

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING – December 12, 2016
Central Administration Building- Board Room

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

Mrs. Pieper, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Central Administration Building Board Room. At the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. Pieper announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the west wall of the meeting room.

Attendance taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Janet Byars
Doris Martin
Andy Maschmann
Lisa Pieper
Nancy Sedlacek
Jon Zimmerman

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consent Agenda

Pieper stated that the items on the consent agenda would be approved in one motion unless a board member requested an agenda item be removed and considered separately. Pieper presented the following items on the consent agenda:

- 3.a. Approval of the agenda as submitted
- 3.b. Approval of minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting on November 14, 2016
- 3.c. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for October 2016
- 3.d. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- November 28, 2016
- 3.e. Approval of Option Students: To Freeman- Bentley Hart- Gr. K (2017-2018)

Board of Education of District #15 approve the consent agenda as presented passed with a motion by Jon Zimmerman and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Andy Maschmann	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Nancy Sedlacek	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

Motion Passed: 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

4. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment

Board of Education of District #15 approve the payment of bills as presented passed with a motion by Jon Zimmerman and a second by Nancy Sedlacek.

Janet Byars	Yes
Doris Martin	Abstain
Andy Maschmann	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Nancy Sedlacek	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

Motion Passed: 5 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained

5. Approval of absence of Doris Martin from November 14, 2016 regular meeting

Board of Education of District #15 approve the absence of Doris Martin at the November 14, 2016 regular board meeting passed with a motion by Jon Zimmerman and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars	Yes
Doris Martin	Abstain
Andy Maschmann	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Nancy Sedlacek	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

Motion Passed: 5 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained

6. Outstanding Recognition

6.a. Employee of the Month

Mrs. Nielsen introduced Derek Niss, Middle School Science, as the Employee of the Month for December. Those nominating Mr. Niss stated that he embodies everything that a teacher should be- he is kind, caring and empathetic. He cultivates a safe classroom that feels like a family and all students are engaged and on task during class. One on one, he can have serious in depth conversations with students. Mr. Niss's first priority is to build relationships. He is innovative and looks outside the box to include STEM activities throughout the curriculum.

6.b. Board Member Recognition- Andy Maschmann

Mr. Nauroth recognized Maschmann for his service to the Board. Mr. Nauroth stated that the Board was fortunate that Maschmann stepped up when a seat was vacated approximately three year ago. Mr. Nauroth added that Maschmann has always focused on what is best for students, being thoughtful and passionate about the issues that have come before the Board. Mr. Nauroth was appreciative of the insight Maschmann provided on some of the difficult issues that public education in the state of Nebraska are facing. Pieper also thanked Maschmann for serving and for his insightful comments and feedback while on the Board. Maschmann responded that he learned a lot about the district over the last few three years and enjoyed serving on the Board. He wish the Board luck in the future.

7. Information

7.a. Superintendent Report

Mr. Nauroth reminded the Board that there is no committee of the whole meeting this month. He informed the Board that the retreat is set for Tuesday, January 17, 2017 from 5-8 PM. Mr. Nauroth let Board members know that the fourth annual Buy Local Campaign is going on through December 15th. The campaign is a cooperative venture by the BEA and district and shows support for local business. Lastly, Mr. Nauroth provided a brief update on teacher negotiations. The BEA and Board negotiation teams have met four times, but both sides have a number of items that are on the table. The hope is to finish sometime in January.

7.b. Student Update

Natalie Doering informed the Board that Stoddard is collecting food this week and on December 19th, they will be caroling for the Kensington residents. She added that Beatrice Manor residents will be entertained by Paddock Lane students next week. Cedar elementary is currently partnering with Twin River to stuff the truck (food drive). Easy CBM testing is taking place in all elementary buildings.

Recently, middle school students bought stars from the tress at Walmart and purchased gifts for students. SADD meetings continue to take place under the direction of the counselors with topics focusing on bullying and suicide. The girls basketball season will be ending on the 13th when they travel to York and wrestling has their last meet on the 17th. Delegation went on their tour to the elementary buildings today and performed. Middle school boys basketball will start in early January.

