

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2005**

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Opening:

The regular meeting of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on June 6, 2005 by President Randy Beranek.

Present:

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

1. Visitors and Communication from the Public

There was no communication from the public.

2. Administrative and Practitioners Reports

Mr. Bentzen reported that summer school had started and several students were in attendance.

Mrs. Bray had nothing to report.

Mr. Pease reported the window installation had begun today.

Supt. Pease also presented the Clove Hill plat for the Board's review. This plat is located at 24th and Silver Streets and has 25 lots for development.

Supt. Pease reported staff was busy with summer projects, year-end reports and he was also starting to work on next year's budget.

Old Business

3. 2005-06 additional extra curricular assignments

Supt. Pease proposed the following staff for additional extra curricular assignments: Naomi Laune to serve as Assistant Softball Coach and Middle School Girls Basketball Coach and Ryan Thompson to serve as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach and Middle School Assistant Track Coach.

Motion by Vest with second by Sapp to approve Naomi Laune to serve as Assistant Softball Coach and Middle School Girls Basketball Coach and Ryan Thompson to serve as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach and Middle School Assistant Track Coach. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

4. Review of legislation in state legislature

Supt. Pease passed out a summary of legislative bills addressed this session. He briefly reported on several bills.

Another hand out was distributed addressing LB 126. LB 126 requires the reorganization of K-6 school districts to K-12. This will include the Clear Creek District. The effective date for mergers pursuant to the bill is June 15, 2006. The bill provides that elementary attendance

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centers cannot be closed until students that will be in kindergarten in 2005-06 complete the highest grade offered at the site as long as the center has at least five resident students. Operating councils for elementary attendance centers may be formed pursuant to the bill. The bill also repeals the requirement to provide transportation of students in grade nine through twelve who live more than four miles from school

Discussion was held regarding responsibilities this district would assume once LB 126 takes effect. This school board would be responsible for setting the budget and all financial matters. The staff members will become employees of the merged district. Ashland-Greenwood's administration would have supervision over staff. Clear Creek school building and property would also become part of the merged district's property.

A legal session will be held in the fall to provide further direction. There is a possibility this matter can be put on the ballot for vote. Supt. Pease will continue to keep the board apprised on this matter.

New Business

5. Renewal of contract

Motion by Lutton with second by Garner to renew the contract with Diane Bruderer for occupational therapy. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Motion carried.

6. Staff Handbook changes for 2005-06

Supt. Pease passed out to the board a handout for review of the proposed revisions to the staff handbook. He briefly outlined the proposed revisions. Proposed revision include changes in staff dress code to provide guidance in dress for certified and non-certified staff. Other changes addressed outdated information and language in several sections.

The proposed revisions were presented for board review and will be addressed at the next board meeting.

7. Student Handbook changes for 2005-06

Elementary Principal Mrs. Bray passed out a handout outlining the 2005-06 proposed student handbook revisions. The revisions addressed outdated language and updated information pursuant to policy changes.

Middle School Senior High Principal Mr. Bentzen passed out a handout outlining 2005-06 proposed student handbook revisions. Proposed revisions in the extracurricular activities section included defining extracurricular activities as activities not falling within the scope of the regular school day curriculum and for which credit is not earned. Also proposed are changes in participation rules, conduct, classroom performance, Homecoming and Prom voting rules and lettering requirements for band and chorus.

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8. School Bus Purchase

The transportation committee met tonight before the regular meeting. The committee is looking at bids and options to purchase a 15-passenger school bus.

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There is no recommendation at this time.

9. Personnel

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

10. Real Estate Purchase

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

11. Certified Staff 2005-06 Negotiations

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

Information Items:

No informational items were presented.

12. Executive Session to discuss personnel, real estate purchase and certified staff 05-06 negotiations.

Motion by Vest with second by Lutton to move into executive session at 9:14 p.m. to discuss personnel, real estate purchase and certified staff 05-06 negotiations. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

13. Reconvene

The board reconvened from executive session at 10:45 p.m.

14. Personnel

Motion by Lutton and second by Garner to hire Cody Meyer for the Middle School Social Studies position and the Middle School Student Council sponsor. . Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

President Beranek adjourned meeting at 10:50 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Room in the North annex of the Elementary School building at 1200 Boyd Street.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Vest