

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2006**

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Opening:

The regular meeting of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was called to order immediately following the Annual Meeting at 7:38 p.m. January 16, 2006 by President Dave Lutton.

Present:

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

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Motion by Nygren with second by Vest to approve the consent agenda. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Motion carried.

2. Visitors and Communication from the Public

There was no communication from the public.

3. Administrative and Practitioners Reports.

Mr. Bentzen reported that second semester classes and events were in full swing. January 7 was the Ashland-Greenwood Wrestling tournament and the Bluejays won the event. A Speech Tournament was held Saturday January 14. This Saturday is the Conference Wrestling Tournament hosted at Bennington. Next week Ashland-Greenwood will host Nebraska Capitol Conference Basketball Tournaments. Basketball games are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Old Business

4. School Wellness Policy 5141.6

Supt. Pease presented to the board the School Wellness Policy 5141.6. This policy is required to be place by the start of the 2006-07 school year. A committee made up of parents, students, school representatives, food service workers, school board members, administration and public met several times to develop the policy. Starting with a template from the school's attorney the group came up with the guidelines, goals, implementation process, and evaluation of school wellness. Discussion was held regarding the policy. Member Garner voiced concern regarding the limitation of snacks to be served in classrooms for student's birthdays and classroom parties and special events.

Motion by Garner with second by Sapp to approve the policy 5141.6 with the following change in the 2nd sentence in part 2. Nutrition Guidelines, paragraph a. The changed sentence will now read: Elementary classroom teachers may permit the serving of food not provided by the school food service program for students birthdays, classroom parties and special events. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Motion carried.

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5. 3000 Series Policies

Supt. Pease reviewed with the board the 3000 policy series. Supt. Pease outlined proposed language changes and deletion of policies that were duplications. He also presented an administrative regulation of organizational fund raising. The policy changes will be brought back to the board at the next meeting for adoption.

6. Saunders County District 3 Dissolution

Supt. Pease presented to the board an information document regarding District 3 dissolution and transition planning. The document covers many issues that will need to be addressed when District 3 ceases to exist on June 15 pending further legislation being proposed. Items discussed were status of school, employees, staffing levels, finances and budget for 2006-07, option enrollments, transportation, attendance zones, curriculum and curriculum materials, special services and curricular offerings. Currently there are 14 students at the facility, 7 students enrolled and 7 students are option enrolled students, one certified teacher and two non certified para-professionals. The District would only be obligated to employ the certified teacher. Since the school will cease to exist, option enrollment students will need to make application to this District requesting placement in the Clear Creek attendance center. Staffing levels will need to be determined. An attendance zone for each Elementary school will need to be determined as well as transportation needs. Mr. Pease reported his philosophy was that District 3 will continue to operate similar to the way it is currently.

Mr. Pease has sent the same informational document to District 3. He also sent option enrollment application and a letter of explanation that could be sent to all option enrollment students. He also offered to visit with District 3 board members regarding the transition. He has visited with the teacher, Kari Ruenholl and one para professional. Further discussion was held. The board will have many decisions to make regarding the closing of District 3.

New Business

1. Wrestling Team Overnight Travel

Mr. Bentzen presented to the board a letter from Jeff Barga requesting overnight travel to Falls City for the wrestling team on February 10 & 11 during the district wrestling tournaments.

Motion by Nygren with second by Garner to approve overnight travel for the wrestling team on February 10 & 11 to Falls City. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Motion carried.

2. 2006 Board Committees.

President Lutton appointed Board Committees. 2006 Board Committees are:

Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee: Lutton, Nygren, Sapp

Personnel Committee: Beranek, Garner, Vest

Finance Committee: Beranek, Lutton, Nygren

Curriculum & Americanism Committee: Garner, Sapp, Vest

Non-Certified Salary Team: Nygren, Sapp, Vest

Certified Staff Negotiations Team: Beranek, Garner, Lutton

3. District Representative

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to appoint Craig Pease as District Representative for all state and federal programs. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Motion carried.

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4. Conflict of Interest

Declaration of Conflict of Interest by Board Members for the record:

Randy Beranek noted for the record that his wife, Kathy Beranek is employed as the hot lunch supervisor and his son Eric Beranek is employed as a maintenance director. Randy also serves as an assistant wrestling coach for the district.

David Nygren noted for the record that his wife Shari Nygren is employed by the district as a Kindergarten teacher.

Suzanne Sapp noted for the record that she is a substitute teacher for the district. Suzanne also served as the head Middle School volleyball coach.

5. District Depositories and Investments Accounts

Motion by Vest with second by Nygren to appoint Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Centennial Bank and the Nebraska School District Liquid Asset Fund as district depositories and investment institutions. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Motion carried.

6. 2006-07 Preliminary Budget

Supt. Pease presented to the board a preliminary projection of 2006-07 budget. He outlined expenditure assumptions and revenue assumptions. Some of expenditure assumptions include assuming responsibility for District 3, managing the Title I program and some staffing additions. Discussion was held.

7. Consideration of Superintendent's Contract

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

Information Items

Superintendent Pease reported to the board that the NASB/NCSA Labor Relations Conference is in Kearney of February 6. A topic of the conference will be Health Savings Accounts. Dan Brokaw and Mr. Pease plan to attend. They will leave early Monday morning and return that evening. Board members interested in attending should contact Mr. Pease.

Superintendent Pease told the board that ESU #2 will be hosting a dinner for ESU#2 area school boards on February 22, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in Fremont.

Supt. Pease told the board that the National School Boards Association Annual Conference has been moved to Chicago, IL on April 8 through April 11. Board members interested in attending should advise the office so airfare prices can be monitored for the best pricing.

Supt. Pease presented to the board the project bidding document from Paul Kelly of BCDM for the Elementary Kindergarten Remodel and the High School window replacement. The Elementary Kindergarten remodel has a date change in that work may begin on site on March 21.

Supt. Pease told the board of a school calendar change. The staff workshop day scheduled for March 27th will be moved to March 17.

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8. Executive Session.

Motion by Nygren with second by Sapp to move into executive session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss Superintendent's evaluation: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

9. Reconvene

The board reconvened from executive session at 10:14 p.m. with no action taken.

Adjournment:

President Lutton adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will immediately follow the annual meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2005 in the Board Conference Room in the North Annex at the Elementary School, 1200 Boyd Street, Ashland, Nebraska.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary