant requirements.

Steve Winter entered at 6:12 PM.

5. Policy Update

5.1. Safety and Security Policy

Mr. Alexander shared that this policy evolves out of recommendations from the NDE safety and security standards. He added that it outlines best practices that we currently utilize, and is based on the discussion of our threat assessment team and comes as a recommendation from them. The crisis response team also played a part in this process. It works in synthesis with our crisis response manual and crisis response training as well.

5.2. Memorial Guidelines Policy

Mr. Alexander noted that this policy is designed to give direction and guidance on what is recommended based on the research conducted by Dr. Dudley, a nationwide crisis response trainer. He added that the policy is reflective of common practices and ways that communities/districts have dealt with similar situations across the state. This is a new policy which provides guidance to the administrative team.

6. Master Facility Planning Committee

Dr. Nielsen shared that the master facility planning meetings went well last year and now it's time to continue to move forward on this topic. She noted that there are some community members that would probably be interested in serving in leadership roles on the committee. Mr. Alexander noted that he recalls three items from the meetings last spring: 1) safety, 2) equitable buildings, and 3) efficiency. These are three very important areas that we need to take time to discuss within the community. He added that the district will soon be working through some of the organization/prep for the next steps and preparing to send invitations to those individuals that may be interested in helping to lead through the next stages of this process. Mr. Alexander stated that he will be working with Pat Phelan to get some additional details and possible dates set.

7. Upcoming COW Meeting Dates

Mr. Alexander noted that Thursday evenings are difficult for Committee of the Whole meetings due to the number of school activities that are scheduled on Thursdays. He shared that there are notable conflicts for the normal dates for the October and November meetings. October 25th is the Night of the Great Pumpkin downtown community event which would provide a good opportunity for Board members to be visible in the community and November 22nd is Thanksgiving. Mr. Alexander shared a couple of potential alternative dates and informed Board members that they would be receiving an email with specific dates and asking for their availability. He reminded Board members that there is no COW meeting in December.

8. 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.

9. Adjournment

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

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Superintendent

Date