

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2009**

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 21st of September by President Kevin Garner.

Present

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Randy Beranek, Melvin Cerny, Kevin Garner, Dave Lutton, and Suzanne Sapp. Member David Nygren 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 Garner 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. Item 9 A will be moved to the beginning of the agenda as suggested in the mailed agenda.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Lutton with second by Sapp to approve all of the items on the consent agenda except claim #026686. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Nygren was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lutton with second by Sapp to approve claim #026686. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Cerny abstained from the vote. Member Nygren was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Administrative and Practitioners Reports

Board members traveled to Jim Mohrmann's classroom for a demonstration on distance learning. Mohrmann told board members that he teaches College Statistics and College Calculus with students from Wahoo. Mohrmann demonstrated the equipment while Mrs. Finkey responded from another classroom. Mohrman told board members that College Calculus has been a tough course to teach online and they are still working out some kinks with regards to grading and testing issues. Also Wahoo is also offering a tutor for this course. Mohrmann also told board members about the use of laptops in the classroom; how he uses the Angel program to interact with students and the the Algebra II textbook is online for students to use. Mohrman told board members that Mr. Brokaw, Mr. Flynn and Mr. Wendelin have been great tech support this year in assisting with laptops and distance learning. Board members thanked Mr. Mohrmann for the demonstration.

Mrs. Finkey reported to the board on the plans for homecoming week at the middle/high school building this week. The homecoming dance is Saturday night. Finkey told board members she is enjoying her work at the middle/high school and the staff has been very supportive.

Mrs. Bray reported that there had been a variety of illnesses at the elementary school and many early elementary students have been out ill. She told board members that the building custodians along with teachers have been taking extra steps to keep things clean and sanitized.

Mr. Pease reported that a representative from Three Rivers Health department had met with Mrs. Tucker and himself on the H1N1 flu issue. Three Rivers Health is the public health department that represents Saunders County. Pease told board members about the plans for vaccinations and the targeted population in which the inoculation will be given. The CDC plans to immunize all school students that have parental permission.

Pease also reported on the progress of the elementary boiler installation. Last week a huge crane was brought in to drop the chimney liner into the existing chimney. It is expected that the boiler project will be complete in the next couple of weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

2009-10 Property Tax Resolution

Motion by Beranek with second by Cerny to approve tax resolution for (1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$4,373,290.91 for the 2009-10 school fiscal year; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$202,000 for the ELM K-8 Bond and \$75,750 for the Affiliated Bond AFF 9-12 and \$373,700 for the Bond Fund 2009 for the 2009-10 fiscal year; (3) the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$0 for the 2009-10 fiscal year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Nygren was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy 6122

Motion by Sapp with second by Cerny to approve policy 6122 related to Academic Content Standards. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Nygren was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Policy 6123

Motion by Sapp with second by Cerny to approve policy 6123 related to Curriculum Assessments. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Nygren was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Board Member Resignation

Member Lutton had submitted his resignation to the board as he had accepted a County Supervisor appointment by the Saunders County Board. State law prevents him from serving on both boards at the same time. President Garner presented Lutton with a plaque from the district thanking for his years of service. Member Beranek thanked Lutton for his years of service and experience he brought to the board.

Motion by Beranek with second by Lutton to accept David Lutton's resignation from the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools' Board of Education effective at the end of tonight's meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Nygren was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Appointment of Board Member

Consideration of the process of selecting an appointment for the upcoming vacant board member was held. This person would serve on the board till the next election. Supt. Pease explained to board members that it is the boards' decision what process or steps are taken to select the member. Pease read from statute that all meetings regarding board member selection for appointment must be held in open meeting. Discussion was held regarding interested parties that had contacted the school thus far. Member Cerny suggested since there were more than one interested party maybe something in writing should be submitted. Member Beranek stated the thought that it would be a good idea to get a firm commitment from parties. Discussion was held regarding limiting the letter to one page. Suzi Nelson from the Ashland Gazette was asked if she could insert something into the article in the paper about interested parties to write a letter of interest and send to the Superintendent's office by September 30. Members will review and discuss letters received at the October 5 meeting.

Authorization on Change Orders

Supt. Pease addressed the board for authorization to allow him to give initial approval of change orders less than \$5,000 or change orders that would cause a disruption in the construction schedule provided that the Board shall give final approval of all change orders. Discussion was held.

Motion by Cerny with second by Lutton to approve authorization for Superintendent to give initial approval of change orders less than \$5,000 or change orders that would cause a disruption in the construction schedule provided that the Board shall give final approval of all change orders. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Nygren was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Long Distance Travel

A request was presented to the board for FBLA to plan for long distance and overnight travel for the FBLA organization should members qualify to attend conferences. The dates for planning include the FBLA Nebraska Leadership Conference in Omaha, NE in April 2010 and FBLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville Kentucky in July of 2010.

Motion by Sapp with second by Cerny to all FBLA plan for long distance and/or overnight travel. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Nygren was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Personnel matters

Supt. Pease recommended to the board that Brad Jacobsen serve as the Middle and High School Principal beginning October 5, 2009. Pease also asked the board to approve a contract amendment for Jill Finkey for acting principal in the interim.

Motion by Cerny with second by Lutton to approve Brad Jacobsen to serve as the Middle and High School Principal beginning October 5, 2009 and a contract amendment for Jill Finkey for acting principal in the interim. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Nygren was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Information Item

The District NASB Meeting is scheduled for Quarry Oaks Golf Course on Saturday, October 7, 2009. The Superintendent's Office can pre-register all board members for the event but we will need a commitment tonight.

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. Board members are encouraged to consider attending.

Other business presented for future considerations

President Garner inquired about the status of the baseball cooperative. Pease told board members that he had been in contact with Kevin Johnson from Yutan. All three schools boards plan to place the baseball cooperative issue on the October board meeting schedule.

Adjournment

President Garner adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. on Monday October 5, 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:
