

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2006**

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Opening:

The regular meeting of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 17, 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. The consent agenda including a contract renewal for special education services with Heartland School and a contract renewal for mechanical services with Control Services.

Motion by Beranek with second by Vest to approve the consent agenda including a special education contract renewal for Heartland School and a contract renewal for mechanical services with Control Services. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Motion carried.

2. Visitors and Communication from the Public

Brad Jacobsen presented to the board members on the school improvement plan. Jacobsen presented the goals of the school improvement plan. He discussed the using data to evaluate and assess. He explained the gathering of data provides proof and involves teachers at a stronger level. Data tells you what is working and assesses for better learning.

Pat Phelan from the DLR Group presented to the board on his work with the district on growth of student enrollment and facility study. He presented options on long range planning including long term site planning. He also discussed trigger dates the district should consider when making plans for future needs. The site plans presented included an addition to the south side of the elementary building. That addition could house a new gymnasium, cafeteria, preschool classroom and an option for a stage. This would allow for the first floor to be converted into additional classrooms and a ground floor media center. Mr. Phelan presented three proposals for additions at the middle school/ high school building. The site plans at the middle school/high school would create additional classroom space and administration offices. Other proposed changes to the facility included separate entrances to the middle school wing, paved parking in the west lot, a stage and auditorium seating. Mr. Phelan told the board the facility projects can be completed in phases to meet needs as student population grows. Board members discussed options presented, expressing concerns over proposed traffic flow at the elementary building. Other topics of discussion included a time frame for phases and cost. Phelan told board members that the goal for master planning is to map out the road for building needs and how you can get there one step at a time. Phelan will work some proposed adjustments and bring cost estimates to the board at a future meeting.

3. Weight Room Equipment

Kevin Garner passed out a bid received from Body Basics for weight room equipment. The representative from Body Basics met with Brad Jacobsen, Barry Kitrell, Dave Riesen and Kevin Garner to discuss the weight room needs for the students.

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3. Weight Room Equipment, continued.

Discussion was held. Brad Jacobsen stated the equipment was everything needed for the everyday kid as well as the summer weight lifting program. Another vendor also visited the facility and will provide a bid. Discussion was held regarding possible donations from the Booster Club and the Foundation.

4. Administrative and Practitioners Reports.

Mr. Pease presented to the board the school calendar with the final day of school set for May 23 with May 19 being a no school day for students and staff to attend the state track meet. Discussion was held. Board member Sapp inquired regarding allowing for school to be in session on May 19 with an earlier final release date for students. Member Beranek told the board he felt that if school is to be held during a state activity event that board members may need to revise current policy. It was determined that the final day of school will be May 23 with May 19 being a no school day for students.

Mr. Pease told the board he had been working with vendors regarding proposals for bleacher replacement at the high school. Those proposals will be brought to a future meeting.

Mr. Pease reported to the board on the classroom remodel at the elementary building, dry wall has begun to be hung. He reported a couple of change orders. One change included the moving of a light switch and some electrical power. The second change involved the drywall. To be fire resilient the top of the drywall needed to be taped and caulked. Only the area in the remodel would require this change. He will continue to keep the board updated on the project.

Old Business

5. Temporary Early Retirement Incentive Program Agreement

Consideration and action given to the temporary early retirement incentive program agreement. Carolyn Blobaum signed and returned the temporary early retirement incentive program agreement. Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve the resolution for the temporary early retirement incentive program for Carolyn Blobaum. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Motion carried.

6. LIFE Alternative Education Program

Consideration and action given to approve the renewal of the interlocal agreement with Waverly Public Schools on LIFE Alternative Education Program. Motion by Garner with second by Nygren to approve the renewal of the interlocal agreement with Waverly Public Schools on LIFE Alternative Education Program. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Motion carried.

7. N-JUMP Natural Gas Interlocal Agreement

Consideration and action given to approve an interlocal agreement with the N-JUMP program. Discussion was held. Motion by Nygren with second by Sapp to approve the interlocal agreement with the N-JUMP program. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Motion carried.

New Business

1. 2006-07 Preliminary General Fund Budget of Expenditures

Supt. Pease presented to the board a preliminary budget of expenditures for the 2006-07 year. The preliminary budget is built on a projection of expenses and he will keep the board updated to changes that could occur with negotiations.

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2. 2006-07 Furniture & Equipment Requests

The administration presented a recommended list of furniture and equipment items. Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve the 2006-07 furniture and equipment requests recommended by the administration. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Motion carried.

3. 2006-07 Classified Staffing Levels

Supt. Pease presented to the board the classified staffing levels recommended for 2006-07. The proposal included the addition of two para professionals, one at the elementary level and one at the preschool level. The proposal also included the addition of one cook and the staffing of one para professional at the Clear Creek School. Discussion was held. The board will take action on this matter at the next board meeting.

4. 2006-07 Girls Golf Program

Supt. Pease reported to the board on the girls' golf program. The district anticipates 2 – 5 participants in 2006. Randy Wiese had investigated the idea of a girls golf cooperative with several schools and found that Elmwood-Murdock would be interested in combining a program. Currently Elmwood-Murdock's girls' golf team competes with the boys' team. Discussion was held regarding practices, coaches, supervision, and cost. This matter will be reviewed, further.

5. Acting Board Member

Member Kevin Garner told board members that he had been called to active duty. He will leave in June and is expecting to be gone 15 to 18 months. He advised the board that Mr. Pease had visited with the district's legal counsel regarding the vacancy. An appointment of an acting board member can be made by the board during Mr. Garner's vacancy. Mr. Garner recommended Daniel Chudomelka. Daniel Chudomelka had also run for school board in the last election. Member Garner had visited with Mr. Chudomelka and he was in agreement to serve the board during Kevin's vacancy.

Member Cindy Vest also offered to stay on the board during Mr. Garner's absence. She suggested Mel Cerny could come aboard early since he is running for the board vacancy.

The board will take action on this matter at the next board meeting.

Information Items

The annual Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation dinner is set for April 21, 2006.

Adjournment:

President Lutton adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2006 in the Library of the High School at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary

