

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2010**

Opening

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on 18th of October, 2010 by President Melvin Cerny.

Present

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

Notice

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.

Public Participation

No public requested participation in the agenda.

Visitors and Communication from the Public

No visitors or communication from the public were present.

Call to Order

The meeting was duly called to order.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

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

Agenda Change

There were no changes to the mailed agenda.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Nygren with second by Garner to approve all of the items on the consent agenda. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Garner, Cerny, Nygren and Stille. Member Sapp abstained from voting. Voting no: none. Member Beranek was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Administrative and Practitioners Reports

Janet Rolofson was present to report to the board on the early childhood program. She told board members that that the bulk of her time is spent in the classroom with 14 students but she also visits students at homes, day cares and other preschool facilities to serve district students. Rolofson explained to the board the teaching strategies used in her classroom. She presented the board with samples of student portfolios and reading booklets. Mrs. Rolofson thanked the board for the new classroom completed this year.

Jill Finkey reported to the board that the Nebraska State of the Schools Report goes public October 21, 2010. Finkey encouraged the board to access the website for the information and discussed various data that would be reported. Finkey reported that the district does meet Adequate Yearly Progress and discussed other district data and goals of the district.

Teresa Bray reported to the board on some October activities held. Bray told board members that over the year a variety of enrichment activities are planned for students to expand their classroom experience. Bray reported that over 500 people attended the family Nature Night at the elementary building. A fifth and sixth grade family night was held at Behlen Observatory in Mead, NE. Elementary students participated in Walk to School day on October 6. Other events for October include parent teacher conferences on October 19 & October 20, Red Ribbon Week, Nebraska Student Vote and Halloween parties will be held on October 29. Mrs. Bray told board members that new space at the elementary school was very appreciated to provide space for events.

Brad Jacobsen reviewed with the board the eligibility list and progress over the past seven weeks. Jacobsen reported activities to the board. He congratulated the girls' softball team as Class C State Runner Up. Football will host first round game on October 28. Marching Band will have its final competition on October 23. ACT tests will also be given October 23.

Supt. Pease reported the district audit was completed the end of September.

Pease reported on construction progress. The tile is 80% complete in the cafeteria and the tile on the walls has been started. It is possible that the cafeteria could be completed in a couple of weeks. The office area will be open with the ability to access the conference room. The outer office will not be accessible until the front commons and entrance are completed. Pease also reported on laying terrazzo in the commons and other finish work in progress.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy 5141.6

Motion by Garner with second by Nygren to approve policy 5141.6 revisions. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Cerny, Garner Nygren, Sapp and Stille. Voting no: none. Member Beranek was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Construction Change Order

Supt. Pease presented to the board construction changes 51 through 69 for review and possible approval. Discussion was held.

Motion by Nygren with second by Sapp to approve construction changes 51 through 56, 58 through 66 and 68 & 69. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Cerny, Garner Nygren, Sapp and Stille. Voting no: none. Member Beranek was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Substitute Non Certified

Motion by Stille with second by Sapp to approve Jody vonRenzell as a substitute non certified employee. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Cerny, Garner Nygren, Sapp and Stille. Voting no: none. Member Beranek was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Special Education Contracts

Supt. Pease presented a contract for Heartland School and a contract for Brook Valley School for student services . Pease advised that he plans to have a contract for Omaha Public Schools reviewed by the district's legal counsel before he presents to the board for approval.

Motion by Nygren with second by Stille to approve the contract for Heartland School and Brook Valley School. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Cerny, Garner Nygren, Sapp and Stille. Voting no: none. Member Beranek was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Roofing

Supt. Pease reported to the board that the District Administrative Office needs to be re roofed. Pease reported that Mark Hohensee had received bids for the job. The lowest bid was from Curb Appeal for \$9209.79 and will include sheathing the house and removal of the chimney that is no longer in use.

Motion by Sapp with second by Nygren to approve Curb Appeal to roof the District Administrative Office for \$9209.79. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Cerny, Garner Nygren, Sapp and Stille. Voting no: none. Member Beranek was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Improvement Projects

Supt. Pease presented to the board the proposed Capital Outlay 2010 for review. Pease outlined projects that had been completed. Discussion was held regarding work that needs to be completed at the football stadium. Pease invited the board to stop in at the boys locker room at the stadium to see the deterioration of the lockers. Pease also presented to the board three designs for a marquee sign for the middle/high school. Board members agreed on a design and Pease will visit with vendor and bring more information back to the board. Other projects discussed included lighting at the softball field and school bus replacement.

Information Items

The State Conference for Boards of Education of Nebraska school districts is set for November 17-19 at the LaVista Conference Center/Embassy Suites in Omaha. A pre-conference is planned for November 17th. Board members are encouraged to consider attending the meeting.

Supt. Pease presented the 2010 Certified School Adjusted Value Report from the Nebraska Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division. Discussion was held.

Other business presented for future considerations

No other items were presented for consideration.

Adjournment

President Cerny adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. on Monday November 15, 2010 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:
