

Board of Education Meeting  
Stapleton Public Schools  
District 57-0501  
March 11, 2024

President F. Kramer called the regular meeting of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024, in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

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

President F. Kramer observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Rich Burnside: Present, Chance Connell: Present, Kim K. Kramer: Present, Frank F. Kramer: Present, Kristy Opela: Present, Rex Walz: Present.

Notice of the meeting was published in the Stapleton Enterprise on Thursday, March 7, 2024, and posted at five local businesses along with notice to the president of the board and all members prior to the meeting date.

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

Adam Wonch addressed the Board thanking them for the improved communications with parents and school alerts that are received. He is concerned about cell phone use by students and ask that student handbook be enforced regarding students not having cell phones in school.

Duane McClain addressed the Board regarding the evacuation during the range fire and how well it was handled in a stressful situation. He addressed the text that went out regarding turning cell phones into the office.

Bob Deardoff addressed the Board stating he would not be sending his son to Kindergarten. He does not want his son getting bit by a student in the classroom.

Patty Stewart, 7-12 Science Teacher, presented highlights regarding her education and how she became a teacher and also the curriculum in her classroom. She shared goals in her classes with junior high students, Biology I and II, Chemistry, Anatomy, Physiology, and general science. She also would like opportunities to provide outside education to her students with local people regarding science.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Opela, to approve the February 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Connell: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Burnside, to approve the claims as presented except for JCC Trucks since he has vested interest. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Connell: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Opela, seconded by Connell, to approve paying JCC Trucking as presented. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Connell: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Abstain (With Conflict), Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

The treasurer's report was presented by Superintendent Redinger.

Bryan Regier gave his Community Liaison report which included: Chamber Easter Egg Hung will be Saturday, March 30th in the park at 11:00 a.m., junior members will stuff eggs, Splash Pad raffle fundraiser and Community Cleanup will be scheduled for the week of May 6th.

The Activities Director's report given by Jeremiah Johnson included the following: District Speech March 13th, Pie Social and community event on March 4th had great speech performances and was well attended, Quiz Bowl competitions underway, seven athletes selected for Academic All State for winter sports season, spring sports has begun with 35 high school athletes, 22 junior high, 10 participating in golf, Stapleton Golf Tourney is March 28th, UNL Concessions April 27th @ \$100/per person donation, Winter postseason parent/community meeting recap, Co-op Board Meeting March 18th in Tryon at 6:00 p.m., HS Volleyball, JH Football, JH Volleyball, and Play Production positions to fill.

7-12 Principal Johnson's report included: MAPS scores saw growth in mathematics for most grades, second semester observations completed, Mrs. Joedeman is exploring more career readiness opportunities in health care related fields, agriculture and leadership workshops, working on 2024-2025 master schedule, possible 6th grade participation in junior high sports, ACT and Pre-ACT on March 26th, Mrs. Schrock has worked extremely hard and test scores reflect her extra time, kudos to Mrs. Victory on working hard making sure all documentation is up to date on students which will make transition for new teacher much easier, and special thanks to Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Kinderknecht, Mrs. Joedeman and all staff members along with Student Council/NHS for desire to show our rural fire department and their families their grateful appreciation. As of today more than \$1900 has been raised, thanks to the generosity of the school community both local and around the area.

PK-6 Principal Isom reported on the following: IEPs/MDTs/BIP/ELPA21 updates, MAPs Reading and Math scores, CIP Academic and SEL goals, Ricky's Survey for staff, parent, and student, Bingo for Books went well and adoption of Language Arts Curriculum.

Superintendent Redinger's report presented information on the following: State Aid and revenue forecast, Key Communicator Group update, Elementary Special Education position, Title I/FCS program update, range fire evacuation drill, and Building and Grounds completed and upcoming projects.

The Board discussed possible increase in Extra-Duty compensation for 2024-2025.

The Board reviewed Board of Education Policy 6035 - Athletic Contest Participation by Sixth Graders. Moved by Walz, seconded by Connell, to approve Board of Education Policy 6035: Athletic Contest Participation by Sixth Graders. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Connell: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Burnside, to approve the revised 2024-25 School Calendar as presented with ESU In-service days and change of spring break. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Connell: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

The Board reviewed Board of Education policies 6000 thru 6037. Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Walz, to amend Board of Education School Policy 6027: Field Trips to reflect 30 days advance notice and approval by Board for of out-of-state, overnight trips. Motion carried.

Burnside: Nay, Connell: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Walz, seconded by Connell, to approve Board of Education Policy 6006:

Commencement Ceremony with Option A. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Connell: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Walz, seconded by Kramer, to accept the resignation of Brenda Monson, Elementary Special Education teacher at the end of the 2023-24 school year with regret and thank her for her years of service. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Connell: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Burnside, seconded by Walz, to accept the resignation of Gentry Barner, Kindergarten teacher at the end of the 2023-24 school year with regret and thank her for her year of service. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Connell: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Walz, seconded by K. Kramer, to approve a contract with Terri Kevorkian as a Secondary Special Education Teacher beginning with the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Connell: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

The Board discussed a provision to allow qualifying seniors the opportunity to have an early out in the afternoon, to be employed or to pursue other educational opportunities outside of the school program.

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Burnside, to approve an out-of-state senior field trip from March 16th thru March 18th. Motion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Connell: Aye, K. Kramer: Nay, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

President F. Kramer adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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Kim Kramer, Secretary