

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2019 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, Erin Chadwick, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Eric Trusty, Steve Winter, Jon Zimmerman. Present: 7.

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. Organization of the Board of Education

3.1. Oath of Office- swear in newly elected members Erin Chadwick and Eric Trusty and re-elected members Doris Martin and Jon Zimmerman

Mr. Alexander administered the oath of office to new board members and the two that were re-elected.

3.2. Election of Officers

Mr. Alexander asked for the organization of the Board of Education for 2019.

Nomination for Jon Zimmerman for President of the Board passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Doris Martin.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

There was a nomination for Lisa Pieper for Vice-President of the Board by Steve Winter and a second by Eric Trusty. Doris Martin was also nominated for Vice-President by Janet Byars with a second by Erin Chadwick. A paper ballot vote for this position was taken with Doris Martin winning on a 4-3 vote.

Nomination for Jackie Nielsen to be appointed as secretary of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars. passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Nomination for Jason Alexander to be appointed as treasurer of the Board of Education contingent upon his ability to be bonded passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Eric Trusty.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3.3. Committee Appointments

At this point in the meeting, Zimmerman, President of the Board of Education, made the following committee appointments: School Community and Staff Relations appointments are as follows: Janet Byars (chair), Erin Chadwick and Eric Trusty. Americanism Committee appointments are as follows: Doris Martin (chair), Lisa Pieper and Steve Winter. Negotiations appointments for the 2020-2021 school year are as follows: Janet Byars, Doris Martin and Jon Zimmerman. Zimmerman appointed Steve Winter as the NASB Legislative Delegate. Zimmerman appointed Doris Martin as the Government Relations Network Representative.

4. Consent Agenda

Martin presented the following items on the consent agenda:

- 4.1. Approval of the agenda as submitted
- 4.2. Approval of minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting on December 10, 2018
- 4.3. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment
- 4.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for December 2018
- 4.5. Approval of Option Students: From Norris- Olivia Jamison- Gr. 11; From Freeman- Caleigh Behrens- Gr. 11
- 4.6. Approval of Policy: 3rd Reading of 9110 Number of members, Terms of Office, and Vacancies
- 4.7. Approval of contracts for 2018-2019: Jennifer Lunt- Speech Language Pathologist at Stoddard

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 Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

5. Outstanding Recognition

5.1. Employee of the Month

Dr. Nielsen recognized Abby Kassmeier, middle school language arts, as the January Employee of the Month. Mr. Jarosh accepted the award on her behalf. Those nominating Mrs. Kassmeier stated that she is dedicated to preparing thoughtful and engaging lessons for her students that are based on standards as well as student needs. She does a great job of using technology as a tool that helps engage students. She serves as a PLC team leader where she shared resources, ideas and other organizational strategies that help make all the language art classrooms run more smoothly.

5.2. All-State Music Awards: Chase Barber, Matthew Jobman, Matt Price and John Spilker
Mr. Sutter recognized the talented students that received all-state music awards.

6. Information

6.1. Student Update

Hannah Rinne reported that the first semester ended well in December and students are now back and getting into their routines for the second semester. She added that the winter sports teams have started the semester with lots of competition and the Key Club recently assisted with the local Mudecas basketball tournament.

6.2. Audit Report

Mr. Alexander introduced Ryan Bruns from Dana Cole to discuss the audit report. Mr. Bruns provided some generalizations of the entire report by section. He stated that the audit did not show any mistakes and that there was a net change of approximately \$284,000. No questions were asked by the Board.

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

No one spoke at this time.

8. Discussion

8.1. 1st Reading of Policy 3580 Insufficient Funds

Mr. Alexander shared that the \$10 fee currently reflected in the policy does not match the fee that the district office currently charges. His recommendation is to omit listing the specific fee so that the policy does not have to be changed all the time if that fee were to change.

9. Action

9.1. Approval of Jason Alexander as the District's Federal Grant Representative and Financial Representative

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve Jason Alexander as the District's Federal Grant Representative and Financial Representative passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.2. Approval of the depository banks for Beatrice Public Schools be named as Pinnacle Bank, Security First Bank, First National Bank of Omaha- Beatrice branch and Bank of theWest

Mr. Alexander stated that this is a formality as required by banking institutions.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 name the following as the depository banks for Beatrice Public Schools: Pinnacle Bank, Security First Bank, First National Bank of Omaha- Beatrice branch and Bank of the West passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Lisa Pieper: Abstain (With Conflict), Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

9.3. Approval of contract with Daktronics for video board project

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that the luncheon to express appreciation to local businesses and gauge interest for a video board project was very successful. Mr. Alexander stated that 10 anchor sponsors and 10 premier sponsors have been secured for the project. He added that anchor sponsors will pay \$3,000/year and premier sponsors \$1,000/year for a total of \$40,000 per year. The payment for the video board will be approximately \$30,769/year; therefore, the activities department will receive a boost of somewhere between \$9,000- \$9,200/year for five years. After the initial five years, terms are renewable as determined by an additional agreement. Byars commended Mr. Alexander for his work on this project and thanked the businesses who support the school district.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the contract with Daktronics for the purchase of a video board for the O-Zone passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.4. Approval of the 2017-18 audit as presented

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2017-18 financial audit as presented passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10. Administrators' Report

10.1. Preschool

Mrs. Timmerman thanked the Board for their continued support of early childhood. She shared that preschool enrollment would be opening on Tuesday, January 15th and as part of that announcement she showed the marketing video on the preschool program that was prepared by FES. Mr. Alexander added that Mrs. Timmerman put in a tremendous amount of time providing FES with the information needed to produce the video.

10.2. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander provided a brief recap of where we have been legislatively. He shared the following concerns: continued mischaracterization of schools as "overspending" and property taxes as the source problem, debate between any new revenue sources, and medicaid expansion. He shared that he has an upcoming STANCE meeting at the capital on Thursday, January 24th where area superintendents will be meeting with the Education Committee members. Mr. Alexander wished Senator Dorn the best as he begins his new term. Lastly, Mr. Alexander informed the Board that staff heard a terrific inspirational speaker, Dr. Jo on their first day back on January 7th.

11. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be February, 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be January 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Administration Building. 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 Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Superintendent

Date