

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2023 7:00 PM Central

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

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Mr. Trusty, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 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 and accessible to members of the public.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consent Agenda

Martin presented the following items on the consent agenda:

- 3.1. Approval of the agenda as submitted
- 3.2. Approval of minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting on June 12, 2023
- 3.3. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment
- 3.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for June 2023
- 3.5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- June 22, 2023
- 3.6. Approval of Option Students: From Diller-Odell: Aaron Meagher- Gr. 6, Matthew Meagher- Gr. 9, Autumn Meagher- Gr. 11; To Southern: Coraline Fralin- Gr. K
- 3.7. Approval of contract for Emily Zornes- Kindergarten at Lincoln

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the consent agenda as presented 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

4. Information

4.1. Board Reports

4.1.1. Committee of the Whole- June 22, 2023

Martin reported that the Committee of the Whole met on June 22, 2023 with Book and Vetrovsky absent. The following topics were discussed: Student Handbooks (Building Admin), Staff Handbooks (Dr. Nielsen/Mr. Alexander), Strategic Plan Update (Dr. Nielsen), and Legislative Policy Update (Mr. Alexander). No one spoke during public comment. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

5. Public Forum/Citizen's Requests/Comments

No one spoke at this time.

6. Discussion

6.1. Review Policy 5008 Attendance Policy and Excessive Absenteeism

Mr. Alexander shared that per state statute 79-209, this policy must be reviewed annually in collaboration with the county attorney.

6.2. Review Policy 5415 Anti-Bullying

Mr. Alexander stated that this policy also must be reviewed annually.

6.3. First Reading of Policy 1101 Use of School Facilities: Student Groups

Mr. Alexander shared that all the following policies were shared at the June Committee of the Whole meeting and nearly all were a result of recent legislation.

6.4. First Reading of Policy 5004 Full-time and Part-time Enrollment

6.5. First Reading of Policy 5103 Extracurricular Activity Discipline

6.6. First Reading of Policy 5006 Option Enrollment

6.7. First Reading of Policy 5101 Student Discipline

6.8. First Reading of Policy 5102 Alternative Education

6.9. First Reading of Policy 6215 Collection of Information Relating to Dyslexia

6.10. First Reading of Policy 6284 Initiations, Hazing, Secret Clubs and Outside Organizations

6.11. First Reading of Policy 6600 Special Education

6.12. First Reading of Policy 6700 Firearm Policy

6.13. First Reading of Policy 6930 Behavioral Points of Contact

6.14. First Reading of Policy 8130 Annual Organizational Meeting

6.15. First Reading of Policy 4171 Resignation of Certificated Employees

6.16. First Reading of Policy 6288 Artificial Intelligence

7. Action

7.1. Approval of the interlocal contract for enrichment activities

Mr. Alexander shared that this is an annual contract to provide hearing services assistance as needed and is no cost to the district.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the interlocal contract for enrichment activities with ESU #18 for the 2023-24 school year 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

7.2. Reaffirm Safe Return Plan

Dr. Nielsen shared that at this point no changes are being recommended. She added that the district is wrapping up the ESSER II funding in September 2023 and will finish using the ESSER III funding in September 2024.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 reaffirm the Safe Return Plan 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

7.3. Reaffirm Policy 5416 Student Fees and Appendix 5416

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 reaffirm Policy 5416 Student Fees and Appendix 5416 with addition of XC and tennis 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

7.4. Reaffirm Policy 6400 Parental/Community Involvement in Schools

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 reaffirm 6400 Parental/Community Involvement in Schools 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

7.5. Reaffirm Policy 6410 Title I Parental and Family Engagement Policy

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 reaffirm Policy 6410 Title I Parental and Family Engagement Policy 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

7.6. Approval of Addendum to First Student Contract

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 table to the next meeting the approval of the addendum to the contract with First Student for the 2023-24 school year 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

7.7. Approve the 2023-24 Classified Staff Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2023-24 Classified Staff Handbook 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

7.8. Approve the 2023-24 Substitute Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2023-24 Substitute Handbook 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

7.9. Approve the 2023-24 Certificated Staff Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2023-24 Certificated Staff Handbook 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

7.10. Approve the 2023-24 Beatrice High School Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2023-24 Beatrice High School Handbook 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

7.11. Approve the 2023-24 Beatrice Middle School Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2023-24 Beatrice Middle School Handbook 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

7.12. Approve the 2023-24 Elementary Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2023-24 Beatrice Elementary Handbook 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

7.13. Approve the 2023-24 Beatrice Community Preschool Handbook

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2023-24 Beatrice Community Preschool Handbook 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

7.14. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to appropriation of funds for a real estate purchase from the District, and authorizing a lease agreement with the Southeast Nebraska Education Agency for a new elementary school building and equipment and related matters

Mr. Alexander stated that this is part of the agreement with the SNEA that the district agreed to adopt a resolution each year confirming a new 7-year lease period on the new elementary school. Accordingly, this resolution will extend the lease.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 hereby ratifies, confirms, and reaffirms the lease dated June 1, 2022, with the Southeast Nebraska Education Agency as more specifically provided in the attached Resolution, incorporated into this motion by reference 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

8. Administrators' Report

8.1. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander informed the Board that preparation was underway for the beginning of the school year. He added that area membership meeting dates should be announced soon. Finally, Mr. Alexander noted that the recent rain has hindered the progress of the new elementary building.

9. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be August 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Administration Building. There will not be a Committee of the Whole meeting in July. An agenda for the meeting, which shall be

kept continually current, is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office during normal business hours.

10. 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 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

Date

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