

Board of Education Committee of the
Whole Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2024 5:15 PM Central

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

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Absent: Janet Byars, Lisa Pieper, **Present:** Eric Book, Doris Martin, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky. Present: 5, Absent: 2.

Mrs. Martin, Vice-President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 5:15 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 Brandon Vetrovsky and a second by Eric Trusty.
Eric Book: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

3. Baseball Coop

Mr. Brown shared that Diller-Odell approached the district about the potential for a co-op for the 2025-26 season. Meetings were held with the baseball parents to field questions. Parents were receptive and the main question asked was if a reserve schedule would be added if this results in a big increase in numbers. He responded that it will be a year-to-year thing and there would usually always be an option to pick up some games if numbers warranted such.

4. Strategic Planning Site Update

4.1. Elementary

Mrs. Replogle noted that subcommittees have been working hard to plan for the new school and ensuring that there are strong systems in place to support all staff and students. The subcommittees include:

- Safety and security
- WIN (what I need)
- Culture
- Student leadership
- Before school clubs
- MTSS
- Instructional practices

4.2. Middle School

Mr. Haake provided an update on the Middle School's goals, steps taken, and the outcomes of such. They highlighted the following:

- Strategy 3.1: recruit highly qualified teachers to replace anticipated retirements; successfully hired 6 of 8 prior to Christmas break
- Strategy 2.2: develop grade level meetings to discuss student academic, behavioral, and mental health needs; redesigned the master schedule to support student needs (reading will be offered year-round starting next school year)

- Strategy 5.2: decrease minor and major behavior infractions from the previous (22-23) school year; pretty significant decreases made

5. Perceptual Data

Dr. Nielsen shared that the High Reliability Perceptual Schools survey was administered during the fall semester. This survey focuses on level 1 and 2 of the HRS model. Level 1 focuses on safe, supportive, and collaborative cultures and level 2 focuses on effective teaching in every classroom. Dr. Nielsen pointed out that the district is really solid at Level 1. Highlights include that our school is safe, students understand the expectations, emergency management procedures are updated regularly, and PLC teams analyze student achievement and growth. Areas where we can continue to move forward include ensuring formal ways to provide input regarding how the schools function and celebrating the successes within our schools in different ways. Areas of success within Level 2 are that students enjoy the teachers at our schools and teachers are using the same language from class to class to teach. Areas of growth include providing job-embedded professional development aligned to teacher goals and providing opportunities for teachers to observe and discuss effective teaching practices.

6. Accreditation Visit Update

Dr. Nielsen shared that the district had 2 accreditation visits during the month of February; Cognia for the high school and NE Frameworks for the elementary and middle schools. She noted that the visits went very well and all buildings have been recommended for accreditation. The visits offer an opportunity for peer reviews, reflection on where we have been in five years, a look to where we need to go, feedback about the educational processes and systems developed and being implemented, supports school and teacher improvement and provides school accountability. The full reports will be brought to the Board at a future date. Dr. Nielsen provided a table that compared the two accreditation systems. She explained some of the similarities and differences between the systems. The district is evaluating both accreditation entities very closely, but is leaning towards aligning the district to utilize one system. A brief board discussion ensued. Dr. Nielsen shared that her preference would be to have all levels utilize NE Frameworks moving forward.

7. Food 4 Hope

Dr. Nielsen shared that the organization is seeking permission to utilize part of the preschool property to host a series of community events this summer. The district has been working with ALICAP insurance to ensure that all the proper steps are taken and coverage is in place. The organization will be required to follow the district's facility use agreement policy. Martin expressed concerns about this type of event in the residential area.

8. 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.

9. Adjournment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Brandon Vetrovsky and a second by Eric Trusty.

Eric Book: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date