

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 8, 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

Absent: Janet Byars, **Present:** Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Nancy Sedlacek, Steve Winter, Jon Zimmerman. Present: 5, Absent: 1.

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

Zimmerman 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. 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 September 10, 2018

3.3. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for September 2018

3.4. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- September 27,2018

3.5. Approval of Option Students: From Diller-Odell- Aubriel Harms- Gr. K; From Lewiston- Logan Hatfield- Gr. 10, Austin Hatfield- Gr. 11 To Lincoln- Chantienne Christenson- Gr. 12;

3.6. Excuse the absence of Janet Byars

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.

Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Nancy Sedlacek: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

4. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment

Mr. Alexander gave a basic report of revenues and expenditures after month one of the budget cycle.

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

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

5. Outstanding Recognition

5.1. Employee of the Month

Dr. Nielsen recognized Danielle Fairbanks, Administrative Assistant, as the October Employee of the Month. Those nominating Danielle stated that she is kind, welcoming, and quick to help anyone who comes to see her. She wears many hats and is expected to know many things within the district. Danielle spends countless evenings attending meetings, organizing events, and writing reports for the district. She does a great job of supporting administration with a guiding hand.

6. Information

6.1. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that the donated concrete has been poured at Paddock Lane and completion of the ERV is scheduled for tomorrow. The final concrete pouring will take place when the weather allows and seeding will be done as soon as it dries up enough to do so. Mr. Alexander shared that he has had discussions with concerned parents and business owners about the need for a trainer at games. He noted that himself and high school administration have actively been discussing this and have some upcoming meetings scheduled in the near future to discuss this topic. He thanked patrons for their concern, patience, and understanding as discussions continue. Next, Mr. Alexander stated that the Luck of the Orange event planning is still underway, but the event date is being pushed to late Spring. Mr. Alexander is participating in a BLAST program kickoff on walking this week in each of the elementary buildings. He will also be participating in some Sparq training in Lincoln on Wednesday for the meeting software. Mr. Alexander informed Board members that there will be a table for the Board at the Night of the Great Pumpkin event on October 25th and he encouraged Board members to try and attend. A handout on SENCAP was shared with Board members. Finally, Mr. Alexander shared that the initial planning meeting for the preschool video was held recently and ideas were exchanged. The timeframe for release of the video is November 7th- January 1st.

6.2. Student Update

Hannah Rinne informed the Board that the football team won last Friday for their Pink Out game. She also shared that the marching band got first in Class B and third overall over the weekend at their competition. The girls state golf meet was today and continues to tomorrow. On Tuesday, October 9th the volleyball team is hosting their Pink Out. Hannah shared that the state softball tournament starts Wednesday and state tennis is this Thursday and Friday. The district cross country meet is being hosted at the High School on Thursday and the last home football game is Friday, October 12th. The Blood drive is scheduled for October 16th. Finally, she reminded the Board that the musical is October 27th-29th.

6.3. Board Reports

6.3.1. Committee of the Whole

Martin reported that the Committee of the Whole met on September 27, 2018 with Winter and herself absent. The following topics were discussed: effective instructional models (Dr. Nielsen), bus grant (Mr. Alexander), policy update (Mr. Alexander), master facility planning (Mr. Alexander/Dr. Nielsen), and upcoming COW meeting dates (Mr. Alexander). No one spoke at this time. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

6.3.2. STANCE Report

Winter provided a brief report of LR 447 which focuses on safety and LR 429 which specifically focuses on school resource officers (SROs). He informed the Board that the school safety and security summit is scheduled for October 17th in Kearney. Winter noted that the STANCE group also voted to waive membership dues for the 2018-19 year.

6.3.3. School Community & Staff Relations Committee

Martin reported that the committee met on September 21st at Beatrice Middle School with Zimmerman and herself present. She noted that staff shared that the year was off to a great start. Other topics discussed included: the reduction of para staff, the continuing decline in the number of parents that attend conferences, training staff to work with students in poverty was suggested, and compensation when attending summer training. The administrative team received high praise as their efforts have resulted in good staff morale.

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

No one spoke at this time.

8. Discussion

8.1. 1st Reading of 2406 Safety and Security

Mr. Alexander noted that this policy derived from the efforts of the following district teams: crisis response, threat assessment, safety/security, administrators, and REMS. He stated that these groups are working diligently to assure that the safety and security of our students is at the forefront of all decisions.

8.2. 1st Reading of 3538 Memorial Guidelines

Mr. Alexander noted that this is not an easy topic to discuss, but this policy includes recommendations of what other crisis teams are utilizing for these situations. It fits the proper protocols and recommended practices of Dr. John Duffey as well.

8.3. 2nd Reading of 3305 Purchasing

Mr. Alexander shared that the remaining policies have all been discussed at prior meetings, but he would take any questions or comments from Board members.

8.3.1. AR-3305 Credit Card and Charging Procedures
No questions were asked.

8.4. 2nd Reading of 3305.1 Public Lettings
No questions were asked.

8.5. 2nd Reading of 3525 Nutrition Services
No questions were asked.

8.6. 2nd Reading of 3525.1 School Food Procurement
No questions were asked.

8.7. 2nd Reading of 9205 Members Dealing with Complaints: Personnel or Material
No questions were asked.

8.7.1. AR-9205 Organizational Plan: Line of Authority
No questions were asked.

8.8. 2nd Reading of 9225.3 Order of Business
No questions were asked.

8.9. Update on Bus Grant

Mr. Alexander shared that we are working on gathering data as the RFPs are all out so now we wait to receive that information so it can then be shared with the entire Board.

9. Administrators' Report

9.1. Level 3 Program

Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra shared a handout on the CORE (level 3) program. She noted that there are currently five students enrolled- four Beatrice students and one student that is contracted in. The program focuses on communicating needs and feelings. She added that all students are receiving group and individual therapies. Recently, she has received interest from other school districts. Any potential additional students would have to go through assessments before any placement in the program can be made. Zimmerman asked if there is a cap for the program to which Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra responded that originally it was set a eight for the first year, but that would be a real challenge right now. Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra also shared some pictures and a summary of the recent Sensory Safari field trip to the Lincoln Children's Zoo. She informed the Board that 75 total students and staff were set this year. She added that a grant was received to help pay for the transportation to Lincoln.

10. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be November 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be October 23, 2018 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.

11. Adjournment

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

Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Nancy Sedlacek: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Superintendent

Date