

## MINUTES – STERLING BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Sterling Public School District met in regular session on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in room 116 in the high school. Board members present included: Andrea Heusman, Dottie Heusman, Mike Hestermann, Tom Nieveen, Paul Saathoff and Cheri Wirthele. Others present included Principal Ryun Theobald.

President Nieveen informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted at the entrance of the meeting room. All items on the consent agenda were approved and a listing of approved claims is listed at the end of this summary.

Principal Ryun Theobald reported on (a) Activity calendar updates, (b) Possibility of using Greg Peterson to teach Driver's Education for 2012-13, (c) Upcoming School Improvement Visit (e) Teacher In-Service on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Principal Theobald gave the Superintendent report in Larry Harnisch's absence and reported on (a) Continuing 2001 Bus issue (b) Arlo Wusk is one of 30 social studies teachers chosen to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Nebraska Capitol Forum on America's Future (c) Response from Johnson County Roads Department on concerns over Nemaha River Bridge Project (d) Nebraska Department of Education audit response of Hot Lunch Program (e) Incumbent board members Andrea Heusman, Paul Saathoff and Cheri Wirthele must file for reelection prior to February 15, 2012. Non-incumbent filing deadline is March 1, 2012.

In action items the board:

- a. Elected the following officers: President – Tom Nieveen, Vice President – Mike Hestermann, Secretary – Cheri Wirthele, Treasurer – Andrea Heusman.
- b. Approved hiring of Terri Bartels as part-time Bookkeeper/Secretary.
- c. Moved to recognize the Sterling Education Association as the bargaining unit for the certified teachers for the 2013-2014 school year.
- d. Approved Southeast Nebraska Powerschool Cooperative Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement .
- e. Approved Interlocal Agreement for the Purchase of Natural Gas and Related Services.
- f. Tabled action on 2012-2013 school calendar until February.
- g. Accepted Paul Saathoff's resignation, with regrets, after serving the district for 23 years, effective January 12, 2012.
- h. Went into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss & conduct annual Superintendent evaluation. Came out of executive session at 9:10 p.m.

President Nieveen adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m. with the date of the next regular meeting to be Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. A special meeting will be held Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating and approving a board member to fill the seat vacated by Paul Saathoff.