

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DISTRICT #33  
Monday, July 9, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Education of Sterling Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, July 9, 2007, at 8:00 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: Hestermann, A. Heusman, D. Heusman, McAuliffe, Nieveen

Absent: Saathoff (arrived at 8:06 p.m.)

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

Board Member McAuliffe reported to the board in regards to the negotiation discussions with the teachers. The negotiations team has met one time with the teachers.

Mr. Peterson reported on a safety meeting that Mr. Duval and he had attended in Grand Island. The topic of the meeting was on school safety. He also attended a principal's meeting and discussed the school improvement plan. July 25-27 will be the football camp for Sterling students.

Mr. Duval reported on the preliminary 2007-2008 budget. The board members should review between now and the next meeting and give Mr. Duval feedback.

III. Action Items

A. Motion was made by D. Heusman and seconded by Hestermann to have a hearing to exceed the lid of expenditures on August 13, 2007 at 7:45 p.m. and to have a budget hearing on September 10, 2007 at 7:45 p.m. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

B. Motion was made by Hestermann and seconded by A. Heusman to set the following prices for the 2007-2008 school year: Student activity fee for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders \$25, 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders \$30. Gate admission to home athletic contests \$2 for students and \$4 for adults. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

- C. Motion was made by Saathoff and seconded by A. Heusman to make the changes in the student handbook in the Academic Status Section as suggested. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
 Voting for: McAuliffe, Hestermann, Nieveen, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman  
 Voting against: none  
 Motion carried.
- D. Motion was made by D. Heusman and seconded by Saathoff to change the Activity Handbooks with the additions of one act play to the Co-Curricular section as well as wording changes for curfew violations to state "minimum suspension of one quarter or one set of the contest and to and to change the working to match the Academic Status Section. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
 Voting for: McAuliffe, Hestermann, Nieveen, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman  
 Voting against: none  
 Motion carried.
- E. Graduation surveys were sent out to 61 parents. Twenty one surveys were returned. Four families requested that graduation stay on Sunday and 17 requested that it be changed to Saturday. After discussion a motion was made by D. Heusman and seconded by A. Heusman to set graduation for the 2007-2008 school year to Saturday, May 10, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
 Voting for: McAuliffe, Hestermann, Nieveen, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman  
 Voting against: none  
 Motion carried.

**Executive Session**

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

The Board went into closed session at 8:58 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 10:23 p.m. with no formal action to be taken.

- F. Motion was made by McAuliffe and seconded by D. Heusman to give Mr. Duval approximately a 3 ½% increase and Mr. Peterson a 4 ½% increase for the 2007-2008 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
 Voting for: McAuliffe, Hestermann, Nieveen, Saathoff, D. Heusman, A. Heusman  
 Voting against: none  
 Motion carried.

A special meeting will be held on July 12, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. to hire personnel.

- IV. Next regular meeting is 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2007.
- V. Motion to Adjourn. Motion was made by D. Heusman and seconded by Nieveen to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. on July 9, 2007.  
 Voting for: McAuliffe, A. Heusman, D. Heusman, Hestermann, and Nieveen.  
 Voting against: None  
 Motion carried.

The meeting was duly adjourned.  
 DATED this 9th day of July, 2007.

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

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 President

ATTEST:

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Secretary