

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2024 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: Lisa Pieper, **Present:** Eric Book, Janet Byars, Doris Martin, 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 11, 2024
- 3.3. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment
- 3.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for March 2024
- 3.5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- March 28, 2024
- 3.6. Approval of Option Students: From Southern- Johnathan Walker, Gr. 8; From Freeman- Lily Reed, Gr. 7; From Norris- Greyson Engelman, Gr. 1; To Freeman- Rory Detert- Gr. K; To Southern (24-25)- Reece Barnard, Gr. 9; To Tri County (24-25)- Rhetlee Shufeldt, Gr. K, Cohen Ostendorf, Gr. K, Miley Rasmussen- Gr. K, McKenzie Walter- Gr. 9, Dylan Steelman, Gr. 4; To Lincoln- Hunter Linde, Gr. K, Braedan Estrada- Gr. 9
- 3.7. Approval of resignations of Brenda Meyer- Kindergarten at Lincoln, Lauren Moncrief- 2nd Grade at Paddock Lane, Rebecca Meagher- 5th Grade at Stoddard, Faith Bokelman- Middle School Social Studies, Emily Iverson- High School Special Education
- 3.8. Approval of contracts for 2024-2025: Jaclyn Yelken- Elementary; Nichole Kelsey- Middle School Counselor
- 3.9. Approval of Policy (3rd Reading): Regulation 4110.1 Advancement on Salary Schedule, 4110.3 Tuition Reimbursement
- 3.10. Excuse the absence of Lisa Pieper

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 Eric Book.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4. Outstanding Recognition

- 4.1. Employee of the Month

Mrs. Timmerman recognized Mrs. Teresa Parde, Preschool Secretary, as the Employee of the Month. Those nominating Mrs. Parde stated that she is a jack of all trades and helps make the preschool run so smoothly. She transitioned from Cedar Elementary into Beatrice Community Preschool and has been pivotal in carrying on the fun traditions. She helps students and families daily and is always willing to step up in whatever role necessary (even bus riding). The district is excited that she will be joining us out at the new elementary building.

4.2. Business Friend of the Month

Dr. Nielsen recognized Premier Chevrolet as the BPS Business Friend of the Month. Dr. Nielsen stated that Premier regularly makes donations to the Homecoming pep rally, and they recently sponsored the hors d'oeuvres for the John Cook speaking event. They also made a monetary donation to the purchase of the preschool playground for the new building. Premier has also approached the High School art department to assist with painting a mural at their business this summer.

4.3. Nebraska ASD Friend of Autism

Mrs. Cordy-Hookstra recognized Dr. Maria-Louisa Knobel for receiving the Nebraska ASD Friend of Autism award. Dr. Knobel has expanded a lot of the programming that the district is able to provide.

5. Information

5.1. Student Update

Maddie Nielsen shared that the week of the young child is being celebrated this week at the preschool level. Lincoln and Stoddard students are preparing for the end of the year testing and field trips. At Paddock Lane, student testing will take place during the month of April. Students at Paddock Lane are also excited for their upcoming field trips. NSCAS testing will begin at the Middle School this week. Last week, Youth Frontiers came in and held a retreat for the 7th grade students. The upcoming dates for transitions for 5th and 8th grade students have also been scheduled. Class competitions were recently held at Beatrice High School. The National Honor Society ceremony is this Friday (12th) and prom will take place on Saturday (13th). Students across the district were able to participate in some activities for the partial solar eclipse.

5.2. Board Reports

5.2.1. Committee of the Whole- March 28, 2024

Martin reported that the Committee of the Whole met on March 28, 2024 with Byars and Pieper absent. The following topics were discussed: Baseball Coop (Mr. Brown); Elementary Strategic Plan Update (Mrs. Replogle); Middle School Strategic Plan Update (Mr. Haake); Perceptual Data (Dr. Nielsen); Accreditation Visit (Dr. Nielsen); Food 4 Hope (Dr. Nielsen). No one spoke during public comment. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

5.2.2. STANCE Report

Mr. Alexander shared a handout with Board members that contained some legislative updates. He added that there is a lot left to be debated during this final week of the session.

5.2.3. Americanism Committee Report

Mr. Vetrovsky reported that the committee met on March 11th and is providing updates to the public:

- District's social studies curriculum is aligned with NDE standards.
- The curriculum devotes time to stress the contributions of all ethnic groups to the development and growth of America as a great nation, to military contributions, and to contributions to art, music, education, medicine, literature, science, policies and government of the nation.
- Curriculum approved by the Committee is available for public inspection.
- High school requirement: recorded board meetings were watched during Government class. Classes spent time discussing how school boards function and the roles of the school board members as well as comparing it to the function of other local and state boards.

6. Public Forum/Citizen's Requests/Comments

No one spoke at this time.

7. Action

7.1. Approval of co-op with Diller Odell for baseball

Trusty asked for confirmation that this would not change classification to which Mr. Alexander confirmed.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve a co-op with Diller Odell for baseball beginning with the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Brandon Vetrovsky.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7.2. Approval of hiring of Philip Voigt, High School Principal, for the 2024-2025 school year

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the hiring of Philip Voigt as the High School Principal for the upcoming 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7.3. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to the possible approval of the security camera installation for the new PK-5 elementary school

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that a notice for RFPs was published on March 10th. Bids were due by April 1st. A total of 3 bids were received and the lowest responsible bidder was Oakview Technologies.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the bid from Oakview Technologies for the security camera installation for the new PK-5 elementary building passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Brandon Vetrovsky.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8. Administrators' Report

8.1. High School Update

Mr. Sutter spoke to the Board about the upcoming job fair. He added that it connects to strategic plan 4. He noted that the fair will be held on Friday, April 19th and so far includes representation from 32 different businesses and military branches. Students will have an opportunity to attend during their lunchtime. The high school plans to utilize a punch card and some prizes to motivate students to engage with the business representatives. Mr. Sutter expressed appreciation to NGage for their partnership on this and thanked those businesses that have committed to attending. Riedesel commended the high school for their work on such a great student opportunity.

8.2. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander shared the high school administration has been working on a cell phone policy. He shared that the high school assistant principal position went through the same interview process and that the district is excited to announce that we have offered the position to Mr. Dylan Kendall. Mr. Alexander thanked Homestead National Park for the donation of the solar eclipse glasses. He provided a brief update on the elementary building. Finally, he shared that at the end of the month (April 26th) the district will recognize those retiring as well as provide a number of organizational meetings for staff professional development.

9. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be May 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be April 25, 2024 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.

10. 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, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky:
Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date

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