Board of Education Meeting  
Stapleton Public Schools  
District 57-0501  
December 15, 2014

President Steve Schaeffer called the regular meeting of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on December 15, 2014 in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.


Absent: Principal Kris Walker.

Visitors: Ben Jones, Suzanne Jones, Natalie Jones, Christie Rogers, Katrina Frey, Scott Gaites, Lacy Kinderknecht, Mark Shaw, Katrina Shaw, Lacy Caddick, Rod Doggett, and Josh Allen.

President Schaeffer observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited; the Norms, board goals, and vision of the board were all reviewed. President Schaeffer went over some of the items learned at a new school board member workshop as part of the board development moment during the committee reports.

Moved by Connell, seconded by Jones, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Connell, Jones, Rogers, and Eckstrom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by the board approved method of meeting notice. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to the president of the board and all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by Connell, seconded by Jones, to approve the November 17, 2014, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Connell, Jones, Rogers, and Eckstrom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Walz, seconded by Jones, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Connell, Jones, Rogers, and Eckstrom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Walz, seconded by Jones, to purchase a new school bus from Cornhusker International in the amount of $76,600. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Connell, Jones, Rogers, and Eckstrom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Eckstrom, to make changes to the academic standards for activities participation as presented. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Jones, Rogers, and Eckstrom. Nays: Connell. Absent: None. Motion carried.
Moved by Walz, seconded by Connell, to table the administrative contract for Mrs. Kris Walker for the 2015-2016 school year until the January meeting. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Connell, and Jones. Nays: Eckstrom and Rogers. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A recess was called to discuss a possible closed session at 7:54 p.m. and the meeting resumed in regular session at 7:58 p.m.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Rogers, to approve the administrative contract for Mr. Clayton Waddle extending the contract through the 2016-2017 school year at the same salary. Ayes: Jones, Rogers, and Eckstrom. Nays: Schaeffer, Walz, and Connell. Absent: None. Motion failed. The administrative contract will continue since there was no action taken to change or modify the contract.

Superintendent Waddle discussed the following items: the completion of the ventilation project for the locker rooms, a repair that was completed on the propane boiler, that a tentative date was set for a board retreat, agenda items for the upcoming board retreat, possible agenda items for the January and February meetings, that there is an upcoming Stapleton Public Schools Foundation meeting, and thanked T.K. Rogers (8 years) and Kathy Connell (14.5 years) for their service to the board.

Principal Walker’s report included the following items: the Nebraska Department of Education rankings, an update on staff evaluations, professional development that took place during the month, the student assistance team, a visit from Hayes Center Public Schools, and the writing assessment.

Mrs. Kinderknecht reported that she is continuing to meet with the newspaper on a weekly basis, that students are starting to write more articles for the paper, shared information on the game night, the academic celebration, the Geography Bee, and Spelling Bee.

There were three committee reports mentioned in the areas of negotiations, the NASB conference, and the new school board member workshop. A report was also given on the state of the superintendent’s house and it was declared to be in good working order.

President Schaeffer adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

The agenda for meetings will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Superintendent.

A Retreat will be held on January 16, 2015 starting at 6:00 pm with a location yet to be determined. The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, January 19, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

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Robert Jones, Secretary