

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2020 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 virtually at 7:00 PM. At the beginning of the meeting, the chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available online and accessible to members of the public.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consent Agenda

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 March 9, 2020

3.3. Approval of minutes of the emergency Board of Education meeting on March 16, 2020

3.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for March 2020

3.5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- March 26, 2020

3.6. Approval of Option Students: To Norris- Delaney Carstens- Gr. 11; To Wilber-Clatonia- Ashton Pospisil- Gr. K; To Lincoln- Jane DeBoer- Gr. 9, Lucy DeBoer- Gr. 9, Aidin Kolb- Gr. 9; To Freeman- Everly Meints- Gr. K, Azlin Monroe- Gr. K; To Southern- Alexander Glynn- Gr. 12, Karlee Crosier- Gr.10; To Tri County- Cayden Taylor- Gr. K, Jack Miller- Gr. K, Kodi Meyer- Gr. K, Piper McDougall- Gr. K, Tanner Siefken- Gr. 1, Owen Eckhoff- Gr. 1, Kasey Ramos- Gr. 1, Bristol Parde- Gr. 2, Ashlynn Boles- Gr. 4, Lydia Siefken- Gr. 4, Hadley Kelle- Gr. 8, Bailey Schwab- Gr. 9, Raziel Mykiel Kasilag- Gr. 12; From Diller-Odell- Adaca Springer- Gr. 2

3.7. Approval of Policy: 2nd Reading of Policy 6212 Assessments- Academic Content Standards; 3rd Reading of Policy 8000 Code of Ethics and Policy 8225 Conflict of Interest

3.8. Approval of retirement of Margaret Doyle- High School English

3.9. Approval of resignation of Kelli Cumberledge- High School English; Shannon Mick- High School Mathematics; Sydney Osburn- 1st Grade at Paddock Lane

3.10. Approval of contracts for 2020-2021: Kirstine Rios- Kindergarten at Paddock Lane; Lacey Johnson- 4th Grade at Paddock Lane; Melanie Slama- Physical Education at Middle School; Kylie Luong- Resource at Stoddard; Kristen Banahan- Speech Language Pathologist at Preschool; Alexandria Edwards- High School Mathematics; Ashley Hoffman- FCS at Middle School

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

4. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the listing of payments as presented passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Eric Trusty.

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

5. Outstanding Recognition

5.1. Class B Wrestling State Champion- Trevor Reinke (132lbs)

Mr. Randel congratulated and recognized Trevor Reinke for his Class B State Wrestling Championship. He noted that Trevor wrestled at 132 pounds and finished with an outstanding season record of 42-3.

5.2. State Runner-up Basketball Team

Mr. Randel congratulated and recognized the following members of the Class B state basketball runner-up team: Players- Morgan Mahoney, Addison Barnard, Whitney Schwisow, Avery Barnard, Makenzie Hatcliff, Hailey Schaaf, Riley Schwisow, Chelsea Leners, Olivia Aden, Carley Leners, Reganne Henning, Tavia Hausman, Nevaeh Martiznez, Alexis Schwartz, Sadie Glynn, and Abby Ware; and Coaches- Jalen Weeks, Kyle Kolm, Dustin Hahn, Danielle Fairbanks, and Hunter Zarybnicky. He added that the team finished with an impressive 22-4 season record and were the only team that defeated the eventual State Champion, Crete Cardinals.

5.3. All-State Basketball: Carley Leners

Next, Mr. Randel commended Carley Leners for being awarded to 1st Team All-State. He added that she was a great senior leader for the girls basketball team and very technically sound. She will be continuing her basketball career at Hastings College next year.

Finally, Mr. Randel thanked all of the coaches, parents, and Beatrice community for their support of all winter sports.

6. Information

6.1. Student Update

No student report was given.

6.2. Board Reports

6.2.1. Committee of the Whole

Martin reported that the Committee of the Whole met virtual on March 26, 2020 with Pieper absent. The meeting was held as a trial for future meetings. The only topic discussed was the Alio Financial/HR Data Hosting (Mr. Alexander). No one spoke during public forum. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

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

No one spoke at this time.

8. Discussion

8.1. 1st Reading of AR-4515 Advancement of Salary Schedule

Mr. Alexander shared that it was discovered that this administrative regulation needs updated to meet the current district practice and what is stated in the negotiated agreement. He noted that those changes have been made and are reflected accordingly in the revised draft.

9. Action

9.1. Approve the interlocal contract for enrichment activities (SNRP)

Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra noted that this is an ESU program that is housed out of Lincoln Public Schools and that these are the same activities which include support for students with hearing impaired education needs. She added that there is no cost to the district.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the interlocal contract for enrichment activities with ESU #18 for the 2020-2021 school year 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 Weidenhammer services agreement

Mr. Alexander shared that this contract is for the hosting of the district's financial/payroll services and is to be housed on the servers of the Alio web-based housing services. He added that there have been no changes since what was shared at the March committee meeting.

I move that that Board of Education of District #15 approve the computer processing services agreement (#20030) with Weidenhammer passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Steve Winter.

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

9.3. Approve the resolution due to the COVID 19 pandemic in regards to the District's shift to a distance learning setting

Mr. Alexander shared that this resolution ensures that the district has taken steps to establish a fair and reasonable plan for grading, promotion, and graduation of students who have been affected by this interruption of traditional learning due to Covid 19. Mr. Sutter shared information for the high school's plan on grading for the second semester. He informed the Board that students will have the option of pass/fail or letter grades for their transcripts and transcripts will include a statement for this semester. Dr. Nielsen emphasized that importance of trying to be equitable with the grading system and meeting the needs of all students. Mr. Jarosh provided a brief summary of grading at the middle school level as well.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the resolution in its entirety passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Erin Chadwick.

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. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander began by informing the Board that the district has been working with Exmark on establishing apprenticeships for students. Next, he shared that as things continue to change and progress over the summer in regards to Covid 19, changes to the calendar may need to be requested which would require Board approval. Mr. Alexander informed the Board that a district-wide zoom meeting is being planned for this week and Mr. Sutter will also be organizing a zoom meeting to discuss graduation options. Mr. Alexander shared some good news in regards to some additional funding for Nebraska school districts due to the recently enacted CARES Act. At this time, the Nebraska Department of Education believes that the amount to be distributed to each school district will be calculated at roughly 83% of the district's Title I allocations.

11. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held virtually on May 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be held virtually on April 23, 2020 at 6:00 PM. An agenda for the meeting will be readily available on the district's website.

12. Adjournment

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

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 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date