

Board of Education Meeting
Stapleton Public Schools
District 57-0501
August 17, 2026

President Burnside called the regular meeting of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

President Burnside observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Notice of the meeting was published in the Stapleton Enterprise on Thursday, August 13, 2026, and posted at five local businesses along with notice to the president of the board and all members prior to the meeting date.

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by Connell, to to excuse Kristy Opela from the meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by Kramer, to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

For Celebration of Excellence, Mr. Redinger wishes to celebrate our school lunch program and Sandy Lanka, head cook, and Kathy Connell, assistant cook. They serve delicious food and do a wonderful job in their department. They work so well together and everything runs extremely smooth in the kitchen. Burnside commented on how great the school looks and recognized all that has been done to the facility to get it ready.

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

Duane McClain addressed the board regarding agenda items dealing with the budget and calendar changes. He would like to see school start later in the month of August and maybe look ahead to the 2027-2028 calendar in regards to this.

President Burnside presented the list of appointments of committees.

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Connell, to approve the Public Hearing of District's Parental Involvement Policy minutes, Public Hearing of District's Student Fee Policy minutes , and Regular Board Meeting minutes all held on July 13, 2026. Motion carried.

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

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

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

The treasurer's report was presented by Superintendent Redinger.

There was no Community Liaisons' report.

The Activities Director's report included the following: finalized Jr High fall season, finalizing officials for varsity volleyball and basketball seasons, contract sent and accepted for SVM golf, Holiday Basketball tournament at Paxton on December 21, looking for possible alternative site for Blevin's Track Meet, and 2026-27 schedule nearly complete with high school participation of 13-15 in football, 13 in volleyball and 3 cross country runners.

7-12 Principal report included: planning for beginning of the year with CPR, van training, conflict resolution, establishing staff norms, and community building, meeting with staff regarding student needs, planning activities (PBIS) to fulfill SEP goal for CIP review, discussed discipline matrix, met with parents of new students, attended Admin Days in Kearney and also ESU 16 training for IPG (Instructional Practice Guide).

PK-6 Principal Isom reported on the following: new teachers Alisha Polenske (Kdg), Kim Boyer (7-12 English), Cydnie Wilson (student teacher 1st semester/4-6 gr. English 2nd semester), and Shelley Donner (4-6 gr. English 1st semester as long term sub and then para 2nd semester), ELL Conference, Science of Reading training, Dibels training, IPG Launch Day, Teacher Inservice, CPR, Testing, Daycare, and we are off to a great year.

Superintendent Redinger's report presented information on the following: gym and Bronco Room floors are complete, area board membership meeting, bus tires for sale, bats in the school, Foundation donation of gym floor piece, and strategic plan/superintendent goals. New coaches include: Kim Boyer (One-Act Coach), Matthew Beckmann (Boys' Head Basketball Coach and winter activity van), and Cydnie Wilson (JH Volleyball Coach).

The next step for the strategic planning is to set up a meeting.

The Board held discussion regarding the 2026-27 School Budget.

The Board held discussion regarding school reorganization and cooperation/coordination with neighboring school districts. Dialogue has begun with honest communications.

The Board held discussion regarding student enrollment.

Mrs. Isom, PK-6 Principal, gave a presentation on the elementary teacher evaluation tool that she uses to evaluate the teachers.

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Burnside, to approve Board of Education Policy Updates for Policy 3048: Communicable Disease, Policy 4056: Resignation of Certificated Staff, Policy 5001: Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, Policy 5003: Admission of Part-Time Students, Policy 5004: Option Enrollment, Policy 5048: Emergency Response to Life Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions, Policy 6009: Grade Placement and Academic Credits of Transfer Students, and Policy 6038: Student Use of AI Tools. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Connell, seconded by Kramer, to approve change on the 2026-2027 school calendar with parent-teacher conferences to be held the following week of October 27 and 28. Motion

carried.

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

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Connell, to approve a student teacher agreement for first semester 2026-27 and a conditional elementary teaching contract with Cydnie Wilson for second semester of the 2026-27 amended from 2027-28 school year. Motion carried.

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

Discussion was held on the expansion of track practice facilities. Moved by Burnside, seconded by Walz, to table motion on expansion of track practice facilities until the next board meeting. Motion carried.

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

The next board meeting(s) will be: Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m., Tax Request Hearing at 7:05 p.m. and Regular Meeting held at 7:10 p.m. all on Monday, September 14, 2026.

President Burnside adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Kim Kramer, Secretary