

Dundy County Stratton Public Schools
March 2008, "State of the Schools" Report
Dr. Dallas Watkins, Superintendent

Congratulations to:

-Coach Dan Fox and Dustin Bundy on your very successful 3rd place finish at the state wrestling meet. Well done!

-Speech Sponsor Tracy Peckham and all team members for your outstanding season, especially the District and RPAC runner-up finishes. I would also like to recognize state qualifiers Chelsey Krug, Philip Matthews and Megan Rotherham for their accomplishments. Take state!

-Spelling Bee Champion Marcus Fox and Geography Bee Champion Ben Fox. Keep up the good work!

-Vocational Club Sponsors Lori Rettele (FCCLA), Peggy Parker (FBLA) and Nathan Behlke (FFA) and all the state qualifiers. You have done well all year, good luck at your state conferences.

March Board of Education Meeting Highlights

Teacher Retirement – Linda Zahl is planning to retire at the end of this school year. Mrs. Zahl has made a positive impact during her 32 years of teaching. I know of few who are more dedicated to teaching than Linda and believe so much in their profession. We will miss Linda, but wish her the very best in retirement. Linda taught Secondary Social Sciences.

Renovation/Building Project – Progress continues for the Stratton Elementary renovation/building project. We have scheduled a special meeting for March 25, 2008 to consider specifications. A late April meeting is planned to consider bids.

Teacher Resignations – The Board of Education accepted letters of resignation from the following teachers: Janice Churchwell (Benkelman Elementary), Amber Drake (Stratton Elementary), Josh Drake (Benkelman Elementary) and Adrienne Mathews (Haigler Elementary). We thank all of them for their service and wish them well in their future endeavors. We have reviewed our staffing needs and plan to fill most of the open positions. Advertising is being done and interviews are planned for the next couple of weeks.

New Teacher Contract – We have offered a teaching contract to Troy Dehning to teach elementary education for 2008-09. Troy is currently teaching at Paxton in elementary education. Troy is married and has three children. He is a 2005 graduate of the University of Nebraska Kearney.