

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 11, 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

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

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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board member, Eric Book, spoke honoring the veterans.

3. Consent Agenda

Byars 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 October 14, 2024
- 3.3. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment
- 3.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for October 2024
- 3.5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- October 29, 2024
- 3.6. Approval of Option Students: To Lewiston- Kalli Pallas (Gr. 9)
- 3.7. Approval of Regulation 5205 Graduation Requirements (2nd reading)
- 3.8. Excuse the absence of Doris Martin and Lisa Pieper

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the consent agenda as presented passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

4. Outstanding Recognition

4.1. Class B State Softball Champions

Mr. Brown recognized the 2024 Class B State Softball Champion team. He commended the group for how hard they worked all season long and for representing Beatrice in such a positive way. Coach Gary Lytle thanked the Board and community for their support and added that this is an amazing group of young ladies that knew what the goal was and worked hard day in and out to accomplish it.

4.2. Employee of the Month

Dr. Nielsen recognized Cyndie Remmenga, Activities Director Secretary, as the November Employee of the Month. Those nominating Mrs. Remmenga stated that she is the backbone of the High School Activities Department and does so much of the behind the scenes work to make all the extracurricular events a success. She builds great relationships with students and she is always willing to step up and help whenever needed.

#### 4.3. Business Friend of the Month

Dr. Nielsen recognized the Early Riser Kiwanis as the November friend of the month. She stated that the local service group regularly brings in monetary donations to help families pay off their lunch balances. In addition, they serve pancakes twice a year to support the FFA program and also the preschool's Breakfast with Santa event. The group also provides water for the Middle School Washington DC trips and is currently working with the High School to find ways to support the career-technical courses and students.

### 5. Information

#### 5.1. Student Update

Annie Gleason shared that it has been a very busy month at the elementary school. The building celebrated the softball championships with a champion walk through the hallways. Preschool students enjoyed marching around for their Halloween parade. Fifth graders have been enjoying band lessons. Beatrice Middle School attended the school's first ever girls wrestling meet last week and enjoyed a lot of success. Boys basketball also tipped off at the Middle School, and they have a record 55 athletes participating. The annual Veterans Day assembly with guest speaker, Ing Maurstad was held today at BMS. Jill Rice, BMS school counselor, was nominated as one of the top 12 counselors in the state of Nebraska. The High School softball team won the Class B Championships after defeating Hastings 1-0 in extra innings. The boys cross country team placed fourth at the state meet. Beatrice High School also hosted their annual Veterans Day program in the Hevelone Center today, and it was a huge success thanks to both the student council and the music department. The One Act play of "Rue" is moving into their competition season. Winter sports will kick off next week.

#### 5.2. Board Reports

##### 5.2.1. Committee of the Whole

Trusty reported that the Committee of the Whole met on October 29, 2024 with Pieper, Trusty and Vetrovsky absent. The following topics were discussed: Critical Response Mapping (Mr. Alexander/Local Officials), Preschool/Elementary Site Plan (Mrs. Timmerman/Mr. Ford), High School Site Plan (Mr. Voigt) . No one spoke during public forum. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

##### 5.2.2. STANCE Report

Mr. Alexander reported that the group had their first meeting of the new year this past week. Discussion mainly revolved around the election results (both nationally and state-wide) and the anticipated impacts of such as well as the interim hearings being held and the ones of the most interest to the group.

##### 5.2.3. Negotiations

Byars reported that there has been one meeting so far and another is scheduled for this week.

### 6. Public Forum/Comments

No one spoke at this time.

### 7. Discussion

#### 7.1. Superintendent Evaluation

President Trusty shared that the results from the superintendent's evaluation (NASB tool) that was administered in early October were provided to Board members in advance. He reported that the budget planning and board relations standards were ranked the highest. The top areas of growth include: educational leadership, organization/cultural leadership, and professional leadership. Mr. Alexander was asked to develop goals for the upcoming year and those will be shared with all Board members once completed.

### 8. Action

### 8.1. Approve cooler repair at Beatrice High School

Dr. Nielsen reported that the cooler is leaking freon and needs repaired to ensure food safety. The funds from the school lunch program will cover the cost of the repair.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the quote from Tech Masters for \$13,612.93 for the repair of the cooler at Beatrice High School passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

### 8.2. Approval of Policy 3241 Emergency Response Mapping

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that if the policy is adopted that the district will move forward in applying for the grant and continue working with GeoCom as the provider of the maps. If the policy fails, then there would no need to apply for the grant. A short discussion ensued with most Board members sharing their comfort level on this particular topic.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve policy 3241 Emergency Response Mapping passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Charles Riedesel.

Eric Book: Nay, Janet Byars: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 1

### 8.3. Approve the sale of the metal building and portables at Paddock through an online auction service

Mr. Alexander shared that the district has had multiple calls of interest in selling the metal building at Paddock Lane. He is waiting for confirmation from the city on what they consider "timley removal" but would like to proceed with an online auction service to help us put the building up for bid.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the sale of the metal building and portables at Paddock through an online auction service passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

### 8.4. Approval of superintendent's evaluation

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the superintendent's evaluation passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

## 9. Administrators' Report

### 9.1. Unified Bowling/Special Education Update

Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra shared that the Unified Bowling team has had 2 meets. Next, she shared a handout covering highlights of the district's Special Education programming (verified student numbers, building breakdowns and IEP parent feedback).

### 9.2. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander congratulated all the fall activity participants on successful seasons. He recognized Jill Rice as being honored as one of the top counselors in the state. Mr. Alexander expressed appreciation to Board Member, Eric Book, for his service and to all those that served. Finally, he congratulated both Middle and High School for organizing great Veterans Day programs.

## 10. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be December 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be on November 26, 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 Janet Byars and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

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Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

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