

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2023 7:00 PM Central

Administration Building - Student Programs
Conference 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: Eric Book, **Present:** Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

Mr. Trusty, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 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 and accessible to members of the public.

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 March 13, 2023

3.3. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment

3.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for March 2023

3.5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- March 23, 2023

3.6. Approval of Option Students: From Norris- Ciara Eggleston- Gr. 9

3.7. Approval of Option Students (for 2023-2024 school year): From Freeman- Michael Moss- Gr. 6; To Freeman- Luna Meints- Gr. K, Paul Nelson- Gr. K, Shiloh Wallman- Gr. 9, Trendin Lang- Gr. 5; To Norris- Aria Doeden- Gr. K; To Tri County- Dean Brewer- Gr. K, Elaina Cammack- Gr. K, Briella Card- Gr. K, Grayson Pieper- Gr. K, Maelee Roeber- Gr. K, Layla Miller- Gr. K, Wyatt Kerr- Gr. K, Elijah Ramos- Gr. K, Hunter Anderson- Gr. 1, Theodore Knoble- Gr. 1, Blakely Katz- Gr. 3, Hudson Knoble- Gr. 3, Logan Katz- Gr. 5, Janessa Anderson- Gr. 5, Alaina Kopf- Gr. 10; To Diller Odell- Isaiah Schnuelle- Gr. K

3.8. Approval of resignations of Ashley McConnell- 3rd Grade, Carson Ebeling- 3rd Grade, Kathryn Katz- Elementary Media Specialist, Morgan Schulze- High School Family Consumer Science, Emily Brumond- High School English, Brenda Gronewold- High School Business, Wes Garland- High School Science, Ed Ankrom- High School Math, Kristen Banahan- Speech Language Pathologist

3.9. Approval of contracts for 2023-2024: Amanda Sandoval- Middle School Art, Jessica Weyer- 5th Grade at Paddock Lane, Sarah Stanosheck- 2nd Grade at Paddock Lane, Karena Lovitt- Kindergarten at Lincoln

3.10. Approval of Policy (3rd Reading): 5205 Graduation & Regulation 5205 Graduation Requirements, 5602 Naxolone, 6212 Assessments- Academic Content Standards, 6921 Seizure Safe Schools, 8345 Procedures During Meetings

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 Brandon Vetrovsky.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4. Outstanding Recognition

4.1. Employee of the Month

Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra recognized Dr. Maria-Louisa Knobel as the Employee of the Month. Those nominating Dr. Maria-Louisa stated that she is a champion for students with disabilities and is the district point of contact for needs related to Autism Spectrum Disorder. She regularly attends trainings and conferences to improve her skills and knowledge. She truly sees that all students can be successful and she dedicates her time and energy for the good of the cause.

4.2. Business Friend of the Month

Mr. Alexander recognized Gleason Dental Clinic as the BPS Business Friend of the Month. Mr. Alexander and Dr. Nielsen shared that the Gleason family recently purchased tickets for students to attend the District Championship game for girls basketball. They have also helped sponsor shirts for various activities, made donations to camps, and helped with big projects, including the House of Orange and the Hevelone Center. Additionally, they have sponsored free dental inspections and exams for young students.

5. Information

5.1. Student Update

Riley Schwisow informed the Board that the preschool recently celebrated the week of the young child with a number of different activities during the week of April 3rd. Preschool students have also been enjoying the nice weather. Paddock Lane students recently participated in the first ever reading rally competition and will be enjoying an author visit this week. Second grade students are continuing with swimming lessons at the local YMCA and field trips are gearing up for all grades. Lincoln and Stoddard students are completing NSCAS testing this week. Cam Jurgens made a surprise visit to Stoddard recently to thank the students for the Super Bowl video they made. Kindergarten round-up is scheduled for Friday, May 5th. At Beatrice Middle School, track season is progressing and NSCAS testing is underway. The class competition is also winding down. The BHS Student Council has been treating staff with snacks. The Robin Hood production is coming up and also an upcoming art shows. Spring sports are also reaching the peak of their respective seasons.

5.2. Board Reports

5.2.1. Committee of the Whole- March 23, 2023

Martin reported that the Committee of the Whole met on March 23, 2022 with Eric Book and Lisa Pieper absent. The following topics were discussed: Elementary Strategic Planning Update (Mr. Janssen/Mrs. Replogle), Middle School Strategic Planning Update (Mr. Haake/Mr. Stengel), Ag Education (Mr. Sutter), Option Enrollment (Mr. Alexander), Negotiations (Mr. Alexander). No one spoke during public comment. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

5.2.2. STANCE Report

Mr. Alexander provided the following legislative update:

- LB385 (Linehan)- creates a program for retention grants
- LB256 (Walz)- Nebraska opportunity grant funds
- LB153 (DeBoer)- would create the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Expenditures Act
- LB520 (Walz)- attempts to delay implementation timeline by a year and change some of the requirements for computer science and technology education
- LB724 (Vargas)- eliminates the test for basic skills competency and content knowledge
- LB372 (Murman)- requires each school board to allow the part-time enrollment of students
- LB632 (McKinney)- intends to amend the Student Discipline Act
- LB705 Committee Package

6. Public Forum/Citizen's Requests/Comments

Dave Barnard addressed the Board on the topic of ag education.

7. Action

7.1. Approval of the 2023-24 Negotiated Agreement with the Beatrice Education Association

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2023-24 Negotiated Agreement with the Beatrice Education Association passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8. Administrators' Report

8.1. Character Counts and House System

Mrs. Replogle provided an update to the Board on the community feel that is strengthened by the Character Counts program and the House System at Paddock Lane. She added that the programs really run hand in hand. Ms. Pam Hill shared information on the "spotted doing" effort which is used as a way to try and get the entire school involved. Each month a pillar is designated and then there is a monthly drawing. Houses are awarded a point for every student in the bowl used for the drawing. Next, Mr. Ryan Stevens provided information on the House System. He noted that there are a total of 8 houses at Paddock Lane. Initially, they did weekly house activities, but now have dropped it down to a monthly activity. Paddock Lane has seen improvement in engagement because kids like to earn points for their houses. There are also classroom competitions that the children get to enjoy. Relationship building is key to both of these programs. Mr. Stevens explained how the house wheel system works. A slideshow of pictures was shared as well as a testimonial video of students sharing about the house system and what they enjoy most.

8.2. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander informed Board members that graduation is set for May 21st at 3 PM. He provided a staffing update and stated that the district has filled 12 out of 18 openings. Next, he shared a building update on the new elementary building. The facing brick is starting to go up on the outside of the gymbox and footings for the entire building have been poured. The elevator shaft is also going up and most of the steel should be in place over the next six weeks.

9. Executive Session: For the protection of public interest, for negotiations regarding real estate, for a strategy session regarding contract negotiations, and to discuss advice protected by the attorney-client relationship.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 move into executive session for the protection of the public interest, for negotiations regarding real estate, for a strategy session regarding contract negotiations, and to discuss advice protected by the attorney-client relationship passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:49 PM.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:26 PM.

10. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be May 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be April 27, 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 Brandon Vetrovsky.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky:
Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date

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