

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, December 10, 2018 7:00 PM Central

Administration Building- Board 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

Present: Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Nancy Sedlacek, Steve Winter, Jon Zimmerman. Present: 6.
Mr. Zimmerman, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building Board Room. At the beginning of the meeting, the chairperson 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. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consent Agenda

Martin presented the following items on the consent agenda:

3.1. Approval of the agenda as submitted

3.2. Approval of minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting on November 12, 2018

3.3. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for November 2018

3.4. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- November 19,2018

3.5. Approval of Option Students: To Southern- Destiny Gerdes- Gr. 4; To Lincoln Public Schools- Lozandra Christanson- Gr. 11

3.6. Approval of Policy: 3rd Reading of 2406 Safety and Security, 3538 Memorial Guidelines

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the consent agenda as presented passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Nancy Sedlacek.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Nancy Sedlacek: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea,

Jon Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the payment of bills as presented passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Nancy Sedlacek.

Doris Martin: Abstain (With Conflict), Janet Byars: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Nancy Sedlacek: Yea, Steve Winter:

Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

5. Outstanding Recognition

5.1. Employee of the Month

Mr. Sutter recognized Salome Ausin- Dodge, high school Spanish teacher, as the December Employee of the Month. Those nominating Mrs. Ausin-Dodge stated that in addition to her classroom teaching, she handles the English Learner (EL) population for the district and works diligently in this role to ensure that these students have the accommodations necessary to be successful. She provides instruction for the district's higher level Spanish students and cares greatly for each student she teaches. Salome is a positive team player and she leads a very productive PLC team at the high school.

5.2. Board Member Recognition- Nancy Sedlacek

Mr. Alexander recognized Sedlacek for her six years of service to the Board. He thanked her for her time and commitment to the district and for keeping kids first in decision-making.

6. Information

6.1. Student Update

Hannah Rinne shared updates on winter sports (swim & dive, basketball, wrestling), choral concerts, all-state music selections, and the science club.

6.2. Board Reports

6.2.1. Committee of the Whole

Martin reported that the Committee of the Whole met on November 19, 2018 with Martin absent. The following topics were discussed: bus grant update (Mr. Alexander/Tyler Cox), 2019-20 calendar (Mr. Alexander, Dr. Nielsen), superintendent evaluation (Mr. Alexander), and board retreat (Mr. Alexander). No one spoke during public forum. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

6.2.2. School Community & Staff Relations Committee

Byars reported that the committee met on December 5th with administrators. Board members Martin and Byars were present. Information on the following was shared by administrators: "One School One Family" motto, the instructional model, collaboration among elementary staff, the BLAST program, goal development, changes with Head Start, special education numbers, and high reliability schools. It was decided that the committee and administrators will only meet if either party requests such in the future.

7. Public Forum/Citizen's Requests/Comments Related to Agenda Items

No one spoke at this time.

8. Discussion

8.1. 2nd Reading of 9110 Number of Members, Terms of Office, and Vacancies

Mr. Alexander noted that the update to this policy is to reflect the proper number of Board members beginning in January 2019.

9. Action

9.1. Approval of the 2019-20 school calendar

Dr. Nielsen shared two options for next year's school calendar. One of the main differences between the two versions was an extra day for Thanksgiving break at the request of staff.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2019-20 school calendar option A as presented passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Nancy Sedlacek.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.2. Approval of the superintendent to enter into a contract/lease purchase agreement for a new activity bus

Mr. Alexander reminded the Board that the bus must be ordered by the end of the year to take advantage of the \$42,000 grant. He was also pleased to share that an additional \$50,000 grant was just awarded from the Margaret and Martha Thomas Foundation. Mr. Alexander shared that the cost to the district after the grants are awarded for a new activity bus will be approximately \$75,000.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve allowing the superintendent to enter into a contract/lease purchase agreement for a new activity bus passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Nancy Sedlacek.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.3. Renewal of superintendent contract

Mr. Alexander shared that this item was included on the agenda due to the language which is included in the superintendent contract which stipulates that it must be done. He added that the salary is not set yet and will be dependent upon negotiations with the Board of Education.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the superintendent contract as stipulated in the initial two year agreement as required by the parameters of such and with the understanding that salary negotiation is pending passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Nancy Sedlacek.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10. Administrators' Report

10.1. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that one of the speech language pathologists is leaving at semester. The position is currently being advertised. He shared that classified staff were honored at last week's first home basketball game with free admission and half-time recognition. He stated that a luncheon is being hosted on Wednesday to share information with local businesses on the potential video board project to determine if there is interest on moving forward. He reminded the Board that there is no Committee of the Whole meeting in December. Superintendent evaluations should be turned in to President Zimmerman if that has not already been done. Mr. Alexander stated that the district has received the final 2018 farm report. He also shared that he has the final election results/numbers if anyone would like to stop in and review them.

11. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be January 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting in December will not be held. An agenda for the meeting, which shall be kept continually current, is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office during normal business hours.

12. Adjournment

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

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

Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Superintendent

Date