

Board of Education Meeting
Stapleton Public Schools
District 57-0501
January 12, 2026

President F. Kramer called the regular meeting of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026, 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, Frank F. Kramer: Present, Kim Kramer: Present, Kristy Opela: Present, Rex Walz: Present.

Notice of the meeting was published in the Stapleton Enterprise on Thursday, January 8, 2026, and posted at five local businesses along with notice to the president of the board and all members prior to the meeting date.

The Board reviewed Board Policy 2005: Board Member Conflict of Interest Statement.

The Board reviewed Board Policy 2002: Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education.

Moved by Walz, seconded by K. Kramer to nominate Burnside for president.

Moved by Walz, seconded by K. Kramer to cease nominations. Motion carried.

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

Burnside voted in as president.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Walz to nominate Connell for vice-president.

Moved by Opela, seconded by Walz to cease nominations. Motion carried.

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

Connell voted in as vice-president.

Moved by Walz, seconded by Connell to nominate K. Kramer for secretary. Motion carried.

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

K. Kramer voted in as secretary.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Walz to nominate Opela for treasurer. Motion carried.

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

Opela voted in as treasurer.

Moved by Opela, seconded by Connell, to table board member committee appointments and establishing board committee calendar. Motion carried.

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

President Burnside re-appointed Opela to the School's Foundation Board.

The Board reviewed Board Policy 2012: Board of Ethics/Code of Conduct.

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

Duane McClain addressed the board regarding the Foundation meeting. This year they will have a Kentucky Derby celebration instead of a gala/banquet on May 2nd. Beef in is schools is going well with another beef just donated by Schaeffer Farms. He wishes the Board would consider putting the board meetings back on line for the community to view.

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Opela, to approve the December 15, 2025, Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

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

The treasurer's report was presented by Superintendent Redinger.

Bryan Regier gave his Community Liaisons' report which included: Annual Chamber Meeting on January 25th at 6:30 p.m, District Spelling Bee will be February 4, at 2:00 p.m., Lacie Benell, Madilynn McEntee, Jaxon McEntee and Isabell Waker performed in the Oregon Trails Honor Band, and Kearney Underclassman Honor Band at Kearney on January 19th will include Luella Joedeman, Jaxon McEntee and Isabell Waker.

The Activities Director's report included the following: winter sports/activities update, secondary Christmas concert went well, working with local AD's for next year's schedule and waiting on the State to complete our football schedule.

7-12 Principal report by Dewayne Tillman included: first semester evaluations completed, second semester formal walk-throughs begin this week, "best practice" in classrooms, PBIS and Boystown behavior plan, using a digital document for secondary data on minor and major behaviors of students, and Perkins Grant application. Congratulations to the Fall Academic All State recipients including: Rhashykee Bruns (football), Kelsey Amos (volleyball), Avery Weems (volleyball) and Gage McNutt (boy's cross country).

PK-6 Principal Isom reported on the following: IEPs/MDTs/BIP/ELPA21, all testing is scheduled for this spring, 4-6 grade honor roll includes 18 students with 8 of those receiving all A's, a third RARE board has been started with a celebration on January 16, attendance, and goals for second quarter.

The Board reviewed updated list for building and grounds.

The Board discussed items from Negotiation's meetings.

Superintendent Redinger's report presented information on the following: ESU Board Member Workshop, UNK Education Fair, and Career and Technical Education/Office of Civil Rights Audit.

Moved by Walz, seconded by Connell, to approve the 2026-2027 teacher negotiation agreement as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Opela, to approve refinishing the new gym floor with an "S" in the middle and replace the floor in the Bronco Room. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by Kramer, to authorize Jeana Hanna and Brian Redinger 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 Henderson State Bank. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Connell, to authorize 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, Connell: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Connell, seconded by Burnside, to designate Henderson State Bank as the official depository for the school district funds. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Opela, seconded by Walz, to designate KSB Law Firm as the official legal counsel. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Kramer, to designate the Stapleton Enterprise as the official news publication for the school district. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Connell, to affirm the Sport's Cooperative football classification for 2026 and 2027. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by Connell, to change the 2025-26 school calendar as presented. There will be no school on March 10th due to MNAC quiz bowl being hosted at Stapleton and there will be school on April 10th, as the in-service is moved to May 1st with no school that day. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Opela, seconded by Kramer, to table the 2026-2027 school calendar. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by Burnside, to approve a new school mission and vision - The mission of Stapleton Public Schools is to support and prepare students to read with comprehension, compute mathematically, and utilize information and technology to create solutions for modern problems and to participate as sovereign citizens in our democratic society. Our vision is to create and sustain an educational system that provides all students with the opportunity to practice and receive feedback in all academic areas to foster life-long learning for

future success. Motion carried.

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

The Board held discussion on the superintendent evaluation and evaluation process.

Moved by Walz, seconded by Kramer, to move to extend superintendent's contract through 2027-2028. Motion Failed.

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

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

President Burnside adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Kim Kramer, Secretary