

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2023 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

**Present:** Eric Book, Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky.  
**Present:** 7.

Eric Trusty 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. Organization of the Board of Education

3.1. Oath of Office- swear in newly elected members Brandon Vetrovsky and Charles Riedesel and re-elected members Doris Martin and Eric Trusty

Mr. Alexander administered the oath of office to the new board members, Charles Riedesel and Brandon Vetrovsky, and the re-elected members Doris Martin and Eric Trusty.

3.2. Election of Officers

Mr. Alexander asked for the organization of the Board of Education for 2023.

Nomination that Eric Trusty be elected as President to serve a term of one year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Trusty: Abstain (With Conflict), Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Nomination that Doris Martin be elected as Vice-President to serve a term of one year passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Charles Riedesel.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Nomination that Dr. Jackie Nielsen be appointed as Secretary of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Doris Martin.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Nomination that Mr. Jason Alexander be appointed as Treasurer of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3.3. Committee Appointments

At this point in the meeting, Eric Trusty, President of the Board of Education, made the following committee appointments: Staff Relations are as follows: Janet Byars (chair), Charles Riedesel, and Eric Trusty. Americanism Committee appointments are as follows: Lisa Pieper (chair), Brandon Vetrovsky, and Eric Book. Negotiations appointments for the 2024-25 school year are as follows: Janet Byars (chair), Doris Martin, and Eric Book. Eric Trusty was appointed as the NASB Legislative Delegate. Doris Martin was appointed as the Government Relations Network Representative.

I move that the committee assignments be accepted as stated passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

#### 4. Consent Agenda

Martin presented the following items on the consent agenda:

- 4.1. Approval of the agenda as submitted
- 4.2. Approval of minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting on December 12, 2022
- 4.3. Approval of minutes of the special Board of Education meeting on December 21, 2022
- 4.4. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment
- 4.5. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for December 2022
- 4.6. Approval of Option Students: From Auburn- Kambree Haynes- Gr. 7; To Wilber-Clatonia- Jace Derickson- Gr. K, Elise Derickson- Gr. 5

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.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

#### 5. Outstanding Recognition

##### 5.1. Employee of the Month

Mr. Janssen recognized Jasey Buhr, third grade teacher at Stoddard Elementary, as the January Employee of the Month. Ms. Ashley Milburn nominated Jasey and stated that she is an outstanding new teacher as she goes above and beyond for all students. She is always willing to attend and be an active part of IEP meetings. She forms relationships with students and knows where they are at academically and what their strengths are. She also balances being a coach with her teaching position and does both with an extremely positive attitude.

#### 6. Information

##### 6.1. Student Update

No update provided- Riley Schwisow was absent.

##### 6.2. Board Reports

###### 6.2.1. STANCE Report

Mr. Alexander reported that the STANCE group had a zoom check in last week and reviewed the first day of the legislative session and discussed the election of committee chairs and the appointment of committee members.

###### 6.2.2. Negotiations Committee

Mrs. Byars reported that the negotiations committee will be looking to schedule a meeting sometime in the next week.

## 7. Public Forum/Comment

No one spoke at this time.

## 8. Action

### 8.1. Approval of legal counsel

Mr. Alexander just reminded Board members that we do use both firms depending on the situation.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 designate Perry Law Firm or KSB School Law to be representatives of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### 8.2. Approval of Jason Alexander as the District's Federal Grant Representative and Financial Representative

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve Jason Alexander as the District's Federal Grant Representative and Financial Representative passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### 8.3. Approval of the depository banks for Beatrice Public Schools be named as Pinnacle Bank, Security First Bank, First National Bank of Omaha- Beatrice branch and Bank of the West

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that he is looking at some possible certificates of deposit locally and if those are at other institutions, future action may be needed at a later date.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 name the following as the depository banks for Beatrice Public Schools: Pinnacle Bank, Security First Bank, First National Bank of Omaha- Beatrice branch and Bank of the West passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Brandon Vetrovsky.

Lisa Pieper: Abstain (With Conflict), Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

### 8.4. Designate the Beatrice Daily Sun as the official newspaper of record

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 designate the Beatrice Daily Sun as the official newspaper of record passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### 8.5. Approval of current Board policies and regulations

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the current Board policies and regulations passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### 8.6. Reaffirm Safe Return Plan

Dr. Nielsen noted that this is necessary because the district is still utilizing ESSERS funds. She added that at this point of the school year, the district has not had to utilize any of the COVID protocol.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 reaffirm the Safe Return Plan as presented passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

#### 8.7. Discuss, consider, and take action on the proposed classified staff salary incentive

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 table item 8.7 until the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 2nd when all new and existing members can hear the information prior to a regular meeting passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Lisa Pieper.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### 9. Administrators' Report

#### 9.1. Middle School

Mr. Haake provided Board members with a couple of documents on the new Power of ICU database. He mentioned that this initiative is tied to strategy 4 of the strategic plan. Mr. Haake noted that quality assignments get entered into the database; he explained the components that assist with determining what assignments are "quality". The database allows teachers to regularly monitor student progress on completion of assignments. The Middle School is three days into implementation and the initial feedback is overwhelmingly positive.

#### 9.2. Superintendent Report

##### 9.2.1. SNEA Meeting- December 21, 2022

Mr. Alexander stated that the SNEA did officially approve the GMP at their meeting on December 21st. All of the GMP paperwork has been signed by all entities.

##### 9.2.2. Building Project Update

Mr. Alexander shared that the footings for one portion of the building have been poured. He added that CMU, concrete, and masonry work is all planned for the coming weeks if the weather continues to cooperate. The weather did create a few days when not as much work was completed so we will continue to track those days and try to stay on schedule as best we can.

##### 9.2.3. Conflict of Interest Form

Mr. Alexander reminded Board members to complete the conflict of interest form if it applies.

### 10. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be February 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be February 2, 2023 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.

### 11. Adjournment

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

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

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Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

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Date

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