

Board of Education Meeting
Stapleton Public Schools
District 57-0501
January 18, 2021

President Opela called the regular meeting of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021, 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 with moving Action Item VII:D Bond Underwriter until later in the meeting. 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, January 14, 2021, 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.

Tyler Cox, Nebraska/Central Equipment, Inc, addressed the board regarding purchase of Blue Bird buses with the grant.

Deanna Klosen, 1st grade teacher, addressed the board regarding her classroom curriculum and great students.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Kristy Opela, to approve the December 21, 2020, Special and Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, 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: postponed meeting of School Foundation, junior chamber members and myself are planning on attending annual chamber meeting on February 1, at 6:30 p.m., Avery Weems was the spelling bee champion and will attend state bee virtually on March 6th, pictures and stories to newspaper and updates to school website and Facebook along with Carly.

The Activities Director's report given by Jason Wehnes included the following: girl s basketball will compete in MNAC conference this Saturday and the boys basketball got a first round bye, wrestling team is competing well, and winter sports guideline update.

Principal Walker's report included: enrollment, academics, dual credit courses, Oregon Trails Honor Band, new science skeleton compliments of the school foundation and three students, professional development, basic threat assessment team training, HOLD practice, winter MAPS, School Improvement Team, goals, Kindergarten Round-up, and teacher evaluations.

Negotiation Committee gave an update on teacher negotiations.

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The discussed the NASB monthly board meeting update.

The Board discussed NSBA 2021 Online Experience signup.

The board adjourned sine die to elect board officers for the 2021 calendar year.

K. Kramer moved to nominate Burnside for president.

Walz moved to nominate Opela for president.

F. Kramer moved nominations cease. Seconded by K. Kramer. Vote 5-1. Motion passed. Opela elected president

Burnside moved to nominate Schaeffer for vice-president.

K. Kramer moved nominations cease.

Walz moved nominations cease and all remaining officers remain the same: Schaeffer - vice-president; K. Kramer - Secretary, and F. Kramer - Treasurer. Seconded by Burnside. Vote 6-0 Motion passed.

President Opela appointed the following committees for 2021:

Negotiations:	K. Kramer, F. Kramer and Walz
Buildings and Grounds and Safety:	Burnside, Opela and Walz
Transportation:	F. Kramer, Schaeffer and Walz
Committee on American Civics:	F. Kramer, Opela and Schaeffer
Technology:	Burnside, Opela and Schaeffer
School Improvement/Curriculum:	Burnside, K. Kramer and Schaeffer
Wellness Committee:	Opela
PLC Committee:	F. Kramer
Foundation Representative:	Schaeffer
Coop Committee:	Burnside, F. Kramer, and K. Kramer with Walz (alternate)

Report Assignments:

January 18, 2021: Coop Committee

February 15, 2021:

March 15, 2021: Building and Grounds, Coop

April 19, 2021: Transportation, Foundation

May 17, 2021: American Civics, Technology
June 21, 2021: Building and Grounds
July 19, 2021: School Improvement, Curriculum
August 16, 2021: Transportation, Coop
Sept. 20, 2021: American Civics
October 18, 2021: Building and Grounds
Nov. 15, 2021: Technology
Dec. 20, 2021: School Improvement, Curriculum

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Rich Burnside, to table architect contract until after building and grounds committee meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by K. Kramer, to approve Ameritas as the Bond Underwriter for \$2,900,000. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by F. Kramer, to approve authorization of Board Officers to sign checks for the General Fund; Contingency Fund; Special Building Fund; Depreciation Fund; Employee Benefit Fund; Bond Fund; Cooperative Fund; Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund; Lunch Fund; Activity Fund. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by F. Kramer, to approve authorizing Jeana Hanna and Howard Gaffney to check balances, access safe deposit box, use the online banking system, transfer money between accounts, and to send payroll information for all bank accounts held at Community First Bank. Motion carried.

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

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Rex Walz, to use the Nebraska Association of School Board's Code of Conduct as a best practice guideline. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Gaffney made reference to the process that would need to be followed if any board member has a potential conflict of interest. Forms were made available for members to review and complete as needed. Board members were directed to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosures Commission website for more information.

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to designate Community First Bank of Stapleton as the official depository for the school districts funds. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by F. Kramer, to designate KSB Law Firm as the official legal counsel for the school district. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Rex Walz, to designate the Stapleton Enterprise as the official news publication for the school district. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by F. Kramer, to table bus purchase. Motion carried.
Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to extend contract for Principal Kris Walker for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.
Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Kristy Opela, to table maintenance/custodial position and advertise. Motion carried.
Burnside: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Steve Schaeffer, seconded by K. Kramer, to approve certified contract with Emilee Wells for guidance position for the 2021-2021 school year as presented. Motion carried.
Burnside: Nay, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Superintendent Gaffney's report presented information on the following: Leading from a Full Cup article, budget update, first semester finished well, pat on the back to Mr. Wehnes regarding extra time following NSAA guidelines, COVID vaccination, guidance position, and maintenance/custodial position.

The motion to go in to closed session to discuss personnel and to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual was repeated by President Opela.

The closed session started at 9:12 p.m. and ended at 9:43 p.m.

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Closed session is held to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion carried.

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

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, February 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

President Opela adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Kim Kramer, Secretary