

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

Administration Building- Board Room
320 N 5th St
Beatrice, NE 68310

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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 7:08 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. Oath of Office to New Student Member- Hannah Rinne

Mr. Alexander administered the oath of office to new student rep, Hannah Rinne.

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 August 13, 2018

4.3. Approval of minutes of the Board of Education retreat on August 13, 2018

4.4. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment

4.5. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for July 2018 and August 2018

4.6. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- August 22, 2018

4.7. Approval of Option Students: From Fairbury- Aiden Melcher- Gr. 1; From Norris- Wyatt Thompson- Gr. K; From Lincoln- Sophia Saathoff- Gr. K; From Southern- Coltyn Ross- Gr. 5, Hayden Ross- Gr. 3; To Freeman- Vibeke Gierde- Gr. 12, Lukas Widen- Gr. 10

4.8. Approval of Policy: 3rd Reading of 1102 Recording of Others, 1250 Title I Parent and Family Member Engagement, 3550 Title I Funds, 3580 Insufficient Funds, 4003 Recognition for Service of Employees, 4005 Employee Anti-discrimination Anti-harassment and Anti-retaliation, 4015 Child Abuse Reporting, 4240 Para Procedure, 5401 Student Antidiscrimination, 5435 Married Students or Students with Children, 5533 Search and Seizures, 5556 Random Drug Testing, 5560 Student Discipline Policy, 6212 Assessments- Academic Content Standards, 6214 Reading Instruction and Assessment

4.8.1. Administrative Regulations: AR-4005a Notice of Nondiscrimination, AR4005b Complaint Form- Discrimination, Harassment or Retaliation, AR-4015 Child Abuse, AR-5401a Complaint Form- Discrimination, Harassment or Retaliation

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 Steve Winter.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Nancy Sedlacek: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5. Outstanding Recognition

5.1. Employee of the Month

Dr. Nielsen recognized Officer Tim Price, Middle School Resource Officer, as the September Employee of the Month. Officer Price spends time getting to know the students and understanding the district's safety procedures so he can ensure a great environment for all students. During the summer, Officer Price spent time reviewing the transportation situation to make it safer for students. He also makes his way out to the elementary schools to

meet and greet the students. He played a strong role in bringing professional development to the district as evidenced by the recent Standard-Response Protocol (SRP) and active shooter training.

5.2. New Certified Staff

Dr. Nielsen informed the Board that new teachers were invited to the meeting. The following certified staff introduced themselves to the Board, shared their educational background and prior teaching experience, as well as one way they are trying to make a difference this school year: Theresa Levesque (5th grade at Paddock Lane), Claire Weber (4th grade at Paddock Lane), Jaxson Kenton (High School English), Dustin Hahn (High School Business), Alberto Jaramillo (Physical Education at Lincoln & Stoddard), and Mark McClanahan (Level 3 Supervisor). Dr. Nielsen recognized the following staff members that were unable to attend the meeting: Todd Ekart (High School Strength), Macie Coffey (Level 3 at Paddock Lane), Hannah Boucher (Skills at Middle School), Megan Roberts (Preschool), Heather Heble (Preschool), Brandi Knapp (Kindergarten at Paddock Lane), Rebecca Meagher (5th Grade at Paddock Lane), Clark Ribble (High School Physical Education), Shannon Burgess (5th Grade at Paddock Lane), Nicole Zvolanek (4th Grade at Stoddard), Charles Humphrey (Compass), Anna Scarborough (Speech Pathologist), and Vicki Heard (Preschool).

6. Information

6.1. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander provided an update on the Paddock Lane building work. He thanked the Board for letting him attend the Labor Relations Conference. Mr. Alexander shared some basic information on a fundraiser event that was suggested by High School Spanish teacher, Cale Kaiser. Next, he reminded Board members of the upcoming area meetings in Nebraska City on September 12th and in York on September 19th. Mr. Alexander informed the Board that he will be discussing a potential partnership with a former staff member for discounted hotel rooms through Hotel Engine. Additional dates that he reminded Board members of include: Community Connection event on September 13th, Buffett Institute Childhood Institute Conference on September 17th, and a superintendent meeting on the 21st at Freeman. Finally, he shared that Sharon Endorf with the NASB asked the district to present on modular buildings so Zimmerman, Winter, and himself will be doing that on October 30th.

