

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2008**

Opening

A meeting of the Board of Education of Ashland-Greenwood Public School was convened in open and public session immediately following the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. on September 2, 2008 by President Suzanne Sapp.

Present

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

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 Suzanne Sapp 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

There was no communication from the public.

Administrative and Practitioners Reports

Mr. Bentzen reported tomorrow was picture day for the schools.

Mrs. Bray reported to the board on the Early Childhood Program. She provided the board with enrollment numbers and information regarding services provided to birth to age five students.

Mrs. Finkey reported to the board on the changes with the state assessment system. Changes in the testing will require everyone to participate in the same testing yearly for Math, Reading and Science. The State Board will recommend the specific test for participants. As a district we will need to examine current assessments and decide what assessments are needed and what will need to be adjusted.

OLD BUSINESS

2007-08 Budget

Mr. Pease presented to the board a 2008-09 budget. Discussion was held.

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2007-08 Budget, continued.

Motion by Lutton with second by Cerny to approve the 2008-09 Budget and authorize Supt Pease to submit the budget as approved. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, Nygren, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Garner was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

English Learning Language Para-Professional

Supt. Pease addressed the board regarding the addition of a para professional at the high school. He told board members that it was approved and budgeted for an additional para professional to assist with the English Learning Language program. Pease told board members that although at this time there is not a student enrolled who does not speak English the program is funded for the 2008-09 year. The board agreed that a para professional should be hired with the available funding and use the para to help other students in need.

NEW BUSINESS

Seminole Energy Claim

Consideration and action to approve a monthly claim or Seminole Energy for natural gas service for \$441.46.

Motion by Nygren with second by Beranek to approve a claim #02361 for Seminole Energy for natural gas service for \$441.46. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, Nygren, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Garner was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Computer Purchase

Consideration and action to approve 10 computer purchases for the office. Supt. Pease has received bids and the current low bid is BIZCO for \$6442.50. Another bid may be placed he would recommend purchase of computers with price not to exceed \$6442.50.

Motion by Cerny with second by Lutton to approve the purchase of computers with price not to exceed \$6,442.50. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, Nygren, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Garner was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Board Policies

Supt. Pease policy 4151.9 related to Military and Family Military Leave and Policy 9364 regarding Board Meetings and Public Participation at the recommendation of the school attorney as a result of law changes. Also presented to the board for review were the 5100 series policies. Policy 9364 now allows members of the public not to have to petition in advance to speak to a topic. The board can apply reasonable restrictions if desired. Discussion was held. Member Nygren stated he felt that allowing the Board President the authority to establish reasonable time limits gave the board flexibility it may need for public addresses. Board members were in agreement that the Board President should address time limit in the event of person or persons wishing to address the board. Members agreed if necessary the Board President can consult other members for time allowance. Pease will add the necessary language regarding the time allowance and review other policies for changes and bring policies back for possible adoption at a future meeting.

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Information Items

No information items were presented.

Other Items Presented

Member Cerny updated the board on the baseball/softball field upgrade. Supt. Pease invited board members to stop to see the latest designs for the fields in the Superintendent's Office.

Adjournment

President Sapp adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. A public meeting to set the tax rate will be held on Monday September 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the High School at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE. The regular meeting of the board will be immediately following the adjournment of the public meeting. An Agenda for the meeting, kept current, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Superintendent's Office, 1225 Clay Street, Ashland, NE.

Minutes submitted by:

Kevin Garner