

Dundy County Public Schools
July, "State of the Schools" Report
Dr. Dallas Watkins, Superintendent

Hansen Foundation Annual Meeting – The Hansen Foundation Board of Trustees will have their annual meeting at the high school on July 27, 2007. We are very fortunate to have the many foundations in our community that help with projects and goodwill I am thankful for their help.

Congratulations are in order for Lisa Fox, Stratton, who was recently recognized by the Nebraska Department of Education as one of Nebraska's Best Business Teachers. Lisa will be a Business/Technology teacher for us next year.

Non Resident Student Transportation – The practice of the Dundy County-Stratton Public Schools for non-resident transportation is to provide service when practical and legal. The district will provide free transportation to option students who qualify according to state guidelines and will provide transportation to others on a case by case basis. We plan to run buses on highway 34 and 61 fifteen miles past our school boundary lines for all students requesting transportation whether they are transfer students or attending DCSPS in another capacity. We cannot cross state line for bus routes per state guidelines and insurance. If you have questions about non-resident transportation please contact the district office at 308-423-2738. The Board of Education has reviewed state statutes regarding non-resident transportation and the practices of the district previously and plan to provide transportation services whenever possible to all students.

July Board of Education Meeting Highlights

Spain and France Tour – Sponsor Val Woods and students gave an informative and entertaining presentation to the Board about their recent trip to Spain and France.

District Goals – Annually, the Board has a December all day in-service that includes review of district goals. During the spring those ideas and others are researched and then presented to the Board for consideration in the July meeting. This year the following were adopted:

1. The district shall complete a study to implement the use of laptop computers for all high school students by the end of the 2007-08 school year.
2. The district should complete a plan by January, 2008, implement a surveillance camera system for exterior entrances of school buildings and consider keyless entry locks.

3. An engineering and architectural feasibility study shall be done for consideration of either a remodeling or new construction project for Stratton Elementary and for the “East-West” classroom hallway at the high school by the completion of the 2007-08 school year. The district should begin budget planning for these projects during the 2007-08 school year and continue to plan for in future budgets.

4. The district should complete a feasibility study to develop a timeline for roof replacement in all district buildings. This study should be completed by the end of the 2008-09 school year.

School Lunch and Breakfast Prices – The Board adopted lunch and breakfast prices for 2007-08, typically, these programs do not “break even” but we are trying to make them close to that. The prices adopted do not get us there but should reflect a program that is somewhat self sufficient. The adopted prices were:

Meal	Price
K-12 Breakfast	\$1.80
Adult Breakfast	\$2.05
K-6 Lunch	\$2.15
7-12 Lunch	\$2.30
Adult Lunch	\$3.00

June Meeting in Stratton – The Board had discussed during the past couple of months hosting one meeting per year in Stratton. We have had our December regular meeting at Haigler Elementary since the consolidation in 1986. We will be having our June regular monthly meeting at Stratton Elementary beginning in 2008.

Extra Duty Assignments – Many of the assignments for school activities have been made in past months, the following assignments were adopted by the Board during the July meeting:

High School

Head Girls Golf: Tim Rettele
 Head Boys Golf: Dan Fox

Junior High

Head Football: Marty Hughes
 Assistant Football: Greg McVicker, Mike Rotherham

Head Volleyball: Josh Drake
Assistant Volleyball: Jay Yarberry

Head Girls Basketball: Marty Hughes
Assistant Girls Basketball: Greg McVicker

Head Wrestling: Mary Hughes
Assistant Wrestling (if more than 8 participate): Greg McVicker

Head Boys Track: Marty Hughes
Head Girls Track: Josh Drake
Assistant Track: Greg McVicker

Teacher Resignation – Sandy Timm has accepted a position in Goodland, Kansas and will be resigning her Special Education/Pre School teaching position with us effective with the conclusion of the 2006-07 school years. Sandy has worked for the district for 10 years and I would like to thank her for a job well done.

Compensation Packages – The Board took action on Classified Staff and Bus Driver compensation for 2007-08. Teachers, Administrators, Classified Staff and Bus Drivers compensation settlements are now complete for 2007-08 for all employees; the range of the packages for the groups was approximately 4%-5%, with some variances individually because of years of experience factors and education levels.