

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2023 6:00 PM Central

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

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Absent: Eric Book, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, **Present:** Janet Byars, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky. Present: 4, Absent: 3.

Mr. Trusty, 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 Brandon Vetrovsky.

Janet Byars: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

3. Summer Project Update

Ronda Pieper provided an update on the planned summer projects for the district including:

- High School
 - Gym floor resurfacing
 - Shot clock installation
 - Door repair
- Middle School
 - Gym floor resurfacing
- Elementary
 - Equipment from Fit America Grant to be installed at Stoddard
 - Slide repair at a couple of the playgrounds

She added that she has recently filled a couple of open positions within the maintenance/custodial department.

4. Bread & Milk Bids

Dr. Nielsen shared that the district only received one bid for each of these. She added that we will be moving forward with Rotella for bread and Hiland for milk, and that the Board will be asked to approve those at the June meeting.

5. Lunch Prices

To meet federal requirements, lunch and milk prices will be increasing for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Meal prices will increase by \$.10 and milk by \$.05.

6. Multiculturalism Report

Dr. Nielsen provided a handout on the integration of multiculturalism activities into the classroom. She added that reports are being provided for all three levels (elementary, middle, and high). Multicultural education is infused into the curriculum through social studies, reading, music, art, math, band, and science. These activities are geared towards promoting a deeper understanding of cultures that may not be similar to a child's own. Dr. Nielsen added that the Youth Frontiers assemblies for 5th, 7th, and 9th grade students were a great addition to these efforts also.

7. Wellness Policy (5417 & Regulation 5417)

Dr. Nielsen shared that every three years the wellness policy and regulation have to be reviewed. No updates are needed at this time as all state guidelines are being met. The district will continue to work on the following goals:

1. Continue to offer a variety of fruits and vegetables during lunch
2. Increase active participation in physical education promoting life-long healthy habits
3. Increase mental health supports in the district

8. Hiring Update/Board Policy- Graduation Requirements (5205 & Regulation 5205)

Mr. Alexander shared an update with Board members by building on what positions (if any) are still open. He added that since the legislative session is not over yet, we do not yet know the outcome of the computer science requirement. The communication graduation requirement may be a bit of a challenge, but administration is already looking at different ways to ensure students have access to courses that will fulfill the requirement.

9. Certified Comp Time

Mr. Alexander provided an explanation of the proposed concept for providing a comp time option for certificated staff. He took time to highlight the major components of the draft plan, but noted that some of the specific managerial components (tracking in particular) are still being discussed. The negotiations committee has discussed this and it has also been shared with the administration team. Mr. Alexander added that he would like to discuss it with a small representation of staff before it goes any further. Discussion ensued and there was consensus by the Board to move forward with a staff discussion.

10. Superintendent Update

10.1. Building Update- Topping Out Ceremony

Mr. Alexander reminded the Board members that this event will take place at 10 AM on June 2nd.

10.2. State & Federal Reporting Update

Mr. Alexander provided a report on the instructional minutes and hours by building as they compared to the required instructional units. He noted that the district exceeded the required number of student minutes. Trusty asked when the district would have met this requirement and if there is a policy on the number of student days. Mr. Alexander responded that there is not a policy on that topic. Trusty stated that he would like the district to take a look at next year's school calendar (23-24) and consider making adjustments. Dr. Nielsen will take a look at the calendar and try to bring a revised option to the Board for consideration at the June Board meeting.

11. 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.

12. Adjournment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Janet Byars and a second by Charles Riedesel.

Janet Byars: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date