

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2006**

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**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was called to order following the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on February 6, 2006 by President Lutton.

**Present:**

Randy Beranek, Kevin Garner, David Lutton, David Nygren Suzanne Sapp and Cindy Vest were present.

**1. Substitute Teacher**

This matter was moved to the beginning of the agenda to accommodate Mr. Vanderhei who was present at the meeting. Supt. Pease made a recommendation to the board to approve Mr. Vanderhei as a substitute teacher.

Motion by Nygren with second by Vest to approve Steven Vanderhei as a substitute teacher. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

**2. Communications from the Public**

Doug Whitehead and Chuck Niemeyer spoke to the board regarding the Ashland Community Resource Center. They both serve on the Center's Steering Committee. The committee has spoken with the Library Board, Library Foundation and Ashland City Council. Doug Whitehead told the board that the proposed facility would serve as a resource center for the community. Multiple ideas have been proposed including before and after school care, senior center, conference and board rooms, exercise and pool facilities, library and media center, even a performing arts center. He asked the schools needs in a community center. The Steering Committee wants to work with the school to determine the school's possible needs in a community resource facility.

Chuck Niemeyer told the board that with the current publicity the Ashland area has been receiving for LB1121 it is a good time to use this opportunity for positive growth with the community and school.

Two handouts were received by the board, one handout outlined the Ashland Community Resource Center's mission statement, vision statement and possible features that the center may provide. The other handout was a report prepared by Library Steering Committee Ashland Public Library November 14, 2005.

**3. Appointment of committee**

This matter was moved from later in the agenda since subject matter was relative to communications from public. President Lutton appointed Randy Beranek, Kevin Garner and David Nygren to serve on a committee to work on issues related to an Ashland Community Resource Center. Kevin Garner will chair the committee.

**4. Administrative and Practitioners Reports.**

Mr. Bentzen reported that District Wrestling would be held in Falls City this week. Next week girls' basketball sub-districts would be held and the following week boys' basketball sub-districts would get underway.

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**4. Administrative and Practitioners Reports, continued.**

Mr. Bentzen also reported that this week the eighth and eleventh grade students were finishing up the statewide writing assessments.

Mrs. Bray reported that February was a busy month at the Elementary School. Some of the upcoming events include the Young Authors celebration, 6<sup>th</sup> grade science fair, Kindergarten Round Up and some student field trips. A Foundation grant helped to bring author Nancy Wagner to present to the Elementary students. Another Foundation grant will provide for an Amazing Bubble Show this Friday for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. This is a science based presentation.

Mr. Pease reported to the board that the three year asbestos inspection was recently held. Small amounts of asbestos were found in the two houses recently purchased. The Smith house has ductwork and floor tile which show signs of asbestos. The Armbrust house has 12' of pipe wrap in the basement. Mr. Pease has not obtained bids but thought when he did get bids for this removal he would also have the two small jobs at the high school bid. Then all would be cleaned at the same time. There is funding in the Qualified Capital Purpose account that is eligible for asbestos removal. Asbestos would have to be removed in order to demolish any facilities.

**Old Business**

**5. 3000 series policy revisions**

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve the 3000 series policy revisions. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

**6. Policy 5012**

Supt. Pease presented to the board policy 5012 regarding school attendance centers. This policy addressed the attendance zones for Ashland-Greenwood Elementary and Clear Creek Elementary. The boundaries of the school zones would remain as they exist today. It also addresses the criteria for transfer requests for students that live in one attendance zone but wish to attend the other. Students that are currently optioning into either building will be automatically approved for continued attendance in that building. Discussion was held. This policy will be brought back for possible board approval on February 20.

**7. Temporary Early Retirement Incentive Policy**

Supt. Pease brought to the board a temporary early retirement incentive program for certificated employees working ½ time or more proposed for the consideration of 2006. This incentive program is similar to the programs offered in previous years. Supt. Pease explained the formula used for determining the lump sum payments. He also discussed with the board the IRS 401 (a) account which enables the payment to be made into an account tax deferred. Discussion was held.

**8. Superintendent's Contract**

This matter will be moved to the end of the agenda and discussed in executive session.

**New Business**

**1. LB1121 Platte River dam study, continued**

the efforts by any public or private body to carry out similar studies or projects. Motion by Garner with second by Beranek for to approve a Resolution on LB121. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

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**2. Curriculum Supervisor position**

Supt. Pease presented to the board an overview of a proposed full time curriculum supervisor' position. Currently the principals and Mr. Pease share responsibilities of the tasks associated with curriculum. Requirements for No Child Left Behind continue to increase and become more complicated and detailed. In June 2007 another portfolio will be due at the Nebraska Department of Education. Some responsibilities this position would oversee are curriculum, assessments, grant requirements, staff development, school improvement and public relations. Discussion was held. This matter will be brought for action at the next meeting.

**3. High School Windows and Classroom Modification Project**

Supt. Pease updated the board on the window and classroom modification projects. Mr. Pease presented the plan for high school window replacement and a brochure for windows. Mr. Pease and Mr. Bentzen had gone to look at windows last week. It was suggested to use an Impervia window by Pella as an additional acceptable window which is similar to the existing windows and allows for egress. However the window would be white and existing windows are aluminum. This is a fairly new line of windows and many commercial buildings are using them. The board was in agreement the front of the building should look unified and windows should be the same.

**4. Option Enrollment Capacities**

Supt. Pease presented a projected enrollments and option enrollment capacities. This is a projection and for information purposes only. Discussion was held. Enrollment capacities will be decided at a future meeting.

**5. Capital Outlay Plan**

Supt. Pease presented to the board the 2005 Capital Outlay Plan 2005. Discussion was held regarding pending projects and any input the board may have. Dave Lutton asked questions regarding the pedestrian lighting project. This is a project that the Foundation may have some interest in splitting costs. The bleacher project was discussed. It was suggested to look at bleachers if visiting any schools during the basketball season. Randy Beranek suggested the purchase of a mini van or car for small group transportation purposes. Dave Lutton discussed the need to take of any opportunities for the purchase of property near the high school. Kevin Garner suggested an upgrade in the weight room at the high school as some of the equipment was antiquated.

**6. Foundation Appointments**

Supt. Pease reported that Leland Hiatt, Martha Fricke and Mary Ziegenbein board positions are expiring and board would need to make appointments. This matter will be brought back to the board at a future meeting.

**7. Information Items.**

February 15, 2006 is the filing deadline for incumbents and March 1 is the filing deadline for non incumbents for the Board of Education.

Reminder that NSBA Conference is in Chicago April 8-11. Travel plans will need to be made for interested board members.

February 26-27 the NASB Legislative Issues Conference is in Lincoln.

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**6. Executive Session.**

Motion by Vest with second by Sapp to move into executive session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss Superintendent's contract: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

**7. Reconvene**

The board reconvened from executive session at 9:40 p.m. with no action taken.

**Adjournment:**

President adjourned meeting at 9:41 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Room in the North annex of the Elementary School building at 1200 Boyd Street.

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Minutes submitted by Secretary