

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 12, 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

**Absent:** Lisa Pieper, **Present:** Janet Byars, Erin Chadwick, Doris Martin, Eric Trusty, Steve Winter, Jon Zimmerman.  
Present: 6, 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

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 in July 15, 2019

3.3. Approval of minutes of the special Board of Education hearing on July 15, 2019

3.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for July 2019

3.5. Approval of Option Students: From Southern- Paige Fritz- Gr. K, Addison Fritz- Gr. K; From Fairbury- Hudson Rogers- Gr. K; To Wilber-Clatonia- Kiley Schroder- Gr. 2, Bryce Milke- Gr. 11; To Norris- Greyson Zellner- Gr. 2, Berkeley Zellner- Gr. 3, Phoenix Zellner- Gr. 4; To Lewiston- Kayvon McCall- Gr. 1; To Southern- Tayten Belding- Ames- Gr. 10, Justin Two Crow- Gr. 12

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, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the payment of bills as presented passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Erin Chadwick.

Doris Martin: Abstain (With Conflict), Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 excuse the absence of Lisa Pieper passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Erin Chadwick.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5. Public Forum/Citizen's Requests/Comments Related to Agenda Items  
No one spoke at this time.

6. Discussion

6.1. 2nd Reading of Policy 3105 Budget

Mr. Alexander noted that LB103 changed some procedures for passing the district's annual tax request and this resulted in a revision to this policy. The changes are all part of the annual tax hearing notice that will be published

in the local newspaper prior to the budget hearing.

#### 6.2. 2nd Reading of Policy 3305 Purchasing

Mr. Alexander noted that revisions were necessary to this policy due to LB675 which deals with the timeframe that a current Board may obligate future Boards in agreements. Districts must follow the NDE guidelines and applicable statutes for any purchases made through the NDE of Admin Services.

#### 6.3. 2nd Reading of Policy 4605 Collective Bargaining

Mr. Alexander noted that some additions were needed to this policy to thoroughly outline the collective-bargaining process which includes that agreements cannot exceed four years.

#### 6.4. 2nd Reading of Policy 5110 Student Residence, Admission and Contracting for Educational Services

Mr. Alexander stated that LB115 deals with the enrollment of out of state children and children of military families and it has led to an update of this policy.

#### 6.5. 2nd Reading of Policy 5205 Confidentiality of Records

Mr. Alexander shared that LB575 deals with directory information and access by military recruiters, and resulted in an update to this policy. He noted that nothing supersedes FERPA and confirmed that parents have the right to deny publishing of a student's personal information.

#### 6.6. 2nd Reading of Policy 6203 Citizenship

Mr. Alexander shared that this is a brand new policy as a result of LB399 which deals with the teaching of civics and its oversight by the Board. He added that the policy is very detailed and prescriptive.

#### 6.7. Board Evaluation Tool

Mr. Alexander shared that in communication with President Zimmerman a board evaluation instrument was discussed. Zimmerman indicated that in previous years the Board has used the NASB self-assessment that is online. The assessment tool is \$250. Mr. Alexander shared that since there are no objections, he will begin continue moving forward on this and preparing to bring some dates to the group.

### 7. Action

#### 7.1. Approve the interlocal contract for enrichment activities (SNRP)

Mr. Alexander noted that this is an ESU program that is housed out of Lincoln Public Schools and that these are the same activities as last year which include support for students with hearing impaired education needs. He added that there is no cost to district.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the interlocal contract for enrichment activities with ESU #18 for the 2019-2020 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon

Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 7.2. Approval of the contract with Rhiannon Svitak, speech language pathologist, for the 2019-2020 school year

Mr. Alexander noted that this is basically a contract renewal of the same guidelines from last year and at the state reimbursed rate of \$57 per hour.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the contract with Rhiannon Svitak, speech language pathologist, for the 2019-2020 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Trusty.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon

Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 7.3. Board Policy Update

Mr. Alexander noted that this is a topic that has been discussed over the last couple of months. He stated that policy development and update is one of the most important duties of the Board of Education. Many of the current policies are in need of a complete review and update to meet current state statutes. Mr. Alexander asked the Board to partner with the law firm to review, approve and update the policies in sections which will expedite the process.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the agreement with Perry Law Firm for a complete review of board policy to include any needed updates/additions for the cost of \$7500 passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Erin Chadwick.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 7.4. GNSA Membership

Mr. Alexander noted that this topic was discussed at last month's meeting. He shared that he looked into various aspects of the joining the organization and shared some of the positives; however, the \$4,250 membership fees seems cost prohibitive and he is not comfortable spending that amount of money in the district's current budget state.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 open discussion on membership with the Greater Nebraska Schools Association Failed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Steve Winter.

Janet Byars: Nay, Erin Chadwick: Nay, Doris Martin: Nay, Eric Trusty: Nay, Steve Winter: Nay, Jon Zimmerman: Nay

Yea: 0, Nay: 6

### 8. Administrators' Report

#### 8.1. Superintendent Report

##### 8.1.1. Start of School

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that staff meetings went very well and included new staff orientation, technology training, MTSS training, effective instruction training and multiple certified and classified staff meetings. He added that staff are excited for students to begin on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

##### 8.1.2. Request from City- Tennis Courts

Mr. Alexander shared that the city is looking at approximately \$30,000 of repairs to the tennis courts at Hannibal Park and has asked if the school would be willing to help since we utilize it the most. He added that more information will be forthcoming on possible resurfacing at the committee of the whole meeting.

##### 8.1.3. Book Read

Mr. Alexander noted that in an effort to establish more unity, the entire district will be completing a book read of "Who Moved My Cheese" by Spencer Johnson.

##### 8.1.4. EZRouting Tool- Transportation

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that district added a new software program, EZ Routing, for transportation. He noted that it is a process and there has been a learning curve with it, but it should help reach our goals of maximizing security, efficiency and effectiveness for busing. Dr. Nielsen took some time to showcase the software for Board members. She added that she is excited about the software and how much improvement will be made within the technology department.

##### 8.1.5. Budget Prep Update

Mr. Alexander provided a quick summation of the budget authority being reduced to \$29,528,680 as well as the expenditures and revenues. He added that the tax asking will depend on valuations that will hopefully come in later this week or early next week. The preliminary outlook is approximately \$12,720,000 which is a rough increase of 1.68% which reflects the NDE certified allowable growth.

### 9. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be September 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be August 22, 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.

### 10. 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, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

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Board Secretary/Superintendent

Date