

Dundy County Stratton Public Schools
July 2009 “State of the Schools” Report
Dr. Dallas Watkins, Superintendent

2009-10 School Year

It is hard to believe but another summer will be over in a few weeks. We will be starting the 2009-10 school year August 20, 2009. Back to school information will be sent to patrons via a bulk mailing about a week prior to school starting. I hope everyone has enjoyed the break so far and the remaining few weeks. See you the 20th!

Hansen Foundation Annual Meeting

The Hansen Foundation Board of Trustees will have their annual meeting at the high school on Friday July 31, 2009. This foundation has accomplished so many projects that have helped our community and school. We thank the Albert and Bernice Hansen family for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Thanks and Recognition

I would like to thank the Boy Scouts and 4H groups within our community for the projects they do for the school as part of their respective organizations service. They have been very helpful through the years.

July Board of Education Meeting Highlights

Stratton Elementary Project – Demolition is progressing close to schedule. Asbestos abatement is nearly complete. This summer is the final phase of the two renovation/construction project for Stratton Elementary.

Accreditation Recognition – The State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education have recognized our school district as an accredited system.

Activity Shuttle Bus – The Board approved an activity shuttle service for students to Haigler and Stratton for after practices for activities. If activity sponsors travel between buildings with a school vehicle and are available after practice the shuttle service is free. If we do not have a staff member available it will be \$15/day day divided by the number of participants.

District Goals - Annually, the Board has an in-service in December when goals are reviewed and presented. From December to June staff and others review the ideas and present them back to the Board for consideration in July. The Board adopted three new goals, they were:

1. The district shall continue to study and evaluate increasing usage of technology in instruction including laptop computers for staff and students.
2. The district should contact state officials and legal counsel about election wards for some representation on the Board of Education.
3. During the 2009-10 school year the district will evaluate the remodeling project previously proposed for the high school east-west hallway for feasibility in the next two years.

School Lunch and Breakfast Prices – The Board approved an increase in meal prices of \$.10 per meal for 2009-10. The Lunch and Breakfast Program typically does not “break even” but we try to make them recoup actual costs. Costs for meals next year will be:

K-12 Breakfast	\$2.00
Adult Breakfast	2.60
K-6 Lunch	2.35
7-12 Lunch	2.60
Adult Lunch	3.60

Activity Admission Rates – The district will not change the cost for attending school activities next year. We have been at the following rates for quite a few years and will remain there in 2009-10:

Entity	Event	Season
Student	\$3.00	\$10.00
Adult	4.00	40.00
Family	8.00	80.00

New Policy Adopted – Two policies were adopted by the Board; Policy 5033, Student Driving and Parking and Policy 5036 Student Lockers. Both policies were recommended by legal counsel to communicate rules pertaining to vehicles and lockers for students.

Compensation Packages – The Board approved a 4% increase for salary compensation packages for classified staff and bus drivers for 2009-10.

Junior High Activity Assignments – We offer junior high activities during the school day and the assignments for activity assignments for such are dictated by teachers teaching schedules. The following assignments were approved by the Board for 2009-10:

Co-Head Football: Marty Hughes, Mike Rotherham
 Asst. Football: Kris Freeland
 Head Volleyball: Bill Wilson
 Asst. Volleyball: Lori Rettele
 Head Boys Basketball: Kris Freeland

Asst. Boys Basketball: Bill Wilson
Head Girls Basketball: Marty Hughes
Asst. Girls Basketball: Greg McVicker
Head Wrestling: Marty Hughes
Asst. Wrestling: Kris Freeland
Head Boys Track: Marty Hughes
Asst Boys Track: Kris Freeland
Head Girls Track: Bill Wilson
Asst. Girls Track: Greg McVicker
Junior High Student Council: Julie Burrell, Sally Hudson
Junior High Concessions: Julie Burrell, Sally Hudson