

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 12, 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

Mr. Trusty, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 July 8, 2024

3.3. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment

3.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for July 2024

3.5. Approval of minutes of the special hearings on July 8, 2024

3.6. Approval of Option Students: To Lewiston- Merida Thompson- Gr. 5, Aurora Thompson- Gr. 1, Carter Thompson- Gr. 6, Elise Graham- Gr. K; To Freeman- Cohen McAllister- Gr. 3; To Tri County- Weston Hurd- Gr. 6, Kelsey Hurd- Gr. 1; To Diller-Odell- Mallory Schwab- Gr. 10; From Southern- Alexis Campbell- Gr. 3, Cohen Roeber- Gr. 1, Keller Roeber- Gr. 1; From Diller-Odell- Kaecyn Strouf- Gr. K

3.7. Approval of Policy (2nd Reading): 1050 Public Access to Records; 1102 Recording of Others; 3130 Purchasing; 3140 Contracting for Services; 3571.1 Meal Charge; 4141 Teacher Training; 5006 Option Enrollment; 5008 Student Attendance; 5101 Student Discipline; 5201 Promotion & Retention; 5205 Graduation; 6111 Classroom Environment; 6700 Firearms; 8240 Membership in School Board Associations; 8342 Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings; 8346 Public Participation at Board Meeting

Policy 6111 Classroom Environment was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Board Member Riedesel.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the consent agenda 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

4. Outstanding Recognition

4.1. Employee of the Month

Dr. Nielsen and Mr. Alexander recognized Danielle Fairbanks, Administrative Assistant, as the August Employee of the Month. Those nominating Mrs. Fairbanks stated that she is the epitome of a dedicated employee. Her ability to

organize, directly, multitask, and coordinate communications is impressive. She was instrumental in helping with the elementary building project.

5. Information

5.1. Board Reports

5.1.1. STANCE Report

Mr. Alexander noted that there has been a lot of activity, but nothing super verifiable until this afternoon when there was something that came out of it.

6. Public Forum/Comments

No one spoke at this time.

7. Discussion

7.1. First Reading of Policy 1210 Title IX- Discrimination

Mr. Alexander shared that Perry Law Firm is recommending some revisions to this policy, but that this could all change in the coming months.

8. Action

8.1. Approval of the contract with Nebraska Mental Health Center

Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra noted that we are basically just renewing the agreement with Nebraska Mental Health Center.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the contract with Nebraska Mental Health Center for the 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, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.2. Approval of the Special Education contract with ESU 5 for the 2024-25 school year

Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra noted that the agreement is very similar to last year, but with removing the mental health portion.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the Special Education contract with ESU 5 for the 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, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.3. Approval of Policy 5103.1 Random Drug Testing

Mr. Alexander noted that a lot of the discussion last year revolved around the concern of being in the pool for an entire career (unless they opted out). He emphasized the updates that were made and noted that it's time for the Board to vote on this time. Board members took time to share their general thoughts on the topic.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve Policy 5103.1 Random Drug Testing as revised and presented passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

Charles Riedesel: Abstain (With Conflict), Eric Trusty: Nay, Brandon Vetrovsky: Nay, Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 2, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

8.4. Approval of school psychologists' contracts for the 2024-25 school year

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the contracts with Dr. Don Belau and Dr. Maria-Louisa Knobel for school psychologist services for the 2024-2025 school year 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. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to approving the proposal from Johnson Controls for the 2024-25 school year

Mr. Alexander summarized the timeline of events for this topic and how there are two pieces (HVAC equipment and Controls Systems) to the operations.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 should and does hereby approve the proposal from Johnson Controls for the 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, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.6. Approve the sale of miscellaneous furniture, equipment, and outdated materials or other materials not being used at an auction

Mr. Alexander shared that as the district has been moving items from the old elementary buildings, there are a number of items that will not be used and can be auctioned off.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the sale of miscellaneous furniture, equipment, and outdated materials or other materials not being used at an auction 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

9. Administrators' Report

9.1. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander shared that last week was a great week with all the staff returning. Jon Gordon's message of positivity regarding his book, *The Energy Bus*, was very uplifting and well received by the staff. He highlighted some upcoming events and dates for the opening of the new elementary. Finally, he shared that Board members should let Danielle know if they would like to attend any of the NASB area membership meetings.

10. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be August 22, 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.

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 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date