

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Thursday, February 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

Absent: Eric Book, Lisa Pieper, Brandon Vetrovsky, **Present:** Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty. Present: 4, Absent: 3.

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 Trusty.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

3. Policy Update

3.1. 4110.1 Salary Guides & Regulation 4110.1 Advancement on Salary Schedule

Mr. Alexander shared that the regulation is now written to reflect that the district will be accepting and recognizing all the years of experience that a teacher brings when being hired by the district. He clarified that no experience goes beyond what is on the salary schedule.

3.2. 4110.3 Tuition Reimbursement

Mr. Alexander shared that this policy is a little more complex, and has been revised since the last meeting. The goal with the revisions was to try and capture the feelings of the Board members while also understanding the impact on the budget and the possibility to spread the reimbursement out over 2-4 summers, which is what it will most likely take the teacher to finish the course requirements. Trusty suggested a promissory note be considered. Mr. Alexander responded that he would contact the school attorney for such. Board discussion ensued.

4. Preschool Playground

Mr. Alexander shared a layout and proposal for a preschool playground. The cost for the proposed layout was shared, and it was noted that it includes a poured in place surface that is accessible and inclusive for all students. Funding sources for the Cunningham Recreation project would include IDEA, PTO, building budgets, assistance from Head Start, and depreciation funds.

5. Amendment of COOP Fund

Mr. Alexander informed Board members that the district needs to amend the COOP fund that is used to pay for the County and School Cooperative Effort with the Juvenile Diversion Program. He noted that typically the county and school expend between \$90,000- \$100,000 annually to fund the program and while preparing the budget he put a placeholder in and forgot to go back and increase it as he worked through each fund. State statute requires an amendment to the budget as we approach the maximum that was originally approved. He informed the Board that the amendment will be to approve \$100,000 of expenditures to reflect an accurate estimate of what will actually be spent. Mr. Alexander reminded Board members that this does not change anything related to taxes, and it does reflect some expenditures that the county reimburses us for, but it runs through the district budget.

6. 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.

7. Adjournment

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

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date

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