

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, June 10, 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 7:00 PM. At the beginning of the meeting, the chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Opens Meetings Act was posted on the west wall and accessible to members of the public.

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 May 13, 2024
- 3.3. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment
- 3.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for May 2024
- 3.5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- May 28, 2024
- 3.6. Excuse the absence of Eric Book

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

Mrs. Repogle recognized Brendan Blackburn, Elementary PE Teacher, as the Employee of the Month. Those nominating Mr. Blackburn stated that he is loved by all the kids at Paddock Lane. He seeks to build strong, positive relationships with all students and he is always willing to help others out. He is great at checking in on students, and he is always willing to lend a helping hand.

5. Information

5.1. Board Reports

5.1.1. Committee of the Whole- May 28, 2024

Martin reported that the Committee of the Whole met on May 28, 2024 with Eric Book and Charles Riedesel absent. The following topics were discussed: Multiculturalism Report (Mr. Alexander), BHS Cell Phone Policy (Mr. Alexander/Mr. Voigt), Interfund Borrow (Mr. Alexander), and Preventative Maintenance Service Agreement (Mr. Alexander). No one spoke during public comment. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

6. Public Forum/Citizen's Requests/Comments

No one spoke at this time.

7. Discussion

7.1. Community Eligibility Program (CEP)

Dr. Nielsen provided an update on the Community Eligibility Program. She provided a review on the National School Lunch Program, the definition of CEP, benefits of the program, how it works, how students qualify, and the requirements for school districts under the program. Next, data on the free and reduced rates for each of the district's buildings were shared. Dr. Nielsen shared the budget impact (approximately \$512,100) if the district were to participate.

8. Action

8.1. Community Eligibility Program

Absent: Eric Book, **Present:** Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 not participate in the community eligibility program for the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Charles Riedesel: Abstain (With Conflict), Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

8.2. Approval of the renewal SOCS License and Service Agreement for web hosting services

Mr. Alexander explained that this is the renewal agreement with the company that sponsors the BPS website.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the renewal of the SOCS license agreement for web hosting in the amount of \$3215 per year for 3 years passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.3. Approval of the interlocal cooperation act agreement for alternative education program with ESU 5 for the 2024-25 school year

Mr. Alexander shared that there are some small changes being made to the operation of this program, but the district will still provide the teacher. The teacher will work half days at the ESU and will then work the other half day at BHS to assist the School to Work Students as well as help coordinate the Odysseyware classes for students.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the interlocal cooperation act agreement with ESU 5 for 2024-25 passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Brandon Vetrovsky.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.4. Approval of bus transportation fees for 2024-25 school year

Dr. Nielsen shared that the fee for this school year will remain the same (\$160). During the 2024-25 school year, the district will be researching what other districts charge for transportation before making a recommendation to the Board for future fees.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the bus transportation fee of \$160 for the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.5. Approval of the contract with Logan Spilker, Renae Mitchell, Chelsea Joekel and Claire Pfeiffer, speech language pathologists, for the 2024-25 school year

Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra shared that these are all service provider contracts with individuals that work with the district to provide Speech Language services to our students.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the contracts with Logan Spilker, Renae Mitchell, Chelsea Joekel and Claire Pfeiffer, speech language pathologists, for the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.6. Approval of the contract with Emily Zarybnicky, occupational therapist, for the 2024-25 school year

Mrs. Cordy-Hookstra noted that this is very similar and Emily Zarybnicky would be returning to provide OT services for our Special Education students.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the contract with Emily Zarybnicky, occupational therapist for the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.7. Interfund Borrow

Mr. Alexander reminded the Board that since the beginning of the construction process for the new elementary, the district would have to provide some funding for the project. As the project unfolded, Mr. Alexander shared that the anticipated gap between the loan and construction costs will be about \$2.5- \$2.8 million dollars. Currently, that money is the general fund and will need to be transferred to the building fund as an Interfund Borrow under NDE Rule 2. The proposed resolution will allow the district to make this borrow. Mr. Alexander added that the dollar amount does not have to be exact and in another month or so we should have a better idea of what the exact transfer amount will be.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adopt the proposed resolution in accordance with Nebraska Administrative Code Title 92, Chapter 2, Section 003.04C, Neb. Rev. Statute 79-1070, Neb. Rev. Statute 13-510, and other Nebraska laws and regulations that hereby finds and determines that the school district desires to, and shall transfer and borrow up to \$2,800,000.00 from the general fund, or other permissible funds, for the special building fund to apply towards the new PK-5 elementary school project passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.8. Discuss, consider, and take the necessary action to fix freezers at Beatrice Middle School and Beatrice High School

Dr. Nielsen shared that the food inspector came this spring and some repairs are needed at both the Middle School and High School. The middle school freezer needs some work and a new floor is needed for the refrigerator at the high school. The summer is a great time to complete this work as there are not currently any products being housed in either unit. The quote for the middle school repairs is approximately \$8,335 and the quote for the high school is \$18,800. The nutrition services budget will be used to cover both of these expenses.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the proposed freezer quotes passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9. Administrators' Report

9.1. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander updated the Board on the following:

- The start date for the street work the city is doing by the new elementary is now June 24th
- Pre-proposal conference for the RFP for the HVAC Preventative Maintenance Program is tomorrow
- June COW meeting will consist of mostly first readings of policy
- Ms. Neverve and the Art Club students have created a new Beatrice Elementary coloring book

Dr. Nielsen also provided a brief update on the Best Possible Summer.

10. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be July 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be June 27, 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 Janet Byars.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date