

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2010**

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 7:32 p.m. on September 7, 2010 by Vice-President Randy Beranek.

Present

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Randy Beranek, David Nygren, Suzanne Sapp and Karen Stille. President Melvin Cerny and member Kevin Garner were 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, Vice-President Beranek 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 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. Jacobsen reported to the board on varsity activities held and told board members that middle school events begin next week. Jacobsen also reported that the Spirit Squad sponsor had informed the administrative team of members that would cheer at away events and instructions on how to supervise those events.

Jacobsen also reported on staff development and instructional expectations for middle school and high school staff. He told board members that he plans to increase classroom visits and walk through observations to gain clearer understanding of current practices and to identify strengths and areas where additional support may be needed.

Jacobsen reported that today he had sent to the first listing of students with failing grades for review as addressed in the extra curricular procedures. Jacobsen posted the list to all teachers. He told board members that the procedures adopted by the board were shared with parents and students. Discussion was held and members felt it would be helpful if parents take responsibility with their student regarding this procedure.

Mrs. Bray reported to the board on the kindergarten through sixth grade classroom enrollment numbers. She told board members that today was the first day of preschool and fourteen students were enrolled this year. Bray also outlined some September activities scheduled for elementary students.

Mrs. Bray told board members that she had received very positive feedback on the remodeled classroom and the cafeteria. Parents and staff members have commented on the spacious lunchroom and the incorporation of the design blending the new addition with the existing building.

Mr. Pease reported to the board that he had attended a session with the Governor and the Commissioner of Education. The session addressed 58 million dollars in federal funding that State of Nebraska is expected to receive this year and distribute to schools. The method of distribution had not been determined and the funding is intended to be used by districts the next fiscal year.

Pease reported to the board that Senator Harr is planning to visit the school district on September 21. Pease will provide the board members with a schedule of events and invites to visit that day.

Pease reported that the NASB District meeting is scheduled for October and will update board members with the information for possible attendance.

Pease also reported that Iowa School of the Deaf has reported that they plan to increase their tuition. This year the State of Nebraska plans to fund additional costs but the state is advising they will not cover the costs next year. The Iowa School of the Deaf is also no longer providing transportation but is working with the district and has offered reasonable rates for transportation.

OLD BUSINESS

2010-11 Budget

Mr. Pease presented to the board a 2010-11 budget. The proposed total levy for Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools is \$1.0893. Pease presented to the board a survey of surrounding school levies. Discussion was held.

Motion by Nygren with second by Sapp to approve the 2010-11 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, Nygren, Sapp and Stille. Voting no: none. Members Cerny and Garner were absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Foundation Appointments

Supt. Pease recommended to the board the appointment of Mary Bohn and Pat Timblin to the Foundation Board. Discussion was held.

Motion by Nygren with second by Stille to appoint of Mary Bohn and Pat Timblin to the Foundation Board. Discussion was held. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Nygren, Sapp and Stille. Voting no: none. Members Cerny and Garner were absent and not voting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy 1411

Supt. Pease presented to the board policy 1411 for review and consideration. The proposed policy was recommended by the district legal counsel. This policy deals with interviewing students without parental permission and expands when students can be interviewed. The policy will be brought back to the next meeting for possible adoption.

Substitute Teacher

Supt Pease recommended the hiring of Angela Konen as a substitute teacher.

Motion by Nygren with second by Sapp to approve the hiring of Angela Konen as a substitute teacher. Discussion was held. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Nygren, Sapp and Stille. Voting no: none. Members Cerny and Garner were absent and not voting. Motion carried.

2010-11 Substitute Teacher Pay

Consideration and action on raising the substitute teacher pay to \$125.00 per day.

Motion by Nygren with second by Stille to approve the 2010-11 substitute teacher pay to \$125.00 per day. Discussion was held. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Nygren, and Stille. Voting no: none. Member Sapp abstained from voting. Members Cerny and Garner were absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Surplus Property

Supt. Pease presented to the board a small list of surplus property to be disposed of. The list included a patient bed/cot Lift, scoreboard(s), lunch tables, overhead projectors, some old Ag shop supplies, and student desks and chairs.

Motion by Nygren with second by Sapp to approve the proposed list of surplus property. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Nygren, Sapp and Stille. Voting no: none. Members Cerny and Garner were absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Building Project Change Order

Superintendent Pease presented a list of proposed change orders for the building project. Discussion was held.

Motion by Nygren with second by Stille to approve the list of change orders for the building project with the exception of item #39. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Nygren, Sapp and Stille. Voting no: none. Members Cerny and Garner were absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Informational Items

There were no informational items presented.

Other Items Presented

Member Stille presented a concern she had received regarding the safety of the football stadium bleachers since there were no hand railings. Discussion was held. Pease will explore the issue and bring this matter back to the board at a future board meeting.

Adjournment

Vice-President Beranek adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m. A public meeting to set the tax rate will be held on Monday September 20, 2010 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. All meetings are scheduled in the Library of the Ashland-Greenwood High School building at 1842 Furnas Street in Ashland.

Minutes submitted by:
