



Nauroth says “Welcome Back”



The 2014-15 school year will soon be here, and everyone is eager to welcome students back. As a school district, we encourage feedback from parents and students. Throughout the year, surveys dealing with various topics will be placed on our website (www.beatricepublicschools.com). Your input on how we are doing and how we can get better is welcome.

The first topic of discussion is about summer learning activities. Please take a few minutes and share your responses with us. We are serious about providing the best education possible to all students, and working together with families to accomplish this. Thank you for your trust. Let's have a great year!



One aspect of the Strategic Plan is to “insure effective communication in order to unite all members of our partnership in achieving our mission and objective.”

Each month the Beat will select one strategy along with a specific result and focus on one Action Step that has been completed.

Strategy: We will integrate, model, reinforce and assess the character attributes of respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, caring, fairness, and citizenship.

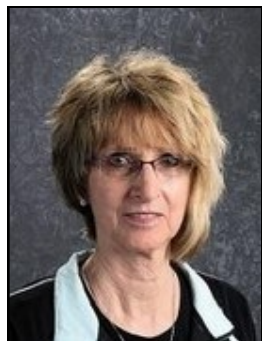
Specific Result: Implement comprehensive character development program to increase positive student engagement.

The district adopted and trained all its teachers in the Boys Town Model of “Teaching Social Skills in Schools” over the last two years. It is now used in all the buildings. New staff were trained in using the Model before school started.

“It has made the vocabulary staff use when dealing with discipline issues consistent across the district which makes it easier to build on character attributes from year to year,” said Curriculum Director Jackie Nielsen, “I think Boys Town has helped us to increase student engagement.”

Being the Best

Being the Best recognizes the achievements of staff members. Please send items to thebeat@bpsnebr.org.



B Roberta Lineweber received the 2014 Freda Battey Distinguished Educator Award at an awards luncheon on May 16 at the University of

Nebraska-Lincoln. The criteria for the award is “excellence in teaching coupled with recognition in other complementary education activities.”

Lineweber was nominated by Kelly Maydwell of Beatrice, a UNL student majoring in pre-special education. “Roberta is a highly motivated special education teacher who always brings out the best in students,” Maydwell said. “She helps them figure out problems on their own, helping them to be independent.” She is a teacher at the high school.



B Jan Smaus was named the Nebraska Family Consumer Science Teacher of the Year. She received the honor at the

NCE Conference in June. She teaches at the middle school.

Students learn at summer school, camps

Science Camp was popular with all grades. (below) Derek Niss demonstrates sound waves through the use of fire. Students enjoyed the hands on activities at Science Camp.



District uses time to make multiple improvements

Most students may not be in session in June and July but that does not mean work was not being done. Every building in the district had work done including a thorough cleaning. Superintendent Pat Nauroth put together a list of some of these projects.

TOP 10 SUMMER WORK PROJECTS

1. Technology infrastructure upgrade throughout the District
2. Hevelone Center painting and work on the stage
3. Finishing the Middle School roof replacement
4. Building repair at Paddock Lane Elementary after the wind storms
5. Insulation in the School Administration Building
6. Carpet in the library / media center, band and choir rooms at the High School
7. Carpet and work done in the Pre-K classroom at Paddock Lane Elementary
8. Armor-coating and landscaping the High School parking lot
9. Painting of the auxiliary gym at the High School
10. Minor cement work at the elementary buildings



(above) Chris Cullison paints the new floor in the Hevelone Center. Dennis Coudeyras finishes painting the auxiliary gym at the high school. (right) Scott Kovar and Marcia Vontz give the art room a deep cleaning during the summer.

A look at what happened at the board of education meeting.

Two courses added to graduation requirements

The board approved adding quarter classes in Financial Literacy and Career Education to the high school graduation requirements.

Superintendent's Report

Pat Nauroth said the city of Beatrice will be doing some summer work on Orange Blvd., so the road will be closed for about two weeks. He also said a culvert at 26th and Lincoln will be replaced by the city in September or October. The street will be closed for two to three days. The bridge on south Highway 77 should be complete before the start of school.

Nauroth also said the administrators would be having a retreat for a half day on July 24 and 25.

Committee of the Whole

Vice-President Jon Zimmerman said the board heard a report by Curriculum Director Jackie Nielsen on the professional development plan for 2014-15. She also said the district will begin developing the calendars for 2015-16 and 2016-17 and at this time will review and evaluate the Professional Learning Community time.

The board also heard an update on summer projects from Business Manager John Brazell.

Action Agenda

The board gave first round approval to a number of items and also reaffirmed the

student fee policy. Handbooks for Classified Staff, Certified Staff and Substitutes were all approved.

Substitute pay was increased to \$118 a day. The milk bid from Prairie Land Dairy and the bread bid from Rotella's Italian Bakery were approved.

The fee for students to ride the bus that do not qualify for free busing was increased from \$115 to \$118.

The board approved the prices for breakfast and lunch prices. The price for a student breakfast will be \$1.85 and an adult breakfast will be \$2.05. The cost for an elementary student lunch will be \$2.60 and a middle and senior high lunch the cost will be \$2.70.

The September Board of Education meeting will be on Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. and the August Committee of the Whole meeting will be on August 28 at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be at the Central Administration Building.

8 new staff members join Beatrice



New staff members are William Hookstra, district psychologist; Ryan Stevens, Paddock Lane; Ashley McConnell, Paddock Lane; Samantha Hall, speech language pathologist; Steven Carlson, middle school; Abby Kassmeier, middle school; Whitney Kirchmann, high school; and Emily Iverson, high school.

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Board of Education Meetings

Aug. 28, 7 p.m.
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