

Board of Education Meeting  
Stapleton Public Schools  
District 57-0501  
February 15, 2021

President Opela called the regular meeting of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 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 Steve Schaeffer, 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, February 11, 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.

There was no one wishing to speak to the board.

A card of thanks was read from the family of Ray Howard.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Kristy Opela, to approve the January 18, 2021, Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by F. Kramer, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, 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: Stapleton Foundation Gala March 6th, Website and Facebook updates, Saving Green promotion planned in Stapleton, resigning from liaison position and have enjoyed the position.

The Activities Director's report given by Jason Wehnes included the following: speech team competed virtual with a great showing, congratulations to Dayton Gipe (undefeated) for making it to State Wrestling, girls basketball competes Wednesday at Merna in sub-districts, boys basketball will have their final regular game this Friday with sub-districts next week, and NSAA winter guidelines now have attendance restricted to 75% with masks still required.

Principal Walker's report included: parent-teacher conferences, 1st Semester Honor Roll, professional development in-service day, Ron Gustafson - motivational speaker, Earth/Arbor Day, Kindergarten Roundup, Option Enrollment and required Consumer Class for graduation.

The Building and Grounds Committee gave a report on the meeting with the architect and final building plans.

The board discussed upcoming NASB New Board Member Workshop, NASB Board President's Retreat and NRCSA Spring Conference.

The board discussed purchasing a new lawn mower.

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by K. Kramer, to approve resolution to join Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund and designate Howard R. Gaffney and Jeana M. Hanna as authorized officials to effectuate the investment and withdrawal of monies for Stapleton Public Schools. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by F. Kramer, to approve 2021-2022 Teacher Negotiated Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to advertise for option enrollment in the North Platte Bulletin. Motion carried.

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

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Rex Walz, to approve contract with architect Bradley Brandenburg & Associates as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to table action on maintenance/custodial position. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rex Walz, seconded by F. Kramer, to purchase a 47 passenger Thomas bus from Nebraska Truck Center. Motion carried.

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

Moved by F. Kramer, seconded by Rich Burnside, to approve 2021-2022 membership with Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB). Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to table 2021-2022 contracts with ESU #16. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to approve lawn fertilizer bid with Charron Lawn Service for 2021. Motion carried.

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

No action was taken on consumer science graduation requirement.

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by F. Kramer, to table purchase of custodian supplies.  
Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Rex Walz, to table the sale of surplus property. Motion carried.

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

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Rex Walz, to approve taking bids on putting in a bathroom, make both bedrooms egress compliant and adding sunk pump in the basement of the superintendent's house. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by F. Kramer, to approve Superintendent elect Brian Redinger attending NASB President Conference and/or NRCSA Spring Conference if he wishes. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Gaffney's report presented information on the following: sale complete on Frey land purchase, heating system in severe cold weather, teacher certification deficiency, teachers letters of intent to return, maintenance/custodian position and deposit of bond monies.

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

President Opela adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Kim Kramer, Secretary