

Board of Education Meeting
Stapleton Public Schools
District 57-0501
October 19, 2020

President Opela called the regular meeting to order of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited; the board norms were read aloud.

President Opela observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Burnside: Present, Kramer: Present, Kramer: Present, Opela: Present, Schaeffer: Present, Walz: Present.

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by Rich Burnside, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Notice of the meeting was published in the Stapleton Enterprise on Thursday, October 15, 2020, and posted at five local business along with notice to the president of the board and all members prior to the meeting date.

President Opela asked if there was any public comment and referred to the guidelines in the agenda.

Duane McClain addressed the board regarding a past covid situation on social media and apologized to the board if he was wrong.

Robin Dimmitt, Missy Kramer and Tim Karn addressed the board stating their views, whether pro, con, and/or indifference, regarding students wearing masks. They related this to the classroom and activities.

A Card of Thanks was read from Steve and Sally Schaeffer and family.

Erin Lindeman, art instructor, and Bryce Funk, industrial arts/ag instructor/FFA sponsor, both presented to the board their curriculum and what the students are doing in each of their classes.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to approve the minutes from the Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing, and Regular Board Meeting held on September 18, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Kristy Opela, seconded by F. Kramer, to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

The treasurer's report was presented by Superintendent Gaffney.

Lacy Kinderknecht gave her Community Liaisons' report which included: Congratulations to Kyle Kramer, Kelsey Amos, Scarlett Weitzel, Megan Amos, Marianne Zuniga and Caleb Burnside for being selected as the 2020-2021 Stapleton Chamber of Commerce Junior Council Members, elementary celebration video, National Geographic canceled the Geography Bee for this year, but Spelling Bee is Wednesday, January 27th, new website template being worked on, Stapleton School Improvement Committee, new texting service on school's schools website, and elementary math fact expectations.

The Activities Director's report given by Jason Wehnes included the following: winding down fall sports season, football qualified for state playoffs, congratulations to Collin Rooney on placing 4th and Jared Trimble placing 15th at district cross country, qualifying the whole team for state, volleyball has two triangulars left before sub-districts, junior high football and volleyball is over with wrestling practice beginning, One-Act practice has started also, Covid expectations from NSAA for post fall sports season, and winter sports season will soon be here.

Principal Walker's report included: October 12 In-service, Congratulations Stapleton High School won a 2020 College Success Award from GreatSchools.org, HAL, ReVISION Grant, Target Improvement Plan, New Teacher Academy, Nebraska School Safety Psychological First Aid for Schools training, health checks, Veterans Day Program will be virtual this year and February parent teacher conferences.

American Civics Committee gave a report on their meeting.

Building and Grounds Committee provided an update in regards to building project and bond issue.

The board discussed setting a meeting with the teachers negotiation team.

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Rex Walz, to approve 2019-2020 school audit as presented. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Discussion was held on cement breakage on PreK playground. Old rubber flooring from weight room will be used to lay over the cement.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to approve revision of Board Policy 4194: Professional Boundaries. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by Rich Burnside, to approve adoption of Board Policy 4032: Injury Leave. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to approve revision of Board Policy 5008: Attendance Policy and Excessive Absenteeism. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by F. Kramer, to approve revision of Board Policy 8342: Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Rex Walz, to approve adoption of Board Policy 4270: Staff Payments During Closure with adding the Board of Education when implementing procedures. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by K. Kramer, to approve Kristy Opela as delegate to the NASB Assembly. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Abstain (With Conflict), Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Rex Walz, to approved using services of Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association for filling of 2021-2022 Superintendent vacancy. Motion Failed.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Nay, Kramer: Nay, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Nay

The board discussed vote by coop regarding sports spectator attendance protocol.

Moved by F. Kramer, to allow spectator attendance with masks recommended but not required. Motion Withdrawn.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Rich Burnside, to follow coop guidelines with no spectators at Saturday's volleyball triangular. Motion Failed.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Nay, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Nay, Schaeffer: Nay, Walz: Nay

Mr. Gaffney stated what the State is mandating regarding students wearing masks.

No action was taken on student wearing of masks.

No action was taken regarding the north bus route.

Superintendent Gaffney's report presented information on the following: thanking visitors tonight for attending and voicing thoughts and opinions, ReVISION grant, Equipment Assistance Grant, repair of lunch room large mixer and meat slicer, weight room floor mats installed, ALICAP insurance inspection, 4 Brite Link Projectors purchased, north bus route options, wearing of masks, and congratulations to cross country team for qualifying for State Meet.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

President Opela adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Kim Kramer, Secretary