

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2020 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: Janet Byars, Erin Chadwick, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Eric Trusty, Steve Winter, Jon Zimmerman. Present: 7.

Mr. Zimmerman, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 items 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 June 8, 2020

3.3. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment

3.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for June 2020

3.5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- June 25, 2020

3.6. Approval of Option Students: To Southern- Bryanna Neal- Gr. 10; To Lewiston- Avery Busing- Gr. K, Colton Brethouwer- Gr. K, Liam Cookus- Gr. K, Sophia Meyers- Gr. K

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 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

4. Information

4.1. Board Reports

4.1.1. Committee of the Whole

Martin reported that the Committee of the Whole met on June 25, 2020 with Board member Trusty absent. The following were discussed: Cambridge planning process (Dr. Matt Dominy), current strategic planning update (Dr. Nielsen/Mr. Alexander), and the return to school plan (Mr. Alexander/Dr. Nielsen). During public forum, Josh Erikson addressed the Board. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

4.1.2. STANCE Report

Winter reported that there is not much new since last month's report. He reminded the Board that the unicameral will reconvene beginning on July 20th.

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

No one spoke at this time.

6. Discussion

6.1. Return to School Action Plan

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that the planning process for the action plan for returning to school has continued since the last meeting. He thanked all of the individuals that have been involved in the process and provided a list of the meetings that have occurred. Next, he shared that a recent webinar hosted by KSB Law provided some additional insight into other areas to consider. Mr. Alexander shared that there have been many revisions made to the plan, but that the district does not yet have any guidance documents from the NDE; therefore, the district anticipates that more changes could be coming prior to school. He informed the Board that due to such, he would ask the Board to hold a special meeting in late July to formally update the plan and/or adopt a resolution which covers the essential pieces of the return to school plan.

7. Action

7.1. Reaffirm Policy 1240 Parental Involvement

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 reaffirm Policy 1240 Parental Involvement passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Erin Chadwick.

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

7.2. Reaffirm Policy 1250 Title I Parental and Family Member Engagement

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 reaffirm Policy 1250 Title I Parental and Family Member Engagement passed with a motion by Doris Martin 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

7.3. Reaffirm Policy 5575 Student Fees and AR-5575

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 reaffirm Policy 5575 Student Fees and AR-5575 passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Erin Chadwick.

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

7.4. Reaffirm Policy 5585 Anti-Bullying

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 reaffirm Policy 5585 Anti-Bullying passed with a motion by Doris Martin 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

7.5. Approve the 2020-21 Beatrice Community Preschool Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2020-21 Beatrice Community Preschool Handbook passed with a motion by Doris Martin 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

7.6. Approve the 2020-21 Elementary Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2020-21 Beatrice Elementary Handbook passed with a motion by Doris Martin 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

7.7. Approve the 2020-21 Beatrice Middle School Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2020-21 Beatrice Middle School Handbook passed with a motion by Doris Martin 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

7.8. Approve the 2020-21 Beatrice High School Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2020-21 Beatrice High School Handbook passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Erin Chadwick.

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

7.9. Approve the 2020-21 Substitute Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2020-21 Substitute Handbook passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Trusty.

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

7.10. Approve the 2020-21 Certificated Staff Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2020-21 Certificated Staff Handbook passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Erin Chadwick.

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

7.11. Approve 2020-21 Classified Staff Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2020-21 Classified Staff Handbook passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Erin Chadwick.

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

7.12. Approval of the Special Education contract with ESU 5 for the 2020-21 school year

Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra noted that this is the annual contract that we have for services and it is approximately a 2% increase from the previous year.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the Special Education contract with ESU 5 for the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Trusty.

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

7.13. Approval of the contract with Nebraska Mental Health

Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra noted that this will be the third year of contracting services with NMHC for mental health services. The contract basically equates to a half time school psych.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the contract with Nebraska Mental Health for the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Erin Chadwick.

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

7.14. Approve the contract with Rhiannon Svitak, speech language pathologist, for the 2020-21 school year

Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra stated that this is basically a contract renewal of the same guidelines from last year and the contracted rate is set by the NDE.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the contract with Rhiannon Svitak, speech language pathologist, for the 2020-2021 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin 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

8. Administrators' Report

8.1. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander introduced a new idea to the Board. He noted that strategy #3 of the current strategic plan deals with business opportunities. He proposed the idea of starting a BPS Business Friend of the Month. The concept would follow the Employee of the Month and the business would be recognized at a board meeting for giving to