

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2020 7:00 PM Central

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

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Absent: Lisa Pieper, **Present:** Janet Byars, Erin Chadwick, Doris Martin, 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 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 May 11, 2020
- 3.3. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for May2020
- 3.4. Approval of Option Students: To Lincoln Public Schools- Edwin Lewis- Gr. K; To Diller-Odell- Zachary Milligan- Gr. 2, Jesse Gilman-McCown- Gr. 6
- 3.5. Approval of contract for 2020-21 for Andrew Venneman- High School English
- 3.6. Approval of policy: 3rd reading of AR-4515 Advancement of Salary Schedule

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, 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 payments as presented passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Erin Chadwick.

Doris Martin: Abstain (With Conflict), Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

5. Information

5.1. Board Reports

5.1.1. STANCE Report

Winter reported that the unicameral is reconvening on July 20th. He provided some information on the group of senators that have been tasked with meeting with other senators to push LB1106 (Property Tax Reduction), LB720 (Imagine Nebraska Act), and the UNMC bill to the finish line.

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

No one spoke at this time.

7. Discussion

7.1. 2020-21 Beatrice Community Preschool Handbook

Mr. Alexander highlighted the following changes to the preschool handbook: added a communication section and revision to the restrooms.

7.2. 2020-21 Elementary Handbook

Mr. Alexander stated that there were no suggested changes to the elementary handbook.

7.3. 2020-21 Beatrice Middle School Handbook

Mr. Alexander highlighted the following changes to the Middle School handbook: formatting changes to move some sections to other established categories/areas, addition of athletic/activity transportation section, revision to nuisance items, addition of video surveillance information, and the addition of board policy 1323.

7.4. 2020-21 Beatrice High School Handbook

Mr. Alexander highlighted the following changes to the high school handbook: cleaned up the dress code working, updated activity admission prices to reflect new Trailblazer conference pricing and added some additional FERPA right information.

7.5. 2020-21 Substitute Handbook

Dr. Nielsen highlighted the following changes to the substitute handbook: updated elementary start and end times, revised information on ID badges, and added some addition reasons for dismissal.

7.6. 2020-21 Certificated Staff Handbook

Mr. Alexander noted that there were no suggested changes to the certificated staff handbook.

7.7. 2020-21 Classified Staff Handbook

Dr. Nielsen highlighted the following changes to the classified staff handbook: revision of placement of vision insurance, updated YMCA membership information, cleaned up coffee and lunch break language, clarified food reimbursement, removal of educational reimbursement section, cleaned up the language regarding emergency overtime and the confidentiality agreement.

8. Action

8.1. Approval of the elementary science interlocal agreement with ESU 5 for 2020-21 school year

Mr. Alexander shared that this is the contract for the elementary science curriculum assistance that ESU provides to each of our elementary schools in the area of science standards, instruction, and assessment.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the elementary science interlocal agreement with ESU 5 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, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon

Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.2. Approval of bread bids for the 2020-21 school year

Dr. Nielsen shared that two bids were received, and the best cost values for individual items was from Bimbo Bakeries.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the bread bid from Bimbo Bakery for the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Steve Winter.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon

Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.3. Approval of milk bids for the 2020-21 school year

Dr. Nielsen shared that Hiland Dairy is our current provider and they were the only ones to submit a bid.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the milk bid from Hiland Dairy 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, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon

Zimmerman: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.4. Approval of breakfast and lunch prices for 2020-21

Based upon the Paid Lunch Equity calculator, Dr. Nielsen proposed a 10 cent increase to breakfast and lunch prices for full paid students. She added that milk prices will remain the same as will reduced prices.

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

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.5. Discuss, consider and take action on proposal from Touch Point for smart clock system

Mr. Alexander shared that within the school district there are a ton of things that are being tracked. He recommended that the district collect better data on employee time and attendance. Mr. Alexander shared some of the benefits of a time and attendance tracker and noted that the initial investment of the agreement for five clocks is \$11,700. Chadwick agreed with the concept and stated that she thinks transparency with taxpayer money is important. Mr. Alexander also spent time explaining the logistics of who staff would need to contact depending on what type of issue arose.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the proposal from Touch Point for smart clock systems passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9. Administrators' Report

9.1. Assistant Superintendent Report

9.1.1. Technology

Dr. Nielsen noted that the district technology team has been working to determine how to ensure all students are connected next year in whatever setting we are in. Key elements that have been discussed include the goal of equity for all students. The district has also purchased Chromebook tablets for grades K-1 to utilize next year. Students in grades 2-12 will receive a Chromebook to utilize if we have to go into remote learning again. Teachers will work with the technology specialists through professional development opportunities to ensure that they understand the common platforms that will be utilized (SeeSaw and Google Classroom).

9.1.2. Multiculturalism

Dr. Nielsen informed the Board that it is critical for all students to have an understanding of other people, especially those that may have different values, beliefs, and backgrounds from their own. She added that there are many ways that the district works to instill a cultural awareness and sensitivity in each student. The district utilizes text in reading and language to create an understanding through stories. Art is used to help demonstrate a visual expression of cultures and discussion and prompts to help students reflect on where they are with their beliefs. Dr. Nielsen shared that reports for all building levels are uploaded in Sparq and include specific examples of teaching methods and strategies.

9.2. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that a phone system upgrade is needed and ESU5 is currently helping him get some quotes right now on IP systems. Next, he shared that the district is currently undergoing work on a new switch integration system so the entire network is being reconfigured. Throughout this process, ESU5 has discovered a number of inefficiencies which they are working on and in the end will result in a stronger and better network. Mr. Alexander noted that a Jumpstart preschool will be held during July and this is being coordinated with Blue Valley. Staff were given an additional opportunity to donate to the sick leave bank. Mr. Alexander also shared that the CARES Act application has been approved by the federal government, but that it will be weeks before the NDE has the reimbursement system read to use. A meeting is scheduled with Senator Dorn to discuss LB1106. Finally, Mr. Alexander informed the Board that he will have two large sections of policy ready for review at the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

10. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be July 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be June 25, 2020 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 Steve Winter.
Janet Byars: Yea, Erin Chadwick: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Steve Winter: Yea, Jon Zimmerman: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle
Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date