

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2019 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 6:01 PM in the Administration Building Board Room. At the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. Martin 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. Curriculum Update

Dr. Nielsen informed the Board that so far this school year there have been two great curriculum development days for math and science. Dr. Nielsen stated that part of the Marzano model includes growth learning goals and scales that must be developed. She shared a handout with Board members; the handout included samples of these scales. She added that level 2 brings in the foundational pieces and level 3 is where we want all students to be. Dr. Nielsen emphasized how great it is to be able to get the scale in the hands of the students as it provides the opportunity for the students to take their time to think about the standards and really break them down. Dr. Nielsen informed the Board that the Marzano research group has scales available to purchase (approximately \$10,000 for 6-12 scale covering 4 core areas). Marzano used national standards and also looked at the state standards when developing the scales. Dr. Nielsen noted that this is something that the district would like to purchase. Martin questioned how this is different from what teachers already have. Dr. Nielsen responded that not all classrooms have a tool like this and that most districts which are using them have seen amazing growth. Chadwick asked if this scale more closely aligns to assessment to which Dr. Nielsen responded yes.

4. Book Read

Mr. Alexander summarized "Who Moved My Cheese", a short parable about change. He informed the Board that all certified staff are going through a book read and spending some PLC time discussing change in their own lives (personal or professional) and how they have had to adapt to it. Mr. Alexander informed the Board that they can borrow a copy of the book if they would like or there are videos that can be shown to summarize it. The book read will be one of the topics of discussion at the upcoming Meet Your Cousins PLC in October.

5. Technology Needs

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that there have been a couple of recent meetings to discuss technology needs. From those meetings, technology director, Dave Koch worked to develop a list of prioritized needs split by licensing agreements and equipment. Mr. Alexander informed the Board that in the next 1-5 years, some pretty significant equipment will need to be replaced. He added that the technology team is researching some funding options internally. The options are being further researched and then the group will meet again in early October to discuss what options to bring to the Board. Mr. Alexander noted that Board members may be a part of this committee if they wish.

6. Policy 4550 Certified Staff Supervision and Evaluation

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that as the district worked with the NDE to attain approval of the new administrative evaluation tool, it was discovered that this policy needed to be updated in order to meet Rule 10 requirements. He added that the necessary changes, most of which were terminology, have been made and will be presented in detail at the October Board meeting.

7. Sabbatical Leave Process

Mr. Alexander shared that there is a Spanish department staff member that would like to go teach overseas and has requested sabbatical leave. Mr. Alexander summarized the components of sabbatical leave as outlined in the negotiated agreement. He added that the caveat is that the district has to find a teacher to replace that teacher while they are gone. Mr Alexander stated that this topic will be brought to the Board in October.

8. NASB Board Evaluation Tool

Mr. Alexander shared two cost options for a board assessment, one of which included an online self-assessment only and the other option which included the assessment followed by a retreat with NASB to go through the results.

9. October Board Meeting Structure

Mr. Alexander shared the results of the survey regarding the upcoming October Board meeting. He shared some concerns that were shared by Board members regarding the new Americanism bill and the intent of it. The options for the meeting were shared again and discussion ensued. Board members asked for historical information regarding the number and/or percentage of students that fulfill the public meeting attendance requirement. Administration will look into this and get back to the Board.

10. Upcoming COW Meeting Dates

Mr. Alexander shared that the community event, Night of the Great Pumpkin, is scheduled for October 24th which is the date for the next Committee of the Whole meeting. It was also noted that there is not usually a Committee meeting during November and December. The consensus of the Board was to move the October Committee meeting to Tuesday, October 29th.

11. 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.

12. Adjournment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Jon Zimmerman and a second by Erin Chadwick.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date