

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Thursday, August 22, 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

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

Absent: Lisa Pieper, Eric Trusty, **Present:** Eric Book, Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Charles Riedesel, Brandon Vetrovsky. Present: 5, Absent: 2.

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, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

3. Title IX Policy

Mr. Alexander shared a redline version of the policy with Board members. He shared that there are more language type changes opposed to procedural type things.

4. Policy 6111 Classroom Environment

Board member Riedesel provided fellow Board members with a packet of information regarding this topic and explained his intentions moving forward. A short discussion ensued.

5. District Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Nielsen provided a summary of some of the most recent action as it pertains to the district's strategic plan. She highlighted the following:

- Strategy 1 Action Plan 1- the new PK-5 building is complete and move in occurred in August 2024
- Strategy 1 Action Plan 3- developing consistent technology practices across the district
- Strategy 2 Action Plan 3- promoting student and family wellness with the implementation of a school-based mental health counselor
- Strategy 3 Action Plan 1- updates made to the classified salary schedule to be more competitive with the local market
- Strategy 4 Action Plan 1- developing a CTE strategic plan and implementing a career fair at the middle school for 8th graders

6. Elementary Playground Expansion

Mr. Alexander shared that we need some additional structures for the K-5 playground area (west end of the new building). He shared that he is working with the rep from Cunningham to start getting a design and some projected costs for additional installation. Mr. Alexander believes this should be within the means of the depreciation account and the goal would be that this might be possible this fall.

7. 2024-2025 Budget Preview

Mr. Alexander presented historical information on student enrollment, state aid, valuations, tax levies, revenue and expenditures, and cost per pupil. He noted that valuations had been certified and included a 8% increase from the previous year. The district will see a bump in state aid due to the 2-year new school adjustment that we are eligible for. Mr. Alexander presented an estimated proposal for the tax levy and informed the Board that at this time it will not be necessary for the district to attend the joint public meeting.

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, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date