

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DISTRICT #33
JANUARY 14, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Education of Sterling Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, January 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 116 at the Sterling Public School 250 Main, Sterling, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:

Present: McAuliffe, Saathoff, Hestermann, D. Heusman, Nieveen

Absent: A. Heusman

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

- I. The meeting was duly called to order. At the beginning of this meeting, McAuliffe announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall at the entrance of the meeting room wall.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Duval for reorganization.

- II. Saathoff nominated Mike McAuliffe for President. Nominations ceased. Motion was made by Saathoff and seconded by Hestermann to approve Mike McAuliffe as School Board President. Roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Saathoff, Hestermann, D. Heusman, Nieveen

Voting against: none

Abstain from Voting: McAuliffe

Motion carried.

Saathoff nominated Tom Nieveen for Vice President. Nominations ceased. Motion was made by Saathoff and seconded by McAuliffe to approve Nieveen as School Board Vice President. Roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Saathoff, Hestermann, D. Heusman, McAuliffe

Voting against: none

Abstain from Voting: Nieveen

Motion carried.

Hestermann nominated Dottie Heusman for Secretary. Nominations ceased. Motion was made by Hestermann and seconded by Nieveen to approve D. Heusman as School Board Secretary. Roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Saathoff, Hestermann, Nieveen, McAuliffe

Voting against: none

Abstain from Voting: D. Heusman

Motion carried.

Nieveen nominated Andrea Heusman for Treasurer. Nominations ceased. Motion was made by Nieveen and seconded by Saathoff to approve Andrea Heusman as School Board Treasurer. Roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Saathoff, Hestermann, D. Heusman, McAuliffe, Nieveen

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda are

J. Bids for Classroom blinds

K. PowerSchool cooperative

- III. Motion was made by Nieveen and seconded by Hestermann to approve all items on the consent agenda with the change to check number 18680. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Saathoff, Hestermann, D. Heusman, McAuliffe, Nieveen
Voting against: none
Motion carried.

A. Heusman arrived at 7:23 p.m.

- IV. Board Reports. D. Heusman gave a report on the luncheon that she attended on Friday, January 11 with the Legislature's Education Committee. Discussion was held in regards to the state aid formula and the possibility of a state test.

NSBA Legislative Day and if interested in attending let Mr. Duval know.

Mr. Duval reported on the letter to all 7-12 basketball parents that were mailed out. Discussion was held in regards to the board policy being enforced.

The last two items Mr. Duval discussed were the interlocal agreements and the mileage rate being changed to 50.5 cents.

The board would like to recognize and congratulate the Boys for the MUDECAS Championship!

- V. Public Comment. Karmin Sage addressed the board.

- VI. Action Items

Executive Session

Motion was made by D. Heusman and seconded by Saathoff that the Board hold a closed session for: Discussion on an individual student issue. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hestermann, Nieveen, McAuliffe, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman
Voting against: none
Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:40 p.m. Immediately prior to the closed session the presiding officer restated on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The Board reconvened in open session at 8:02 p.m.

I. Motion was made by D. Heusman and seconded by Nieveen to grant the option enrollment request as presented for Erin McFee. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hestermann, Nieveen, McAuliffe, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman
Voting against: none
Motion carried.

Motion was made by D. Heusman and seconded by Saathoff to grant the option enrollment request as presented for Amy Rawson. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hestermann, Nieveen, McAuliffe, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman
Voting against: none
Motion carried.

D. Bev Puhalla addressed the board. Motion was made by Hestermann and seconded by Nieveen to have the Voice and the Tecumseh Chieftain as official papers for the District. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hestermann, Nieveen, McAuliffe, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman
Voting against: none
Motion carried.

E. Motion was made by Hestermann and seconded by A. Heusman to adopt the temporary Early Retirement Incentive Program. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hestermann, Nieveen, McAuliffe, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman
Voting against: none
Motion carried.

G. Motion was made by Saathoff and seconded by Nieveen to approve the audit. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hestermann, Nieveen, McAuliffe, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

K. Motion was made by D. Heusman and seconded by Saathoff to enter into the PowerSchool Coop Agreement with ESU #5. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hestermann, Nieveen, McAuliffe, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

Executive Session

Motion was made by D. Heusman and seconded by Nieveen that the Board hold a closed session for: for personnel reasons. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hestermann, Nieveen, McAuliffe, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 9:10 p.m. Immediately prior to the closed session the presiding officer restated on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The Board reconvened in open session at 9:45 p.m.

L. Motion was made by A. Heusman and seconded by Hestermann to authorize Mr. Duval to advertise for a part-time special education para to be hired immediately. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hestermann, Nieveen, McAuliffe, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

VII. Discussion items. None.

VIII. 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008.

IX. Motion to Adjourn. Motion was made by Hestermann and seconded by D. Heusman to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. on January 14, 2008.

Voting for: Hestermann, Nieveen, McAuliffe, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

DATED this 14th day of January, 2008.

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #33,
a/k/a STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary