

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, September 9, 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:** Lisa Pieper, **Present:** Eric Book, Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

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.

3. Oath of Office to New Student Member- Annie Gleason

Mr. Alexander administered the oath of office to the new student rep, Annie Gleason.

4. Consent Agenda

Martin presented the following items on the consent agenda:

- 4.1. Approval of the agenda as submitted
- 4.2. Approval of minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting and special meeting on August 12, 2024
- 4.3. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment
- 4.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for August 2024
- 4.5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- August 22, 2024
- 4.6. Approval of Option Students: From Southern- Skylar Saia- Gr. 11, Ethan Preusker- Gr. 6, Lyric Barnhouse- Gr. 4; To Southern- Brynlee Zarybnicky- Gr. 8, Kolin Zarybnicky- Gr. 8, Jace Dorn- Gr. 11; To Lewiston- Zoey Pospichal- Gr. 7
- 4.7. Excuse the absence of Lisa Pieper

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, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5. Outstanding Recognition

5.1. Employee of the Month

Mrs. Timmerman recognized Mallory Hubka, as the September Employee of the Month. Those nominating Mrs. Hubka stated that her dedication and enthusiasm for teaching is noticed daily. She creates lessons that make learning an adventure for all students; she expresses her expectations for her classroom and follows through with them. Mrs. Hubka also does a great job leading her PLC team.

## 5.2. Business Friend of the Month/Friend of the Month

Mr. Alexander recognized Scooters Coffee as the September Business Friend of the Month. He shared that Scooters conducted an event in early July to coordinate their grand reopening and also to raise funds for the new elementary school. Their contribution helped pay for furniture for the new building. Scooters has also donated gift cards to staff in the past and recently participated in a donated staff lunch.

Next, Mr. Alexander recognized Shelby Melcher. Recently, Shelby worked tirelessly to organize an act of appreciation for all the elementary staff and their handwork during the first few days of the school year. She secured a list of community businesses and supporters to provide breakfast, lunch, and goodies bags for the 150+ employees at the elementary school.

## 6. Information

### 6.1. Student Update

Annie Gleason stated that the new preschool and elementary school has kicked off a great start to the new school year. The students are doing a wonderful job at learning all the new processes and getting into their daily routines. At the Middle School, the houses have all been sorted and competitions have all begun. Fall sports have kicked off also. At the High School, the new cell phone policy is going very well. The fall sports seasons are off to a great start. Homecoming is slated for September 27th.

### 6.2. Board Reports

#### 6.2.1. Committee of the Whole

Martin reported that the Committee of the Whole meeting was held on August 22, 2024, with Pieper and Trusty absent. The following topics were discussed: Title IX policy (Mr. Alexander), Policy 6111 Classroom Environment (Riedesel), District Strategic Plan Update (Dr. Nielsen), and a 2024-25 Budget Preview (Mr. Alexander). No one spoke during public forum. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

#### 6.2.2. STANCE Report

No report was given.

## 7. Public Forum/Citizen's Requests/Comments

No one spoke at this time.

## 8. Discussion

### 8.1. First Reading of Policy 1210 Title IX

Mr. Alexander shared that as discussed at the last meeting and due to changes in federal law, the district needs to accommodate changes to our Title IX policy again.

## 9. Action

### 9.1. Purchase of oven and proofer for Beatrice Elementary School

Dr. Nielsen shared that these 2 pieces of equipment will allow us to make homemade breads and rolls on site and ensure that we have ample equipment available to cook all the meals that are needed. Currently, the elementary is serving an average number of 560 meals per day.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the purchase of an oven and proofer as well as the installation from Sysco for the price of \$63,809 passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book. Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### 9.2. Purchase of industrial refrigerator for Beatrice Middle School

This item is needed for the FCS classroom. Dr. Nielsen shared that this item will be paid for by Perkins funding.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the purchase of an industrial refrigerator for the price of \$6,861.45 passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 9.3. Purchase of a 12" radial arm saw for Beatrice High School

Dr. Nielsen shared that this item is for the high school woodshop classroom and will also be paid for by Perkins funding.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the purchase of a 12" radial arm saw for the price of \$6,330 passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 9.4. Approval of Policy 6111 Classroom Environment

Riedesel handed out some documentation to Board members with his research and findings on this topic. Mr. Alexander stated that although this state statute (LB 1329) is highly objectionable, it must pass in order to avoid being in violation of state statute.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve Policy 6111 Classroom Environment passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Janet Byars.

Charles Riedesel: Nay, Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 1

#### 9.5. Approval of the 2024-2025 budget

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2024-2025 budget as presented in the budget hearing passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 9.6. Approval of the 2024-2025 property tax request

Martin read resolution number 2425.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2024-2025 property tax request resolution 2425 passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### 10. Administrators' Report

#### 10.1. Opening of Beatrice Elementary

Elementary administrators, Mrs. Timmerman and Mr. Ford, presented an ABC book to highlight the amazing things that have taken place in the new building so far this school year.

#### 10.2. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander shared that the first building auctions were conducted on Friday at Stoddard Elementary & the Preschool. He added that the district is in the process of setting up dates for the remaining two buildings. Next, he provided an update on the final numbers for the construction event. Auditors from Dana F. Cole will be in the district at the end of the month. Finally, he reminded Board members that the state conference is coming up in November and communication will be coming out via email to make arrangements for those wanting to attend.

11. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be October 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be September 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.

12. 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, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary.

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Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

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