

Board of Education Committee of the  
Whole Meeting  
Thursday, August 24, 2023 6:00 PM Central

Administration Building- Board Room  
320 N 5th St  
Beatrice, NE 68310

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to attendance of the public.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

**Present:** Eric Book, Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky.  
**Present:** 7.

Mrs. Martin, Vice-President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Administration Building Board Room. At the beginning of the meeting, the chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the west wall of the meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

2. Approval of the Agenda

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3. Policy 5103.1: Random Drug Testing for Students Involved in Extracurricular Activities

Mr. Brown informed the Board that he recently surveyed the conference schools and some other area schools on whether or not their districts utilize drug testing. He shared that approximately 10 students are tested each month and the testing expense is around \$5000 for a school year. Mr. Brown shared that very few positive tests result from the district's policy and current testing. He added that if the Board wants to keep the policy, that it probably needs to be revised some. Board discussion ensued and a request to put the topic on the September agenda was made.

4. ALICAP Insurance

Sheri and Daniel Shonka presented information on the ALICAP insurance program that the district recently joined. The presentation included some background knowledge, the advantages/benefits, disadvantages, use of the membership portal, historical dividends, and coverage details and deductibles.

5. Policy 3090: Sale and Disposal of School Property

Mr. Alexander shared that Ronda Pieper has developed a list of items that the district is no longer using and would propose being sold. Mr. Alexander added that policy 3030 states that this must be approved by the Board of Education. Ronda Pieper briefly went through the list of items being proposed. Mr. Alexander stated that the Board would be asked to approve this at the September meeting.

6. 2023-2024 Budget Preview

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that the information being shared is preliminary, so there is a possibility that there could be changes before the actual budget hearing. Mr. Alexander presented historical information on student enrollment, state aid, valuations, tax levies, revenue and expenditures, and cost per pupil. He noted that valuations had been certified and included a 13% increase from the previous year. The NDE certified budget is \$33,177,327 which includes \$5,300,000 for special education services. Next, he presented an estimated proposal for the 2023-24 tax levy. Mr. Alexander stated that the district would be required to attend the joint public meeting on Monday, September 18th. He proposed some date options for the district's hearings and special meeting for budget approval. The hearings and meeting were tentatively set for Tuesday, September 19.

7. Public Comments- This is the proper time for public questions and comments on any topic. Please make sure a request form is given to the Board Vice-President before the meeting begins.

No one spoke at this time.

8. Adjournment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.

Eric Book: Yea, Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

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Date