

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Tuesday, May 28, 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, Charles Riedesel, **Present:** Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky. Present: 5, Absent: 2.

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, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

3. Multiculturalism Report

Mr. Alexander provided a multiculturalism report that highlighted the activities that took place at all levels (preschool, elementary, middle and high). He informed Board members that the district continued to provide the Youth Frontier program for 5th, 7th, and 9th grade students. These retreats as well as conversations in the classroom through curriculum integration have been pieces which have allowed us to continue to have discussions about multiple perspectives, acceptance of each other, and learning to appreciate what everyone brings to the table.

4. BHS Cell Phone Policy

Mr. Alexander shared a comparison chart with Board members containing data on cell phone policies from a number of other Nebraska districts. The proposal would most likely become a component of the high school handbook and not necessarily an official Board policy. Mr. Voigt noted that in this new policy there is clarification as to where personal electronic devices (PEDs) must be placed and that they must remain in said location for any student breaks also. These are very minor differences, but it will make the practice easier to enforce. Discussion ensued, and Board members were in consensus that as long as it is enforced, it is a step in the right direction. Mr. Alexander stressed that communication prior to the start of the school year will be key.

5. Interfund Borrow

Mr. Alexander shared that throughout this entire process the district knew there was going to be a gap and that the district would be responsible for that. The estimated gap is approximately \$2.5-\$2.8 million. The district will need to shift money from the general fund to the building fund as an Interfund Borrow which falls under NDE Rule 2. Mr. Alexander shared that there are other options out there, but there is no interest or additional cost for doing it this way. He added that he would like this action to be taken at the June meeting. Board members asked questions pertaining to how/if this affects future budgets and if there are time requirements for paying it back.

6. Preventative Maintenance Service Agreement

Mr. Alexander shared that the service contract with JCI comes due in July, and it has been quite some time since it has been out for bid, so he is recommending we do so and look for a provider that can offer us the best service we need to operate our equipment and controls. The proposed timeline for this process is outlined below:

- June 4: RFP release date; official notice published
- June 11: Pre-proposal conference at 10:30 AM
- June 25: RFPs due
- July 8: Recommendation to Board
- August 8: Approval of the agreement- terms would be effective August 1st

7. 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.

8. 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, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date