6.2. Student Update

Hannah Rinne informed the Board that all fall sports are underway and the softball team is doing exceptionally well. She added that the home Cross Country meet has already been hosted. The fine arts and music departments are preparing for the musical in October. The first choral concert of the year is on Tuesday, September 11th. She added that class officer elections were held last week and preparations for Homecoming are well underway.

6.3. Board Reports

6.3.1. Committee of the Whole

Martin reported that the Committee of the Whole met on August 22, 2018. The following topics were discussed: grade level buildings (Mr. Janssen), summer project update (Mr. Brethouwer), SOCS website/video upgrade (Mr. Alexander), bus grant award (Mr. Alexander), policy update (Mr. Alexander), and the 18-19 budget review (Mr. Alexander). No one spoke at this time. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

6.3.2. STANCE Report

Winter reported that STANCE is preparing for the upcoming legislative session. He shared information on supporting the principles of the Nebraskans United for Property Tax Reform and Education group which was sent out via email. He reminded the Board that Nebraska ranks 49th among all states in the percentage of K-12 state funding that comes from state resources. The national average is 47%, but Nebraska schools only receive approximately 33% of their funding from state resources.

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

No one spoke at this time.

8. Discussion

8.1. 1st Reading of 3305 Purchasing

Mr. Alexander noted that this policy update is designed to give the superintendent the flexibility to approve purchases up to \$5,000. It also clearly outlines the procedures for purchasing. The proposed changes will help create a level of employee accountability. The corresponding administrative regulation has been a district practice that we would like to incorporate as it complements the policy and clearly outlines out the credit card procedures.

8.1.1. AR-3305 Credit Card and Charging Procedures

8.2. 1st Reading of 3305.1 Public Lettings

Mr. Alexander shared that there was a simple language update from business manager to superintendent.

8.3. 1st Reading of 3525 Nutrition Services

There was another simple update in language from business manager to superintendent/assistant superintendent.

8.4. 1st Reading of 3525.1 School Food Procurement

Mr. Alexander shared that this is a new policy which is required by federal food procurement regulations and this will impact all schools in the state. The policy is determined by the anticipated total annual expenditures related to the food service program.

8.5. 1st Reading of 9205 Members Dealing with Complaints: Personnel or Material

Mr. Alexander shared that since the August Committee of the Whole meeting, he found this policy that supports the graphic organizer that was proposed last month. He added that the policy accurately describes the idea behind the graphic organizer. Mr. Alexander also shared that in researching, multiple other similar policies at other schools in Nebraska were discovered.

8.5.1. AR-9205 Organizational Plan: Line of Authority

8.6. 1st Reading of 9225.3 Order of Business

Mr. Alexander informed Board members that the changes just help clarify the order of operations that the Board already follows.

8.7. Update on Bus Grant

Mr. Alexander shared that a list of specs for the new bus is nearly complete and will then be put out to get quotes. He shared that the district will be replacing the 1998 bus and wants to look at replacement costs for a low end, mid range, and top end (coach style) bus. A list of the district's current transportation fleet was provided to Board members.

9. Action

9.1. Approval of the 2018-19 budget

Mr. Alexander noted that all the information on the 2018-2019 budget was presented during the hearing that was held prior to the meeting. He requested approval of the budget.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2018-19 budget as presented 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

9.2. Approval of the 2018-19 property tax request

Mr. Alexander again noted that all the information was presented during the hearing that was held before the meeting. Martin ready the property tax resolution in its entirety.

I move that the Board of Education of district #15 approve the 2018-19 property tax request as presented passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.3. Approval of the agreement with FES for marketing plan in accordance with the strategic plan

Mr. Alexander noted that this is a terrific opportunity and he confirmed that the district can do this one video at a time as desired. He informed Board members that he will keep the suggestion to involve students in the videos in mind as the production begins.

10. Administrators' Report

10.1. Early Childhood Education

Mrs. Timmerman played a video displaying images and clips of the preschool and what goes on during a typical day (language, math and social-emotional learning). She shared that this is the eighth year of collaboration with Head Start and they have 55 students at the preschool. This is the second year for the single site preschool and

currently there are a total of 217 students enrolled in 13 sections. Mrs. Timmerman shared that the teachers have really bought into the PBiS language and students are starting to take ownership. She added that the preschool did hire a new staff member (nurse) to assist with some of the medical challenges.

11. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be October 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be September 27, 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.

12. 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.

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 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Superintendent

Date