

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2024 6:00 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: Eric Trusty, **Present:** Eric Book, Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Charles Riedesel, Brandon Vetrovsky. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

Mrs. Martin, Vice-President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 and accessible to members of the public.

2. Approval of the Agenda

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Eric Book.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. Strategic Planning Site Update

3.1. High School

Mr. Voigt provided an update on the High School's goals and the process staff went through. Improving ACT scores and increasing the graduation rate are the primary focus at the High School. He shared some other information on some of the work that subcommittees are also doing to prepare for the upcoming school year. The Power of ICU will be implemented at the High School for the 2024-25 school year.

4. BHS Cell Phone Committee

Mr. Sutter shared that a committee was formed to pursue working on the development/revision of a personal electronic device (PED) policy. Mr. Sutter shared a couple of different handouts with Board members. He explained the different components of the policy and also shared information on what other school districts do. A fairly lengthy Board discussion ensued. Board members appreciated the work done on this, but would like additional future discussion and potential action.

5. ESSERS Grant Funds

Mr. Alexander noted that as we prepare for the opening of the new building, there are ESSERS funds that the district would like to utilize to purchase some cleaning equipment. He noted that this will include floor scrubbers and vacuums. The Board will be asked to take action at the May meeting.

6. Classified & Admin Salaries

Mr. Alexander shared the current classified pay schedule as well as a draft proposal for next year. He noted that the schedule continues to move the district towards the \$15 per hour requirement that will be coming in January 2026. The schedule is an approximate \$.44 per hour increase. The overall budget impact for the administrator group will be negative with the reduction of 1 administrative position while the other contracted group is an approximate 3% increase.

7. New Elementary Update

Mrs. Timmerman used a presentation to highlight the information that will be shared with elementary staff on Friday. Topics that will be covered with staff as they prepare for the transition to the new building to include: classroom furniture, moving logistics, room assignments, master schedule, and tour details.

8. Public Comments- This is the proper time for public questions and comments on any topic. Please make sure a request form is given to the Board Vice-President before the meeting begins.

No one spoke at this time.

9. Adjournment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Eric Book.

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

Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date

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