

Board of Education Committee of the  
Whole Meeting  
Thursday, June 22, 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, Brandon Vetrovsky, **Present:** Janet Byars, Doris Martin, Lisa Pieper, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty. Present: 5, Absent: 2.

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 Charles Riedesel.

Janet Byars: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Lisa Pieper: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

3. 2023-2024 Handbooks

3.1. Preschool

Mrs. Timmerman reported on the following proposed changes to the handbook: who may attend, attendance clarification, and the ability to accept online payments.

3.2. Elementary

Mrs. Replogle and Mr. Janssen reported on the following proposed changes to the handbook: dress code (hoodies) and an update to student discipline.

3.3. Middle School

Mr. Haake & Stengel summarized the following changes that will be made:

- Grading system
- Power of ICU verbiage
- Update PBiS with behavior expectations
- Student Discipline Act

3.4. High School

Mr. Sutter summarized the following changes that will be made:

- Move Renaissance program to academic section
- Excessive tardies (1st period)
- Vaping consequence
- Activity pass fees
- Activity eligibility for part-time students

3.5. Staff- Certified, Classified, and Substitute

Dr. Nielsen highlighted the minor changes to the substitute handbook, which include updating the application procedures (online) and removing the energy efficiency information. Classified handbook updates will include the addition/definition of "at will" employees, employee classification updates, the addition of "service year steps", as well as the paid employee semester stipends. Mr. Alexander noted that the updates to the certificated handbook include statements from the proposed new policy 4171 and an addendum to the handbook to cover the comp time topic.

#### 4. Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Nielsen provided Board members with a strategic plan update. She highlighted the key components of each strategy that the district has focused on over the last school year. Information on the efforts of the PLC groups was also shared and highlighted by Dr. Nielsen.

#### 5. Policy Updates

Mr. Alexander informed Board members that they were being provided with a copy of the current district policy and also the "redline" version that is being recommended by legal counsel (Perry Law Firm). He added that all of these revisions are a result of recent legislation. A brief summary of the required updates was provided policy by policy.

- 5.1. 1101 Use of School Facilities: Student Groups
- 5.2. 5004 Full-time and Part-time Enrollment
- 5.3. 5103 Extracurricular Activity Discipline
- 5.4. 5006 Option Enrollment
- 5.5. 5101 Student Discipline
- 5.6. 5102 Alternative Education
- 5.7. 5205 Graduation
- 5.8. 6212 Assessments- Academic Content Standards
- 5.9. 6215 Collection of Information Relating to Dyslexia (NEW)
- 5.10. 6284 Initiations, Hazing, Secret Clubs and Outside Organizations
- 5.11. 6600 Special Education
- 5.12. 6700 Firearm Policy
- 5.13. 6921 Seizure Safe Schools
- 5.14. 6930 Behavioral Points of Contact
- 5.15. 8130 Annual Organizational Meeting
- 5.16. 4171 Resignation of Certificated Employees
- 5.17. 5602 Naloxone
- 5.18. 6288 Artificial Intelligence

6. 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.

#### 7. Adjournment

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

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

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Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

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