

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Thursday, January 25, 2024 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

Absent: Brandon Vetrovsky, **Present:** Eric Book, Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

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
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. Building Update

3.1. Construction Progress

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that the building is completely drywalled and painting is continuing. Cabinets are being installed on level two and the cabinets for level one should arrive in mid-February. Approximately 75% of the building MEP rough in is also complete. He shared that planning is underway to provide a tour for Board members in late February.

3.2. Furniture

Mr. Alexander noted that the district has met with School Specialty and reviewed their recommendations and went through every room's furniture needs. School Specialty will hopefully have some final renderings for the district to be able to share in the next couple of weeks.

3.3. Cornerstone

Mr. Alexander shared that the Mason group has been communicating in regard to having a cornerstone installed in the new building. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 27th. The Board will be asked to officially approve this at the February or March meeting.

4. Policy 4110.1 Salary Guides & Regulation 4110.1 Advancement on Salary Schedule

Mr. Alexander shared that this topic came up during the negotiations process. He added that most districts are moving to allow all years of experience or up to 50 years brought in. Mr. Alexander is recommending an update to our policy to reflect such.

5. Tuition Reimbursement Policy

Mr. Alexander shared that many districts are looking at offering tuition reimbursement for teachers that are asked to get an endorsement to cover a core curriculum area. He proposed a sample policy for Board members to review.

6. 2024-2025 Calendar

Dr. Nielsen provided a draft of the 24-25 school calendar for Board members. She added that time has been taken to receive input from multiple groups (administrators, teachers, bus company). Dr. Nielsen shared that adjustments have been made in some of the following areas: beginning of the school year, PLC Wednesdays (early dismissals), snow make-up days, and the end of the school year. Tentative/proposed start and end times for each building level were also shared as part of this discussion. Mrs. Timmerman provided some additional insight to the scheduling considerations for the opening of the new PK-5 building. Board discussion ensued and Board members were informed that they would be asked to vote on a calendar at the February meeting.

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 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
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date