

Board of Education Meeting  
Stapleton Public Schools  
District 57-0501  
August 16, 2021

President Opela called the regular meeting of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 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, F. Kramer: Present, K. Kramer: Present, Opela: Present, Schaeffer: Present, Walz: Present.

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

Burnside: Aye, F. Kramer: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Notice of the meeting was published in the Stapleton Enterprise on Thursday, August 12, 2021, and posted at five local businesses 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.

Community members addressed the board concerning the safe return to school policy of Stapleton Public Schools, future Covid outbreaks, school webpage updating, and the start of school conflicting with Logan Co Fair.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Schaeffer, to approve the July 19, 2021, Parental Involvement Hearing, Student Fee Hearing and the Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, F. Kramer: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

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

Burnside: Aye, F. Kramer: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Schaeffer, to approve claims as presented. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, F. Kramer: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

The treasurer's report was presented by Superintendent Redinger.

Janet Victory, high school SPED teacher and volleyball coach, addressed the board regarding her program and training she is receiving in her area.

Patrick Hynes, social science teacher, addressed the board regarding his curriculum and following Nebraska standards.

Bryan Regier gave his Community Liaisons' report which included: welcome back open house, thanks to the Booster Club for the meal, communication is using class dojo again, chamber of commerce meetings have been attended and junior chamber members will be selected soon.

The Activities Director's report given by Jason Wehnes included the following: new Maverick's Sports Calendar, Coop meeting went with new streaming company with HUDL for viewing activities, schedule changes updated, and fall sports practice has started with good numbers participating.

Principal Walker's report included: highlights from Administrator Day's held in Kearney, new teacher training and mentors, teacher in-service days, handbooks, eduClimber, bus, fire, evacuation drills and school class numbers.

Superintendent Redinger's report presented information on the following: custodial and maintenance needs, overview of sessions attended at Administrator Day's, need of substitute teachers and bus drivers, area membership meeting for board members, and previous non index wage.

The transportation committee presented highlights from their meeting with purchase of new bus through grant and other vehicle updates.

The coop committee discussed items from their latest meeting with girls wrestling and new streaming capabilities.

The buildings and grounds gave a report on their meeting regarding underground sprinklers and superintendent's house updates.

The board discussed the following items; current status and progress of building project, current custodial and maintenance needs of district, 2021-2022 anticipated budget, proposed Safe Return To School Plan for 2021-22 as required by the ESSER III Grant Application, current grading system, upcoming renewal of the sports cooperative with McPherson County Schools, Nebraska Health Education Standards Draft #2, and District's approach to teaching about issues that may be identified with Critical Race Theory.

Anticipated Valuation: Logan +7%, McPherson +5.93%, Lincoln + 6.565%  
Overall \$24,362,901 +6.969%.

Budget Possibilities: +\$180,000 (-\$0.04), \$340,000 (\$0.00)

Considerations: General Fund Reserve (3 months recommended), coming inflation, LB644 (2% allowable growth above "real" growth) requires joint agency hearing (Jan 1, 2022), Football field renovation.

Moved by Burnside, seconded by Walz, to approve hiring Jed Whiplinger as the junior high boys basketball coach as presented. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, F. Kramer: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by F. Kramer, seconded by K. Kramer, to approve authorizing payment of claims and transfers prior to the end of the fiscal year. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, F. Kramer: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Burnside, seconded by F. Kramer, to approve formation of a cooperative of Girl's Wrestling with McPherson County Public Schools. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, F. Kramer: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Walz, seconded by Schaeffer, to approve opening of a Bond bank account. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, F. Kramer: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

The Annual Budget Hearing will be held Wednesday, at 6:00 PM in the library. The Annual Tax Request Hearing will be held Wednesday, at 6:05 PM in the library. The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, at 6:10 PM in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

President Opela adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

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Kim Kramer, Secretary