Last week, the high school Limited Edition group made their tour to the other buildings to perform their competition piece as well as some Christmas numbers. The high school Christmas concert is scheduled for Monday, December 19th. Basketball games have started for both the boys and girls and the swim team has had a number of home meets. There are some home wrestling events coming up next week. Finally, the Leadership group hosted a movie night for students at the high school last week.

7.c. Board Reports

7.c.1. Committee of the Whole- November 28, 2016

Zimmerman reported that the Committee of the Whole met on November 28, 2016 at 6 PM in the Central Administration Building Student Programs Conference Room and he was absent.

A curriculum review was provided by Connie Thornburg, Sheryl Wiese, and Meghan Robeson on reading and language arts. Mrs. Nielsen noted that at the high school level they will be switching from the NeSA to the ACT test.

Next, Mr. Sexton and Officer Lauenstein shared information on random drug testing. They will begin creating a task force to draft a policy on testing for board approval and once the policy is approved, they will need to select a vendor.

Mr. Nauroth shared background information on naming rights and the need for the gym floor to be redone. Administration was directed to continue researching the possibility of naming rights.

Information on an additional extended learning grant was shared by Mr. Brazell. The grant includes funding for curriculum and if the pilot program is successful then it would likely become a "best practice model" for others to follow.

Finally, an update on the elementary bond and how to move forward occurred. It was noted that one of the goals that the Board set last year was to house preschool in one facility. Questions were asked and a fairly lengthy discussed ensured.

During public comments, Jason Moore, Carla Schuster, and Jenny Hanshaw all addressed the Board on the elementary facility topic.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

7.c.2. School Community & Staff Relations Committee

Byars reported that the committee met with high school staff on December 2nd with Lisa Pieper, Nancy Sedlacek, and herself present.

The drug testing was a topic of discussion. Questions regarding a timeline for implementation, the selection process, as well as the development of the policy were asked. All in all, the concept was favorably responded to by staff members. There was also discussion on long-term substitute pay and concerns about how to engage students and keep them engaged in the learning process.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 16th.

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

No one spoke at this time.

9. Action/Discussion

9.a. Extended learning opportunity grant for after school program

Mr. Brazell stated that the purpose of this second grant is more curriculum based as it will design and test extended learning opportunities. He summarized the three main goals of the grant and informed the Board that it's for approximately three years beginning in 2017. He added that Beatrice would be the fiscal agent of the grant. The other schools involved are: Grand Island, Beatrice, Auburn, Centura, and Boone Central. Mr. Andy Carothers added that it dovetails very nicely with the 21st century grant and the hope is that what comes out of this is best practices for curriculum development for other after school programs.

Board of Education of District #15 approve the Beatrice Education Foundation applying for the NDE Innovation Grant Phase I to support expanded learning opportunity design challenge with Nebraska Extension, Beyond Schools Bells, Beatrice Educational Foundation and other Nebraska Public Schools passed with a motion by Jon Zimmerman and a second by Nancy Sedlacek.

Janet Byars	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Andy Maschmann	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Nancy Sedlacek	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

Motion Passed: 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

10. Administrators' Report

10.a. Early Childhood

Mrs. Smith informed the Board that there was a recent preschool activity, Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd. Mrs. Timmerman added that the event was a collaborative effort between the preschool parent organization, staff, and a local service group, the Early Risers Kiwanis.

Approximately 215 people attended the event where they enjoyed pancakes, did crafts, and had the opportunity to write a letter to Santa or even visit with him.

Mrs. Timmerman also shared with the Board that the NDE Rule 11 visit occurred earlier in the day and everything with the preschool program looks great. The representative from the NDE asked for a tour of a preschool classroom and commended Beatrice Public Schools for their efforts and what is going on with the program. She added that this is a quality program for early childhood can be a great reference for other districts that ask. Pieper added that the Breakfast with Santa was a great community collaboration event that she hopes to see continue.

11. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be January 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Central 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

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

Janet Byars	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Andy Maschmann	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Nancy Sedlacek	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

Motion Passed: 6 Yeas - 0 Nays

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Superintendent

Date