

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, July 8, 2019 6:00 PM  
Dundy County Stratton High School  
400 9th Avenue West  
Benkelman, Nebraska 69021

1. Opening Procedures

Procedural Item

1.A. Call to order

Action Item

1.B. Roll Call

Action Item

1.C. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural Item

2. Open meetings law

Action Item

1. The Board of Education reserves the right to enter into Closed/Executive Session for 1) the protection of public interest or 2) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and the individual has not requested a public meeting. When making a

motion to enter into Closed/Executive Session, the member making such a request should be as specific as possible keeping the previously listed stipulation in consideration.

2. If the Board is in agreement, a motion maybe to enter into Closed/Executive Session to 1) discuss a personnel matter, or 2) for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individual, or 3) to discuss litigation and for the protection of the public interest.
3. Action concerning matters discussed in Closed/Executive Session will be acted upon in open session

### 3. Awards and Recognitions

#### Action Item

### 4. Public comment

#### Information Item

Welcome to the Dundy County Stratton Public Schools Board of Education Meeting. The Board welcomes citizens to attend board meetings to become acquainted with the programs and operations of the district. Members of the public are also encouraged to share their ideas and opinions with the Board during the agenda item labeled “Public Items”. Comments or questions from the audience at any other time during the meeting except for the agenda item “Public Items” will out of necessity be declared out of order.

The Nebraska Open Meetings Act prevents the board from speaking to a matter that is not on the agenda. Please understand that the board may be unable to address your issue during the meeting. It is not permissible for the board to comment on items not listed for the protection of the public’s right to know and participate in the discussion of items that do come before the board and stated appropriately in the meeting agenda.

During this agenda item “Public Items” we ask that you abide by the following rules:

#### **Public Comment Protocol and Procedures**

1. Anyone wishing to speak to the board on specific agenda items or on other topics relevant to board business must complete a Public Comment Request Card and submit it to the Board President prior to the opening of the meeting. The public will only be recognized and their comments heard at Item “Public Items” on the board agenda. The total time allotted for the public comment will not exceed thirty minutes and each member of the public will be allotted not more than five minutes to address the Board. If a group wishes to speak, please designate one spokesperson for the group.
2. Please state your name and the topic you are addressing before you begin.

3. Speakers are asked to direct their questions and comments to the chair. A member of the Board of Education or the Superintendent may direct clarifying questions to the chair, but the board will not under any circumstance enter into a debate with any the member of the public.
4. Speakers may offer objective criticism of district operations and programs, but the Board would encourage members of the public to address complaints concerning individual district personnel through the proper chain of command. The chair may direct the member of the public to the appropriate means to address concerns brought before the Board; however, the board will not respond with action but will take comments under advisement and direct the comments to the appropriate staff member to address outside of the board meeting.
5. Please remember that is a public meeting for the conduct of business of the Dundy County Stratton Public School District. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated. You should further be advised that there is no legal protection for any comments that are made.
6. As stated in **NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-570 Class I, II, III, IV, or VI school district; president; meetings; maintenance of order.**

If any district meeting of a Class I, II, III, IV, or VI school district any person conducts himself or herself in a disorderly manner and persists in such conduct after notice by the president or person presiding, the president or person presiding may order such person to withdraw from the meeting and, if the person refuses, may order any person or persons to take such person into custody until the meeting is adjourned.

7. As stated in **NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-571 Class I, II, III, IV, or VI school district; meetings; disorderly conduct; penalty.**

Any person who refuses to withdraw from such meeting on being so ordered as provided in section 79-570 or who willfully disturbs such meeting shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

## 5. Consent Agenda

### Consent Agenda

If you want an item removed from the consent agenda, please make that request prior to the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Nick Ladenburger.

Brad Baney:           Yea  
 Jason Frederick:    Yea

Steve Guernsey: Yea  
Nick Ladenburger: Yea  
Kent Lorens: Yea  
Toby Marlin: Yea  
Sandy Noffsinger: Yea  
Shad Stamm: Yea

#### 5.A. Verification of publication and notice

##### Consent Item

To verify that notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Benkelman Post, a legal newspaper for Dundy County Stratton and by written notice to each member of the board, the designated method of giving notice

#### 5.B. Approval of the minutes

##### Consent Item

#### 5.C. Payment of the bills

##### Consent Item

#### 5.D. Drug and Alcohol Policy #5504

##### Consent Item

#### 5.E. Summer policy updates

Consent Item

Policy 4001 becomes Policy 3053. Policies 5060 and 5061 become part of Policy 3046.

5.F. Activity shuttle bus

Consent Item

6. Business Meeting

Action Item

6.A. Financial Report

Action Item

Presentation of the financial status of the district, balances in various funds, recent/impending activity therein, anticipated expenses and planning for future considerations.

Motion to approve the financial report as presented. Passed with a motion by Jason Frederick and a second by Toby Marlin.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Steve Guernsey:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Nick Ladenburger:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Toby Marlin:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

6.B. Budget 2019-2020

Information Item

There are some new things dealing with budget, publishing requirements and reporting that the board should be aware of as we end this fiscal year and start another. LB 103 and the ESSA reporting requirements will have an impact.

6.C. Superintendent contract

Action Item

Statement by President:

The board has adopted a motion to enter closed session to discuss the negotiations because it is in the school district's best interest, to prevent needless injury to someone's reputation and and the public's best interest to discuss this in closed session The board will limit its discussion to this issue.

The board entered executive session at: \_\_\_\_\_

When the negotiations discussion concludes the president declares the board out of executive session and states that the board limited it's discussion the negotiations of the superintendent contract.

