

**BENNINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 59
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2015
BENNINGTON DISTRICT BOARD ROOM**

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM. Mark Byars: Present, Valerie Calderon: Present, Doug Laaker: Present, Brad Renter: Present, Darren Siekman: Present, Matt Wickham: Present.

- I. Public Forum**
- II. Call meeting to Order**
- III. Consent Agenda (Note: Items on the consent agenda are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items at the meeting unless a Board Member requests an item removed from the agenda for separate action.)**
 - III.A. Approval of Agenda**
 - III.B. Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - III.C. Presentation of Bills for Approval and Payment**
- IV. Items Removed From the Consent Agenda for Separate Action**
- V. Reports**
 - V.A. Administrative Reports**
 - V.B. Committee Report(s)**
 - V.C. Lobbyist Report**
 - V.D. LCCC Report**
 - V.E. Strategic Planning Update**
- VI. Unfinished Business**
 - VI.A. Discuss Facility Site Planning ***
- VII. New Business**
 - VII.A. Discuss 2015-2016 School Year Open Enrollment Capacity Numbers ***
 - VII.B. Discuss 2015-2016 School Year Option Enrollment Capacity Numbers ***
 - VII.C. Approve Curriculum and Personnel Proposals ***
 - VII.D. Approve Regulation Policy 1006.01R1 - Community Use of School District Facilities, Sites and Equipment ***
 - VII.E. Approve Bennington Baseball Club Agreement (BBC) ***
 - VII.F. Approve Spring Baseball/City of Bennington Agreement ***
 - VII.G. Personnel ***
 - VII.G.1. Resignations ***
 - VII.G.2. Hiring of Personnel ***
 - VII.G.2.1. Andrew Miner Elementary CADRE ***
 - VII.G.2.2. Kelsey Sass Secondary Attendance Secretary**
 - VII.H. Executive Session to Discuss Superintendent Contract, Personnel, and Potential Land Acquisition and Negotiations ***
- VIII. Time and Date of Next Special Meeting will be March 9, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bennington District Office. AND Time and Date of Next Special Meeting will be**

March 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bennington District Office. Time and Date of Next Regular Meeting will be April 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bennington District Office.

IX. Adjournment

Strategic Plan Update Bennington Public Schools March 2, 2015

Strategic Plan Goal #1 – 21st Century Learning & Teaching

The Technology Curriculum Committee has created a crosswalk of the 21st Century skills with the Nebraska Multiple Literacies Standards, part of the English Language Arts Standards, Nebraska Career Education Standards, and the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) National Educational Technology Standards (NETS) for Students. From this work, a set of technology standards for each grade has been developed with demonstration activities linked. These are scheduled to be refined through the summer curriculum meetings. The secondary Career & Technical Education Committee has reviewed courses of study and continues to work on aligning curriculum to College & Career Readiness. The next meeting for this committee is March 24th. The 21st Century Skills Committee is meeting on March 18th to continue work on the description of the skills and the definition of College & Career Readiness.

Strategic Plan Goal #2 – Personalized Learning

A survey has been completed across all buildings to gather what is currently being done to personalize learning for students in the school district. The Committee has met to review this data. We are in the process of sorting the responses. We are going to present the survey information to the board in April and we will start the modification of action plans this month.

Strategic Plan Goal #3 – Collaboration between District & Community

The Committee has been focused on getting the elementary families connected to the secondary building. Their project “Elementary Night Out at BHS” was a success this past month. Each elementary was invited to the secondary building to enjoy a basketball game and other activities. The figures are estimated attendance for each night and helped fill up the gym in support the basketball teams. In addition, Bennington won each contest.

Pine Creek on Friday, January 23rd had over 220
Heritage on Monday, February 16th had close to 120
Bennington Elementary on Monday, February 23rd had about 175

Feedback was positive from each elementary. One suggestion has been to schedule all of these events for Friday or Saturday to get greater participation and not to have to worry about school night bedtimes.

Strategic Plan Goal #4 – Resources for Emotional, Social & Cultural Needs

One of the needs the committee identified was to have a source of options for students and families within the greater Omaha area for assistance with social, emotional, financial and cultural needs. The committee has created a *Bennington Public Schools Community Resource Guide*. The rough draft of this guide is attached for your review (imagine it folded front/back). Once a final draft is completed the committee will decide how to best get this information to families. One example could be the registration packets in the fall. A web friendly form will also be put online. The committee is also working on an Administrators/Counselors version of this which will contain more specific information pertinent to specific situations. Upon completion of this activity the committee will review the original goal and decide which objective and activity to begin.