

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:00 PM Central

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

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Absent: Eric Trusty, **Present:** Janet Byars, Erin Chadwick, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Steve Winter, Jon Zimmerman. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

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

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the agenda as presented and excuse the absence of Eric Trusty 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, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. Strategic Plan

3.1. Cambridge Planning Process

Dr. Matt Dominy presented information to the Board on the upcoming strategic planning process. First, he shared what his role as an external facilitator will be. Next, he talked about the gathering input part of the planning stage and how that will include surveys for staff, parents/community members, and students. The planning stage will also consist of collecting vital signs information and building the district planning team. He spoke about who would be included on the planning team and noted that the team will probably consist of around 40 people. Next, he shared a tentative timeline on the planning sessions and purpose/tasks of each session. Site plans will be developed and must be consistent with the strategic plan or help contribute to the accomplishment of the plan. The goal is to seek official Board approval of the plan in April 2021. Dr. Dominy emphasized that with the Cambridge model the strategic plan is a visionary plan that will drive the district for the next five years so each strategy needs to have work that is challenging and meaningful.

3.2. Current Plan Update

Dr. Nielsen noted that the most up-to-date version of the strategic plan is in Sparq. She shared a handout with the Board and highlighted some of the main things that the district has completed within the current strategic plan:

- Strategy I: Habitudes Curriculum, 21st Century Skills through Technology, High Reliability School Models, and Professional Development- Ron Clark Academy
- Strategy II: PBIS Training, Implementation of Core Values and Building, Teach and Reinforce Expectations, and High Reliability Schools Level 1 Survey
- Strategy III: Social Media Utilization, Remote Learning Webinars, Promote Service above Self, Community Opportunities, and Create Experiences for Volunteers
- Strategy IV: Facility Planning Committee, Provide Air Quality Checks, Energy Audits, and Safety Audits, and Improvement of Technology Infrastructure

4. Return to School Action Plan

Absent: Doris Martin. Present: 5, Absent: 2. Martin exited the meeting at approximately 6:50 PM.

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that the planning process for the action plan for returning to school has been a joint effort between the administrative team and a staff collaboration team. He added that the parent meeting with patrons went well. Dr. Nielsen started by explaining the tiered system approach that the district will be taking and emphasized that public health solutions and the incident command groups will be used to determine the tier level at a given time. Dr. Nielsen took time to describe each tier and how school may operate under each level. She added that the goal (and current plan) is to begin the school year on August 12th as scheduled. Next, a list of all the tenets that have been considered and discussed as part of the planning process were shared by Mr. Alexander. The tenets include: screening, school operations, food service, cleaning/facility modifications, extracurricular activities/external facility use, academics, technology services, transportation, human resources, health services, wellness, crisis team, PPE, and at-risk or vulnerable populations. He highlighted some of the areas and how measures will be enhanced if we move through/up the tiered system. Mr. Alexander provided some statistics on the number of cases locally as well as some of the data from a student survey that was sent out. He added that a staff survey was also sent out and that data was shared as well. Mr. Alexander shared that at this time, the district is not requiring students to wear masks, but that the philosophy on masks may change when or if things progress in our area or further direction is provided by Public Health Solutions or any state-mandated directed health measurers. Dr. Nielsen noted some slight calendar adjustments which include kindergarten welcome meetings on August 10th and bringing only the 6th graders on the first day (August 12th). Chadwick commended administration for the amount of work they have put in for this plan and noted that she is comfortable with the tiered system. Board members did have some questions on visitors being allowed in the buildings and if administration has concerns about being able to get subs.

5. 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. Josh Erikson shared his concerns on the plan for reopening in regards to the current language of the mask policy. He shared data on the effectiveness of wearing masks.

6. Adjournment

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

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date