Motion, second, roll call vote.

Motion to approve the negotiated superintendent contract. Passed with a motion by Sandy Noffsinger and a second by Craig Kerchal.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Steve Guernsey:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Nick Ladenburger:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Toby Marlin:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

6.D. NASB information

Action Item

## 6.E. Legislation

### Action Item

## 6.F. Insurance

### Action Item

We will have numbers from both ALICAP and EMC in the near future. At the latest it will be on you August agenda. It is also possible that we may have a special meeting to deal with it.

## 6.G. Review of bullying policy

### Action Item

We are required to review the bullying policy annually, No hearing is required and no action is needed

Motion to acknowledge review of the bullying policy. Passed with a motion by Sandy Noffsinger and a second by Craig Kerchal.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Steve Guernsey:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Nick Ladenburger:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Toby Marlin:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea

## 6.H. Student fees policy hearing and approval

Action Item

Under the statutes governing the student fees policies, we are required to do three things. Review the fees collected under the policy, then hold a public hearing on the policy and then either alter and adopt the policy or reaffirm it as written.

6.H.1. Review of student fees collected

Information Item

6.H.2. Student fees policy public hearing. There is no requirement to have this outside the regular meeting.

Information Item

Presiding officer: I declare the Student Fees Policy Hearing open. This hearing is to allow the board to solicit public input into the student fees policy. Does anyone wish to address the board regarding student fees?

Public comment.

Presiding officer: I declare the Student Fees Policy Hearing closed.

6.H.3. Student fees policy action

Action Item

Action required to alter or adopt the policy

Motion to adopt the student fees policy as presented Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Nick Ladenburger.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Steve Guernsey:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Nick Ladenburger:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Toby Marlin:	Yea

Sandy Noffsinger: Yea  
Shad Stamm: Yea

## 6.I. Parent involvement policy

### Action Item

We are required to hold a public hearing on the parental involvement policy. After the hearing we must either alter and adopt the revised policy or reaffirm it as written.

### 6.I.1. Parent Involvement Policy hearing

#### Action Item

Parent involvement policy public hearing. There is no requirement to have this outside the regular meeting.

Presiding officer: I declare the Parent Involvement policy public hearing open. This hearing is to allow the board to solicit public input into the parent involvement policy. Does anyone wish to address the board regarding the parent involvement policy?

Public comment.

Presiding officer: I declare the Parent Involvement policy public hearing closed.

### 6.I.2. Parent Involvement Policy action

#### Procedural Item

After the hearing the board must revise and adopt the policy or reaffirm it as written  
Motion to reaffirm the parent involvement policy. Passed with a motion by Sandy Noffsinger and a second by Kent Lorens.

Brad Baney: Yea  
Jason Frederick: Yea  
Steve Guernsey: Yea  
Craig Kerchal: Yea  
Nick Ladenburger: Yea  
Kent Lorens: Yea

Toby Marlin: Yea  
Sandy Noffsinger: Yea  
Shad Stamm: Yea

#### 6.J. Attendance and excessive absenteeism policy review

##### Action Item

The board must annually review it's attendance policy ant a board meeting. Statute also says we review the policy in conjunction with the county attorney. That communication may occur before or after the board's annual review.

#### 7. Reports

##### Action Item

#### 7.A. Technology report

##### Information Item

#### 7.B. Elementary principal report

##### Information Item

#### 7.C. Secondary principal report

##### Information Item

7.D. Transportation report

Information Item

7.E. Superintendent report

Information Item

## **Superintendent Report**

July 9, 2018

1. **Foundation meeting:** We held that quarterly meeting in June.
2. **RPAC:** The fall meeting will be in Bartley on August 14 at 5:00 MT. All coaches and activity sponsors attend.
3. **Budget:** We have begun working on budget documents. There was a morning long webinar that was highly educational.
4. **Teacher workdays:** Teachers report on August 6 or 9. They are to select between two in-service days. We will have a new teacher orientation on August 8.
5. **Students:** Classes will begin on August 15.
6. **Practices:** Practices for all sports begin August 12<sup>th</sup>.

7. **Hearings:** Will be conducted during the meeting per the advice of legal counsel. It takes longer to open and close a hearing than it does to have the hearing. Hearings are intended to allow the board to hear public input on a policy, not for board discussion on the matter. Only budget and tax request hearings are required to be separate from the board meeting.

8. **Pupil transportation changes:** There are some changes this year.

1.

- a. The definition of motor coach is now more strict, the cutaway vehicles which hold over 33 passengers are no longer legal
- b. School Bus/CDL physicals are now good for two years
- c. There is a 3 hour Level 1 course for drivers of small vehicles on routes
- d. All drivers are required to have 2 hours of in-service before school each year.

7.F. Board and committee reports

Information Item

7.F.1. Board information

Information Item

7.F.2. Finance/Budget/Legislation committee

Information Item

7.F.3. Transportation/Facilities/Grounds committee

Information Item

7.F.4. Curriculum/Activities/Staff Development committee

Information Item

7.F.5. American civics committee

Information Item

7.F.6. Negotiations committee

Information Item

8. Excuse absent member(s)

Action Item

## 9. Adjourn

### Information Item

Motion to adjourn at 7:23 PM. Passed with a motion by Kent Lorens and a second by Nick Ladenburger.

Brad Baney:	Yea
Jason Frederick:	Yea
Steve Guernsey:	Yea
Craig Kerchal:	Yea
Nick Ladenburger:	Yea
Kent Lorens:	Yea
Toby Marlin:	Yea
Sandy Noffsinger:	Yea
Shad Stamm:	Yea