

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DISTRICT #33
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Sterling Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 7:32 p.m. in the Music Room at Sterling Public School 250 Main, Sterling, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele

Superintendent Knippelmeyer, Principal Ryun Theobald, Athletic/Transportation Director Brent Heusman, and Chris Nieveen were in attendance. Also attending but not speaking was Ann Wickett and Michelle Salberg.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by 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 agenda was posted in accordance to board policy. 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. Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. The meeting was duly called to order. At the beginning of this meeting, President Harms announced about the Open Meeting Act and how it was posted on the wall at the entrance of the meeting room wall.
- III. A motion was made by Hestermann, seconded by Wirthele to accept the consent agenda with minutes from the October 12, 2015 regular meeting as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele
Voting against: none
Motion carried
- IV. Board Committee Reports
Negotiations Committee has begun meetings with the teachers and is proceeding on.
- V. Teacher Report
Chris Nieveen shared with the board about the updating of teachers laptops and the differences between phone systems.
- VI. Administrative Reports. (see attached report)
Athletic Director, Transportation and Maintenance Director Brent Heusman reported on bus items, elevator inspection, fire alarm inspections, students attending the Leadership Summit at Nebraska Wesleyan on November 18, Jr. High Boys basketball begins November 17, One Act play competitions, and the fall sports season.

Principal Report (see attached report)
Mr. Theobald presented to the board on the Elementary Music concert moved to December 7, no school on December 2 for elementary students, information leading up to the AQuESTT rankings, working with ESU 4 on Tier I Behavior Plan, semester testing will be on December 21 and 22, and the NAESP/NSASAP conference on December 2 and 3 in Lincoln.

Superintendent's Report. (see attached report)
Mr. Knippelmeyer reported to the board on the 2014-2015 audit by Dana Cole Co. with the presentation by Jeff Deline at the December board meeting, working with ALICAP on the gym roof, preschool advisory committee meeting, new phone system, and more bleacher information.
- VII. Action Items
 - A. Replacement of gym bleachers
A motion was made by Harms, seconded by Agena to approve the replacement of the gym bleachers with contoured seats, video platform, and extra scorer's table through Heartland Seating, and electrical

work completed by Al Wusk at a total cost of \$73,469. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows: After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele
Voting against: None
Motion carried

B. New phone system

A motion was made by Hestermann, seconded by Goracke to approve the replacement of the school phone system at a cost of \$17,245 through Diode Technologies. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows: After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele
Voting against: None
Motion carried

C. Replacement of Teacher Computers

A motion was made by Hestermann, seconded by Agena move to approve the replacement of eighteen (18) teacher computers from Bytespeed at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele
Voting against: None
Motion carried

VIII. Non Action Items

First reading of Policy 8346 – Public Participation at Board Meetings

Building and Grounds information was discussed.

Discussion was held on looking into power lifts.

Discussion was held on the State of the School report which will come out in the December newsletter.

There was discussion on the Superintendent Evaluation that will be coming up.

Board members discussed the upcoming Board events, such as NASB State Conference in LaVista on November 19-20.

IX. There will be a Regular meeting of the Sterling Board of Education held on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the school Music room.

X. President Harms adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

The meeting was duly adjourned.
DATED this 16th, November 2015

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

ATTEST:

Secretary