

# Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting Thursday, April 30, 2020 6:00 PM Central

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## 1. Call to Order & Roll Call

**Present:** Janet Byars, Erin Chadwick, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Eric Trusty, Steve Winter, Jon Zimmerman. Present: 7.

Mrs. Martin, Vice-President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order virtually (via Zoom) at 6:00 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. Approval of the Agenda

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Jon Zimmerman 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

## 3. High Reliability Schools (HRS) Results

Dr. Nielsen shared some information on the culture and climate data that is collected from the High Reliability Schools surveys which are given annually. She noted that the scale is 1-5 and means greater than 3.5 mean a majority of respondents agreed and means less than 2.5 mean a majority of respondents disagreed. Dr. Nielsen added that the stakeholder surveys are the average of students, parents, and staff surveys. One area of growth determined by the survey is to determine additional ways to provide students and parents with formal ways to provide input into how the school functions. Overall, the results demonstrate that we have a safe, supportive, and collaborative environment in Beatrice Public Schools.

## 4. Summer School

Dr. Nielsen shared that the current plan for summer school is to provide services for students that fall within the parameters of the Reading Recovery Act. There will be two types of learning offered for kindergarten through third grade students during the month of June and the learning will be virtual. The platforms that will be utilized for virtual learning include Zoom sessions and online activities through SeeSaw and other applications. She added that families which qualify are being contacted already and there will be less than 150 total students enrolled. Dr. Nielsen added that the Best Possible Summer Experience will be back in 2021.

## 5. Capital Systems Copier Lease Proposal

Mr. Alexander shared that he has been researching if there are ways to become more efficient financially. He stated that the state of Nebraska has a contract for multifunction printers which has already been awarded on a statewide basis and the contract is facilitated by Capital Business Systems. The district's current lease will expire within one more year. Buying out the current lease would allow the district to upgrade machines that are now four years old and save the district approximately \$9,300 per year.

## 6. End of Year Date

Mr. Alexander shared that there are some items that would typically be accomplished the last few days of school with students, but due to the COVID 19 pandemic, some adjustments to the calendar are needed to ensure things are handled under the guidelines of the current directed health measures. The adjustments include virtual learning ending on May 14th so students can begin returning materials on May 15th. Staff will use the last few days to finalize shutdown preparations, attend staff meetings, and participate in professional development activities.

## 7. Transportation

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that CARES Act funding has been established due to the pandemic for businesses and public entities to be able to pay employees and vendors "to the greatest extent practicable". He added that the district's main vendor contract is with Mid States for transportation services. Mr. Alexander added that he worked

with Mid States and through legal counsel to create an addendum which outlines both parties responsibilities and that the Board will be asked to approve the addendum at the May board meeting. He added that the total cost reduction will be approximately \$72,000.

#### 8. Administrator & Classified Salaries

Mr. Alexander stated that he met with the Board negotiations group to discuss salaries for the remaining three groups for the 2020-21 school year. Based on that meeting and to remain consistent with the increase for certified staff, he provided an overview on the executive summary document that was shared with Board members and the options listed. Options ranged from a 1.5- 2.25% increase in wages/salaries. Figures for the overall budget impact were included as well as the projected cost savings taken into consideration. Discussion ensued by Board members and the consensus was to go somewhere in the middle for classified staff with official approval coming at the May meeting.

9. Public Comments- This is the proper time for public questions and comments on any topic. Please make sure a request form is given to the Board Vice-President before the meeting begins.

No one spoke at this time.

#### 10. Adjournment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Jon Zimmerman 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 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

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Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

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Date