

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 15, 2004**

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**Opening:**

Meeting was called to order by President Steve Laune at 7:30 PM.on November 15, 2004.

**Present:**

Randy Beranek, Steven Laune, Dave Lutton, Terry Rogers and Cindy Vest were present. Barry Kitrell was absent.

**1. Approval of Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda includes minutes of previous meeting, financial reports, and current monthly claims.

Motion by Beranek seconded by Rogers to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call: Voting yes: Laune, Lutton, Rogers, Vest, and Beranek. Voting no: none. Absent and not voting: Kitrell.

**2. Administrative and Practitioners Reports.**

Mr. Jerry Wendelin, district media specialist, presented information on the school media center. Mr. Wendelin discussed the school mission statement's relationship to the media center. Changes in the library world were discussed. The idea of thinking of the library as a resource center was presented. He also demonstrated on-line media resources and discussed how he would implement the program.

Mr. Ray Bentzen, Middle School/High School Principal, reported that today, November 15<sup>th</sup>, was the first day of the winter sports season.

He also reported that the one-act play production team was performing today at the NCC competition at Raymond Central.

Bentzen also reported that Ashland-Greenwood High School participated in the UNL math day competition and finished third in the math bowl competition.

Mrs. Teresa Bray, Elementary Principal, reported that the Elementary School hosted National Young Readers Day last week. Several community members came to school and read books to students.

She also reported the American Legion had a Veterans Day Program at the school last week for Veterans Day.

Finally, Mrs. Bray reported that the Elementary Book Fair is going on this week in the Elementary Library.

Superintendent of Schools Craig Pease requested that the building committee meet briefly following the meeting tonight to review snow removal options and possible acquisition of snow removal equipment. He also requested that the committee review bids on repiping of chiller water at the high school.

Pease told the board he had a call from the Gretna Public Schools about the possibility of transferring a Sarpy Co parcel to the Gretna Public Schools. Pease indicated that he told the Gretna Public School representative that he did not believe that the district would be interested in allowing such a transfer as it would diminish the Ashland-Greenwood tax base and could lead to potentially higher taxes for Ashland-Greenwood property taxpayers.

Superintendent Pease also presented the idea of a message board for the high school gym. He suggested that some money held by the Foundation could be put with funds from the Pepsi Athletic Equipment account to fund the project. He asked the Board to consider such a purchase and indicated he would share the idea with other interested parties.

Finally it was reported that the NASB Conference would be held this Wednesday through Friday. Registration on-site was still possible. Pease indicated he would be attending the conference.

## **Old Business**

### **4. Review of budget of expenses by program compared to state average.**

For informational purposes, Superintendent Pease presented a chart showing district spending compared to the state. It was noted that the district spending is very similar to the state averages.

### **5. Action to approve bid on Elementary Windows.**

A bid for replacement windows on the south and east side of the Elementary School was presented from Pella Products of Omaha and Lincoln. The bid was for \$166,117. It was recommended that the board accept the bid. An alternate deduct of \$845.84 was to be considered further and will be brought to the board at a later time.

Lutton moved and Vest seconded that the bid from Pella Products be accepted. Voting yes: Lutton, Rogers, Vest, Beranek, Laune. Voting no: None. Absent and not voting: Kitrell.

## **New Business**

### **6. District Audit Report for 2003-04**

The school district audit was presented to the Board. Superintendent Pease did explain that there was a discrepancy with the report on the Bond Fund. Bond funds are held by the County Treasurers. In review, Superintendent Pease indicated he believes the audit was in error because the auditor had mistakenly considered funds that were held by the County that did not belong to the school district. He indicated he had notified the auditor of the error. There does not appear to be any errors by the County Treasurer's Office and the annual financial report accurately reflects the bond fund activity.

Rogers moved Lutton seconded a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the audit. Voting yes: Rogers, Vest, Beranek, Laune, Lutton. Voting no: None. Absent and not voting: Kitrell.

### **7. School Calendar for 2005-06**

A proposed school calendar was presented by Superintendent Pease that is similar to the current year's calendar. The board reviewed the school calendar but no action was taken. The calendar will be placed on the agenda at a future meeting.

## **8. New Personnel Hirings.**

Superintendent Pease and Elementary Principal Teresa Bray recommended the following personnel hirings: Steve Williams and Zac Vest as substitute bus drivers, Nicky Goff as a Special Education Para-professional.

Motion by Beranek and seconded by Rogers to approve the employment of Williams, Vest and Goff. Voting yes: Vest, Beranek, Laune, Lutton and Rogers. Voting no: none. Absent and not voting: Kitrell.

## **9. FBLA Overnight Travel**

High School Principal Ray Bentzen presented a request from the FBLA for overnight travel to attend the state conference. Bentzen explained that part of the experience of the state conference was social events that went until late at night. The organization was raising their own funds to stay overnight.

Motion by Lutton seconded by Vest to approve the FBLA for overnight travel. Voting yes: Beranek, Laune, Lutton, Rogers, Vest. Voting no: None. Absent and not voting: Kitrell.

## **10. Multi-cultural Education Report**

Mrs. Bray presented the Multicultural Report. Bray reported that the committee was feeling good about our programs regarding multiculturalism.

Motion by Rogers and seconded by Lutton to accept the report of the multicultural committee. Voting yes: Laune, Lutton, Rogers, Vest, Beranek. Voting no: None. Absent and not voting: Kitrell.

## **11. Board Election Results**

Superintendent Pease presented the unofficial results of the November election. He requested transition ideas from the board. Members encouraged the new elected members to consider attending the NASB new board member workshop. Members congratulated the winners and encouraged the newly elected members to feel free to contact any of them with questions.

## **Information Items**

### **12. Technology Report**

Pease noted that the District Technology Report was available for review and inspection.

### **13. NASB RE: Minder**

Pease also noted that the NASB Monthly RE:Minder was in the agenda packet for review.

## **Adjournment:**

President Laune issued a call for next meeting to be at 8:30 PM on Monday, December 20, 2004, at the Board Conference in the North Annex to the Elementary School building at 1200 Boyd St in Ashland. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.