President Steve Schaeffer called the regular meeting of the Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 19, 2015 in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

Rod Doggett, Josh Allen, and Steve Schaeffer were sworn in as newly elected school board members.

Present: Steve Schaeffer, Rex Walz, Rod Doggett, Robert Jones, Josh Allen, Tish Eckstrom, Principal Kris Walker, and Superintendent Clayton Waddle.


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. Superintendent Waddle offered the idea of a consent agenda in the board development moment as suggested at the New School Board Member workshop.

Moved by Walz, seconded by Eckstrom, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Doggett, Jones, Allen, 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 Jones, seconded by Doggett, to approve the December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes and January 16, 2015 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Doggett, Jones, Allen, and Eckstrom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

The board adjourned sine die to elect board officers for the 2015 calendar year.

Robert Jones and Steve Schaeffer were both nominated for board president. After nine ballots, a recess was called at 8:20 pm and a tenth ballot was cast when the meeting resumed at 8:27 pm. Following the tenth ballot a coin was flipped to break the tie and Steve Schaffer was elected as board president.

Following the election of board president, the board the meeting resumed in regular session and sine die discontinued. The board unanimously elected Tish Eckstrom as vice-president and Robert Jones as secretary.
Rod Doggett and Rex Walz were nominated for treasurer and after seven tied ballots, a coin was flipped to break the tie resulting in Rex Walz being elected as treasurer.

President Schaeffer appointed the committees for the 2015 calendar year a complete list can be found on the school district website.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Eckstrom, to authorize the board officers to sign checks for the General, Contingency, Special Building, Depreciation, Employee Benefit, Bond, Cooperative, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking, Hot Lunch, and Activities Funds. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Doggett, Jones, Allen, and Eckstrom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The board members reviewed the Nebraska School Board Association Code of Conduct and each member signed to reaffirm the position of the board. The Code of Conduct has been written to help school boards carry out the important education decision-making role while maintaining effective relationships with school administrators, staff, and community members.

The board members reviewed the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission Potential Conflict of Interest Statement. Rex Walz was the only board member with a potential conflict of interest since he was elected treasurer and an immediate family member is the bookkeeper.

Moved by Walz, seconded by Doggett, to designate the bank in Stapleton as the official depository. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Doggett, Jones, Allen, and Eckstrom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Doggett, to designate Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O as the official legal counsel. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Doggett, Jones, Allen, and Eckstrom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Doggett, seconded by Allen, to designate The Stapleton Enterprise as the official news publication. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Doggett, Jones, Allen, and Eckstrom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Walz, seconded by Eckstrom, to designate reaffirm the board goals as discussed at the board retreat. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Doggett, Jones, Allen, and Eckstrom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Since there an agreement between the school board and Logan County Education Association has not been reached the approval of the 2015-2016 Negotiated Agreement was tabled.

Moved by Eckstrom, seconded by Jones, to approve the administrative contract for Kris Walker for the 2015-2016 school year. Ayes: Schaeffer, Walz, Doggett, Jones, Allen, and Eckstrom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Administrative salaries have been referred to committee and will be discussed at a later meeting.
Superintendent Waddle discussed the following items: the Education Quest financial aid meeting held for senior parents, the release of honor roll, negotiations information for the board, a board development workshop hosted by ESU#16, that reference information is available on the website for patrons to view that includes financial, handbooks, etc., items for the February and March meetings were listed, and the new board members were welcomed.

Principal Walker’s report included the following items: school transfers, Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s), K-6 behavior expectations, High Ability Learner (HAL), NeSA writing, the T4S Observation Instrument, and preschool objectives.

Mrs. Kinderknecht reported that she is continuing to meet with the newspaper on a weekly basis, that the Geography Bee was a success with Keali Florea named as the winner, that teachers are conducting classroom spelling bees to prepare for the school Spelling Bee to be held on January 30th at 1:30 pm, she has or will be attending the Golf Board, Chamber, and YES (Yes to Education in Stapleton) meetings.

Mr. Jones reported on upcoming events that will be taking place such as the youth basketball and wrestling tournaments, flags that are being added to the school grounds, a football scoreboard project, the addition of a vertimax machine to the weight room with football fundraising money, and upgrades that are being considered in the weight room.

President Schaeffer adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

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

A Special Board Meeting has been scheduled for February 9, 2015 at 5:00 pm to discuss school board policy and the building project. The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the library at Stapleton Public Schools.

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Robert Jones, Secretary