

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, December 9, 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: Erin Chadwick, **Present:** Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, 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 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 November 11, 2019

3.3. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for November 2019

3.4. Approval of resignation of Arnie Cerny- High School Science

3.5. Excuse the absence of Erin Chadwick

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, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: 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 listing of bills as presented passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Eric Trusty.

Doris Martin: Abstain (With Conflict), Janet Byars: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

5. Outstanding Recognition

5.1. Employee of the Month

Dr. Nielsen recognized Andrew Johnson, High School Instrumental Music Instructor, as the December Employee of the Month. Those nominating Mr. Johnson stated that he is very deserving of this award as he spends many hours outside of the school day working with students to develop their talents. Mr. Johnson is very encouraging and develops great relationships with his students. In addition, Mr. Johnson is responsible for the management of the Hevelone Center so he makes sure everything is set up exactly as it needs to be. He is creative and innovative and is willing to try new things. Mr. Johnson also helps teach our students how to utilize technology to create content for the new digital video board in the Ozone.

Beatrice Educational Foundation Presentation

Beatrice Educational Foundation President, Sandi Hoffman, accompanied by other Foundation board members presented Mr. Jason Alexander and the district a check in the amount of \$9,569 for technology needs. The funds were raised at the inaugural "Luck of the Orange" event that was held at the Vintage Venue in downtown Beatrice.

6. Information

6.1. Student Update

No report given- representative sick.

6.2. Board Reports

6.2.1. STANCE Report

No report given.

6.2.2. Negotiations Committee

Byars reported that the negotiations committee met for the second time on December 4th and the process is continuing.

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

No one spoke at this time.

8. Discussion

8.1. 2nd Reading of Policy 5109 Guidelines for Elementary Classes

Mr. Alexander reviewed the proposed changes to this policy for the Board noting that no additional changes were made since the first reading last month.

9. Action

9.1. Approval of the 2020-21 School Calendar

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2020-21 school calendar as presented passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon

Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.2. Property- South Edge (Lincoln Elementary)

Mr. Alexander shared that in communication with the city administrator on this property, it was determined that there are three potential options that need to be further discussed with and considered by Mr. Allen. The options are:

- BPS plats the ground and then sells the small parcel
- BPS could grant Mr. Allen an easement over the parcel so he can access his backyard
- BPS could lease the parcel to Mr. Allen

9.3. Approval of the lease proposal

Mr. Alexander shared information on a lease purchase possibility. He stated that the option allows the district to purchase the equipment and have it in students hands now, but pay for it over 4 years. The proposal is for 516 Chromebooks at \$159 each for a grand total of \$82,044. With this 516 Google management licenses would also be needed at \$24 each for an additional \$12,384. The grand total of the lease is \$94,428. He added that there would be a \$1 buy out at the end of the lease purchase. Pros and cons of the lease were discussed.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the lease proposal with Vivacity Tech Equipment Finance and TEQlease, Inc. totaling \$94,428 for new chromebooks passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Trusty.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon

Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10. Administrators' Report

10.1. Character Counsel

Mrs. Hansel & Mrs. Rice shared information on the Character Counsel at Stoddard. Some of the student-driven activities include:

- Morning greetings of students
- Helping out the school and community
- Skit prepared at the Christmas movie

- Giving up Wednesday lunch to talk about how to help out

10.2. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that he has been in discussion with the ESU #5 about the technology director position. The discussions have been favorable and are in an effort to establish a working relationships that will allow us to save a significant sum of money and have them provide our technology infrastructure and hardware needs. Next, he provided an update on the Trailblazer conference. He added that recently the superintendents met and have plans to hold discussions with potential additional conference schools in the near future. Finally, he shared that the NASB Board Retreat covering the assessment tool will be scheduled for early January (6th or 9th).

11. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be January 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. There will not be a Committee of the Whole meeting in December. 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.

12. Executive Session: To discuss the superintendent's evaluation for the protection of public interest and/or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individuals and if such individual has not requested a public meeting.

No action taken.

13. Action

13.1. Approval of the superintendent's evaluation

No action taken.

14. Adjournment

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

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date