

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2009**

Opening

A meeting of the Board of Education of Ashland-Greenwood Public School was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on October 5, 2009 by President Kevin Garner.

Present

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Randy Beranek, Melvin Cerny, Kevin Garner, David Nygren, and Suzanne Sapp.

Notice of the meeting was posted in advance in the Superintendent's Office, 1225 Clay Street, Ashland, NE. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Call to Order

The meeting was duly called to order.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, President Garner announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall behind the board members in the meeting room.

Agenda Change

There was no change to the mailed agenda.

Visitors and Communication from the Public

Karen Stille was present at the meeting and spoke expressing her interest in being appointed to the board of education. Stille told board members that she had three children in the school system and is interested in serving the community and the district.

Administrative and Practitioners Reports

Mr. Jacobsen expressed appreciate to the board for the opportunity to serve the district as the Middle-High School Principal.

Mrs. Finkey reported that today the Nebraska Department of Education released the State of the School Report. All data from the 2008-09 year has now been posted.

Finkey demonstrated to the board navigation of the State of the School Report on the Nebraska Department of Education's website and highlighted data from the district's math and reading assessment scores. The district scored exemplary in both reading and math.

Administration and Practitioners Reports, continued

Finkey also reviewed the graduation rate for our district as well as the free and reduced lunch count for our district. She also told board members that the website had a feature that allowed you to compare three school districts' data.

Finkey encouraged board members to visit the website and view data and call her with any questions they may have. Finkey will report to the board more detailed information from the report at the next board meeting.

Supt. Pease reported to the board that some problems have surfaced at the north end of high school parking lot where the existing lot meets the expanded lot. Pease told board members that the concrete will need to be replaced. Replacement is scheduled for October 10 with an estimated cost of \$4,200. Pease contacted the engineer for the project and after some investigation was told the problem could be the result of failure to put sleeves around the rebar that tied in the new concrete. The engineer will be present when the repair is made to verify whether or not the sleeves are in place. If the sleeves were not inserted, the district will not be charged for the repair costs.

Pease asked board members if they had any interest in moving some of the trees that will need to be removed for construction from the middle-high school property. Pease told board members that the cost of moving trees would be around \$200 per tree. Discussion was held and board members were in agreement to move a few trees to other locations on the district's property.

Pease also reported that he will have a copy of the Baseball Inter-local Agreement at the October 19 board meeting for action by the board.

Pease reported to the board there is a reasonable chance the girls' softball team may qualify for the state tournament next week. The state tournament games are scheduled to be held Wednesday October 14 through Friday October 16 in Hastings, NE. Pease stated that if in the event the girls qualified school would be dismissed Wednesday October 14 at 11:30 and all day on Thursday October 15. Friday, October 16 is a scheduled no school day for students.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Member

The school board received three letters of interest for people wishing to fill the vacant school board position. Letters were received from Mark Powell, Karen Stille and Tom Walsh. President Garner expressed gratitude to the parties that submitted letters of interest.

Motion by David Nygren to appoint Karen Stille to fill the vacant board of education position effective immediately with second by Cerny. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Nygren, and Sapp. Voting no: none. No members were absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Bid Package

The Ashland-Greenwood Bid Set #1 was presented to the board for review and approval. Pease did report to the board that the bid from Hansen Construction was lower than other bids for site clearing and grading. Pease stated that Kingery Construction did contact Hansen Construction for clarification and Hansen Construction will stand by that bid. Discussion was held.

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve the bids of Hansen Construction for \$26,811.00 for site clearing and grading, Concrete Industries for \$5,336.00 for reinforcing materials supply, Meco-Henne Contracting for \$55,000.00 for concrete foundations and Kingery Construction for \$6,046.00 for temporary construction fencing. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Nygren, Sapp, Stille. Voting no: none. No members were absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Informational Items

The District NASB Meeting is scheduled for Quarry Oaks Golf Course on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 beginning at 5:45 PM.

That State Conference for Boards of Education of Nebraska school districts is set for November 19-20 at the LaVista Conference Center/Embassy Suites in Omaha. A pre-conference is planned for November 18th.

Other Items Presented

Member Garner inquired regarding the district's website needing some updating. Member Stille also expressed concern regarding teaching staff not keeping powerschool grades updated. Principal Jacobsen and Supt. Pease thanked board members for the feedback and would look into the matters.

Adjournment

President Garner adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2009 in the Library of the High School at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, Nebraska. All meetings are open to the public. An agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Superintendent's Office, 1225 Clay Street, Ashland, Nebraska.

Minutes submitted by:
