

Board of Education Meeting
Stapleton Public Schools
District 57-0501
January 20, 2020

President Opela called the regular meeting to order of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 6:32 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2020, 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 Rich 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 given in advance by the board approved method of meeting notice. Notice of the meeting was given in advance 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.

Staff present: Gary Halstead, Lacy Kinderknecht, and Tera Kostelecky

Visitors: Brad Brandenburg, Architect

Gary Halstead, 5th Grade Teacher, presented to the board a background on himself, a snapshot on an average day in his classroom and curriculum he is teaching.

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Kristy Opela, to approve the December 16, 2019, Special and Regular Board Meeting minutes and the January 4, 2020, Special Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Walz, to approve the 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 Gaffney.

Lacy Kinderknecht gave her Community Liaisons' report which included: Stapleton Public Schools Foundation meeting with Gala set for March 6th, Chamber of Commerce meeting with junior members, Geography Bee was January 15th with Kelsey Amos the winner, Spelling Bee will be January 29th at 1:30 p.m., and Tuesday, March 10th will be a family night with speech team sharing their speeches along with a pie social. A big thank you to Gary Johnsen for moderating and Cindy Frey for judging the Geography Bee competition.

The Activities Director's report given by Tera Kostelecky included the following: Coop Committee meeting updates, parents night for wrestling and basketball is scheduled for February 6th, MNAC basketball tourney starts this Saturday, wrestling has 14 participants with a handful placing at each meet, junior high basketball tournament on February 8th, moved to Stapleton, MNAC band in Sargent on February 10th, and first speech meet is February 1st in Gothenburg.

The coop committee report was presented.

The board discussed the following items: NASB update, ALICAP report and personnel assignments.

The board adjourned sine die to elect board officers for the 2020 calendar year.

Moved by Walz, seconded by F. Kramer, to leave officers the same, nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

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

President Opela will work up a rotation schedule for the 2020 committees and will appoint at the February board meeting.

Brad Brandenburg, architect, addressed the board regarding building and remodeling options with no action taken.

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by Kristy Opela, to table senior trip request. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by F. Kramer, to authorization of 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, F. Kramer: Aye, K. Kramer: Aye, Opela: Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz: Aye

Moved by Steve Schaeffer, seconded by K. Kramer, to authorize Jeana Hanna and Howard Gaffney 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 Community First Bank. Motion carried.

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

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Walz, to use the Nebraska Association of Schools Board's Code of Conduct as a best practice guideline. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Gaffney made reference to the process that would need to be followed if any board member has a potential conflict of interest. Forms were made available for them to review and complete as needed. Board members were directed to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosures Commission website for more information.

Moved by F. Kramer, seconded by Rich Burnside, to designate Community First Bank of Stapleton as the official depository for the school districts funds. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by Kristy Opela, to designate Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O. as the official legal counsel for the school district. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Moved by Kristy Opela, seconded by Rich Burnside, to adopt the 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rich Burnside, seconded by F. Kramer, to table bid proposal from Access Elevator for replacement of elevator/lift. Motion carried.

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

Moved by K. Kramer, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to to accept the resignation of Kelsey Knust, kindergarten teacher, with regret. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Walz, seconded by Steve Schaeffer, to approve contract extension for Principal Kris Walker for 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Gaffney's report presented information on the following: elevator/lift repair, proposed calendar, new bus update, building project updates, open position interviews, principal evaluations, senior trip request, state aid projection and LB 974 pros and cons.

Principal Walker's report included: superintendent search committee, EdVenture, kindergarten roundup, NWEA/MAPS, PBIS, Safe Schools, Teach Nebraska, teacher evaluations and NDE Advisor updates.

The motion to go in to closed session to discuss personnel and to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual was repeated by President Opela.

The closed session started at 8:45 p.m. and ended at 9:25 p.m.

Moved by Walz, seconded by Rich Burnside, to to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Closed session is held to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion carried.

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

Date of Special Board Meeting: February 12, 2020 and February 15, 2020. Date of next regular board meeting: Monday, February 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the school library in Stapleton.

President Opela adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Kim Kramer, Secretary