

Board of Education Meeting
Stapleton Public Schools
District 57-0501
February 9, 2026

President Burnside called the regular meeting of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President F. Kramer observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

The Board reviewed the role of the board of education, board code of ethics, violation of board ethics and prescribed operations.

Opela gave highlights from the ESU workshop she attended.

Notice of the meeting was published in the Stapleton Enterprise on Thursday, February 5, 2026, and posted at five local businesses along with notice to the president of the board and all members prior to the meeting date.

Board President appointment of 2026 Board Committees
Negotiations: Connell, F. Kramer, Opela
Buildings and Grounds: Burnside, Connell, and K. Kramer
Safety Team: F. Kramer
Transportation: Burnside, F. Kramer, Walz
American Civics Committee: K. Kramer, Opela, Walz
School Improv/Curr/Tech: Walz, K. Kramer, Connell
Wellness Committee: Opela
Foundation Representative: Opela
Sport's Cooperative: Burnside, F. Kramer, Walz

Established Board Committee Calendar

January: AD-HOC

February: AD-HOC

March: Sport's Cooperative

April: Building & Grounds, American Civics

May: Transportation

June: Safety

July: Sport's Cooperative

August: Wellness Committee

September: School Improv/Curr/Tech

October: American Civics, Building & Grounds

November: Negotiations

December: Sport's Cooperative

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

Duane McClain addressed the board regarding placement of public comment and recognition of visitors on the agenda, board representation at the meetings and focus on topics, Foundation banquet planning, Beef in Schools is going well and possibility of broadcasting board meetings to the public.

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Opela, to approve the January 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Connell, seconded by Walz, to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented by Superintendent Redinger.

The Community Liaisons' report included: annual chamber meeting and spelling bee champion, Lucy Joedeman, and runner up, Micah Weems.

The Activities Director's report included the following: NSAA football schedule releases February 11th and will be making phone calls to referee crews, D3 group with requested teams, upcoming conclusion of winter sports, speech, FFA, spelling bee and band competitions, and concerns surrounding schedule changes this year.

7-12 Principal report included: working on CIP (Continuing Improvement Plan), edited PBIS matrix, integrated Boys Town community rules, secondary excel spreadsheet used for PBIS data collection, respect in the classroom, second semester teacher evaluations start this week, assuming responsibility of secondary 504 coordinator, renewed commitment to PBIS with plan for IEP students and down list students, and conflict resolution with staff and students.

PK-6 Principal Isom reported on the following: congratulations to Lucy Joedeman, champion and Micah Weems, runner up in the annual spelling bee, spring testing, RARE and Attendance Assembly and duties of elementary principal, district assessment coordinator, curriculum director, ELL coordinator and teacher, special education liaison, librarian and HAL coordinator.

No board reports this month.

Superintendent Redinger's report presented information on the following: school board election filing for incumbents (February 17) and non-incumbents (March 2), Board President Retreat is February 16th in Kearney, proposed Rule 11 changes, possible dates for board retreat/in-service, and LB 549 allows a school board to employ a chaplain with advantages for social/emotional wellbeing of stakeholders of the school particularly staff and students.

Moved by Connell, seconded by Burnside, to approve the 2026-27 school calendar with graduation on May 15, 2027. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by Opela, to approve the gym floor refinishing and Bronco Room floor replacement. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Opela, seconded by Kramer, to approve the 2026-27 service contracts with Educational Service Unit #16. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by Burnside, to approve the Board of Education's membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards for 2026-27. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Opela, to approve installation of exterior lighting on the West and North sides of the building. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by Connell, to accept the resignation of Denise Frey, 5th grade teacher, with regret at the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year and thank her for her years of service. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Opela, to accept the resignation of Barb Doty, secondary English language arts teacher, with regret and gratitude at the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Burnside, seconded by Opela, to accept the resignation of Emily January, kindergarten teacher, with regret at the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year and thank her for her years of service. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Burnside, seconded by Kramer, to approve a contract with Alisha Polenske for the position of kindergarten teacher for 2026-27. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by Opela, to approve a contract with Kimberly Boyer for the position of secondary English language arts for 2026-27. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Connell, seconded by Opela, to approve a compensation increase with Bobbi Isom for the position of Elementary Principal, Media Specialist, Curriculum Director, Special Education Liaison, ELL Director, District Assessment Coordinator, and High Ability Learning Coordinator for 2026-27. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Burnside, seconded by Opela, to approve a compensation increase with Dewayne Tillman for the position of Secondary Principal and Activities Director for 2026-27. Motion carried.

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

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

President Burnside adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Kim Kramer, Secretary