

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2023 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

Present: Eric Book, Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky.
Present: 7.

Mr. Trusty, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consent Agenda

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 Eric Book.

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

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 February 13, 2023

3.3. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment

3.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for February 2023

3.5. Approval of resignations of Dawn Schwartz- 5th Grade at Paddock Lane, Carrye Meints- 5th Grade at Stoddard, Sheryl Wiese- Middle School Reading, Kristen Douglas- Middle School Art, Betty Bstandig- Title at Lincoln, Julie Baker- High School Special Education

3.6. Approval of contracts for 2023-2024: Emily Wendland- Special Education at Paddock Lane

4. Outstanding Recognition

4.1. Employee of the Month

Mr. Alexander recognized Roy Farrens, Director of Buildings and Grounds, as the Employee of the Month. Mr. Alexander shared that Roy joined the team in 2021 and immediately began demonstrating his ability to be dependable. He is a leader by example and did everything in his power to see that a job was completed when needed. He would regularly step in to assist with custodial duties in buildings when they were short on staff. Mr. Alexander wished Roy well as he prepares to begin his new endeavor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln training table.

4.2. Business Friend of the Month

No recognition provided as they were not able to attend the meeting.

4.3. Student Recognition

4.3.1. State Wrestling Runner-up: Deegan Nelson

Mr. Brown recognized Deegan Nelson for finishing as runner-up at the state wrestling meet.

4.3.2. State Champion Cheer Team

Mrs. Dein recognized the following members of the state champion cheer team: Carly Miller, Tayla deKoning, Chesney Buhr, Kasha Gartner, Shelby Hesman, Carly Meints, Morgan Sedlacek, Mckenna Fralin, Aubrie Simmons, Micaela Houseman, Hannah Jobman, Ainsley Karlin, Makenna Blum, Macy Gronewald, Ava Oliver, Alexa Marquez, Bryn Fugett, Emily Allen, Morgan Ward, Anna Hamilton, and Arihanna Marlatt.

4.3.3. State Runner-up Dance Team

Mrs. Dein recognized the following members of the state runner-up (high kick division) team: Tayla deKoning, Chesney Buhr, Carly Miller, Paige Southwick, Alayna Happle, Myah Hood, Alexa Jelinek, Addie Perrett, Monet Baehr, Taionna Farley Martin, Lucy Diekman, Taylin Bent, Abbie Hoffman, Anna Hamilton, and Kailyn Vater.

5. Information

5.1. Student Update

Riley Schwisow informed the Board that the preschool recently hosted an event with Cari Ebert on March 7th. Paddock Lane had a wonderful K-3 music program recently and they also celebrated St. Patrick's Day early with house activities. All 2nd graders will start swimming lessons at the YMCA at the end of the month also. Lincoln and Stoddard music concerts are taking place tonight and tomorrow night. At the elementary level, there are a lot of upcoming field trips scheduled. The new ICU system at the Middle School has helped tremendously with attendance for the third quarter. Track for Middle School students will begin after the upcoming spring break. The High School spring sports kickoff event is scheduled for tomorrow evening. The Quiz Bowl team is Conference Champs and the Speech team finished as runner-ups. All high school juniors will be taking the ACT test on March 21st.

5.2. Board Reports

5.2.1. STANCE Report

Mr. Alexander shared that a lot of the emphasis this week has been on the Tax Opportunity Scholarship Act (LB753). Upcoming bills to be on the lookout include: LB385, LB603, LB372, and LB550.

5.2.2. Negotiations

Byars reported that the negotiations committee met with representatives from the BEA ten times. She stated that an agreement was made on March 12th and the BEA membership approved the agreement on March 13th. An increase of \$750 on the base was approved with the health insurance deductible being raised from \$1,050 to \$1,200. The total package increase is 3.74%. The Board of Education will continue to work to achieve a competitive salary so we can recruit, hire, and retain high quality staff per goal #3 of the strategic plan.

6. Public Forum/Citizen's Requests/Comments Related to Agenda Items

No one spoke at this time.

7. Discussion

7.1. Second Reading of Policy 5205 Graduation & Regulation 5205 Graduation Requirements

Mr. Alexander shared that no changes have been made since the last meeting.

7.2. Second Reading of Policy 5602 Naxolone

Mr. Alexander shared that no changes have been made since the last meeting.

7.3. Second Reading of Policy 6212 Assessments- Academic Content Standards

Mr. Alexander shared that no changes have been made since the last meeting.

7.4. Second Reading of Policy 6921 Seizure Safe Schools

Mr. Alexander shared that no changes have been made since the last meeting.

7.5. Second Reading of Policy 8345 Procedures During Meetings

Mr. Alexander shared that no changes have been made since the last meeting.

8. Action

8.1. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action with regard to possible approval and authorization to execute a right of way dedication and a permanent utility easement with the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, on the school district's property

Mr. Alexander explained to the Board that this is necessary for the development of the property for the new building. The proposed agreements are to execute a right-of-way dedication and permanent utility easement with the City of Beatrice. This is approximately 10 feet along the property line of the new school. Mr. Alexander added that the SNEA will also be taking action on the same items at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th.

Martin read the resolution in its entirety.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 hereby ratifies, approves, and authorizes execution of the dedication for right of way and the permanent utility easement, both with the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, for additional street right of way and utility easements on the School District's property adjacent to North 33rd Street, and that the Board of Education approves and adopts the attached Resolution passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

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

9. Administrators' Report

9.1. PBIS

Mr. Voigt stated that this is one of the sub committee teams from the high school, Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS). He informed the Board that this is a school-wide preventative, that changes focus from reacting to negative behaviors to teaching positive expectations, which should in turn improve school culture, build social skills, reduce office discipline, and increase instructional time. He shared a flow chart that the team created as well as an image of the "shield" that is displayed around the high school to help ensure that the same language is being spoken around the building. Mr. Corey Wells shared 2 goals for the group, including creating a reward system to encourage students to make good decisions and secondly, to create a roundtable discussion to get student involvement with reviewing data. Bryan Price, a junior, shared that he enjoys being involved in this program as it is great to be able to collaborate with other students. A video presentation was shared with Board members also.

9.2. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander provided an update on LB414 and LB528 both of which deal with option enrollment. He also added that we are half way through the budget cycle and are underspent on the expense side which is good.

10. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be April 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be March 23, 2023 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 Eric Book.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

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