

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2004**

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**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was called to order at 8:00 on October 18, 2004 by President Steve Laune.

**Present:**

Randy Beranek, Barry Kitrell, Steven Laune, Dave Lutton, Terry Rogers 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 Rogers with second by Kitrell to approve the consent agenda. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Kitrell, Laune, Lutton, Rogers 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 Reed Schwartz returned to teaching today. Ms. Susan Schiltz started the year subbing for Mr. Schwartz as he was recovering from surgery. Mr. Bentzen commended Ms. Schiltz for her service; she will attend parent teacher conferences this week as she had taught students for the first quarter.

Mr. Bentzen reported that the softball team was runner up in the State tournament last week. Tonight is the last home event for the fall season; the District is hosting a JV football game.

Mr. Bentzen stated the middle school/senior high school will hold parent teacher conferences this Tuesday from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Wednesday 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Mrs. Bray reported the elementary school would also hold parent teacher conferences this week.

Many activities are planned at the elementary building for the final week of October. On October 27 the SCIP team is planning Red Ribbon activities. Rod Radford, a Flamenco Guitarist will be performing on October 27. On Friday Halloween activities are planned with a costume parade and classroom activities.

Mr. Pease reported he had received a billing from York for the labor work on the warranty compressor for the high school chiller. The labor bill was over \$10,000.00. He has sent a letter protesting the billing.

He also reminded the Board and audience that November 2 is the election and three new members will be chosen for the board.

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Supt. Pease told the Board the District auditor was in the district on October 4 and 5, 2004.

Mr. Pease reported the window bid is set for November 8. The bid specifies Pella windows and early bidding will insure the same window style as the completed sides.

The bidding will be for the South and East sides of the elementary building. It will include windows on either side of the gym doors made of hurricane glass. Tempered glass will be used on the remaining windows on the ground level and first floor.

Supt. Pease also presented a newspaper article a patron had asked to be shared with the Board. The article listed various fees per class in the West Monona Iowa Community Schools.

Supt. Pease presented to the Board an invitation to the Saunders County Teammates dinner on November 7 at the Double D Ranch. Featured speaker is Steve Pederson and an auction will be held.

**Old Business**

**4. Review and update on N-Jump Program**

Supt. Pease advised the Board that the N Jump Program was unable to beat the capped price of Cornerstone. Therefore as directed by the Board he signed agreement with Cornerstone at a capped price of approximately 87 cents a therm. The District may be interested in looking into the N Jump program again next year.

**5. Hiring New Certified Staff.**

Mrs. Bray recommended to the Board the hiring of Kayla Laune for the half time Title One teaching position.

Motion by Beranek with second by Kitrell to hire Kayla Laune as half time Title I Teacher. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Kitrell, Lutton, Rogers and Vest. Member Laune abstained from voting. Motion carried.

**6. Special Education Contract**

Consideration and action on contract with Lincoln Public Schools for one child for Pre-school Special Education services. No transportation costs will be incurred as the child will be transported by family to Lincoln Public Schools.

Motion by Lutton with second by Vest to approve a contract with Lincoln Public Schools for one child for Pre-school Special Education services. Voting yes: Beranek, Kitrell, Laune, Lutton, Rogers and Vest. Motion carried.

**New Business**

**7. Property Tax Administrator adjusted values.**

Supt. Pease presented to the Board a letter from Catherine Lane, Property Tax Administrator with the State of Nebraska Department of Property Assessment and Taxation Office the letter reports the adjusted valuation for the School District.

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**8. Long Term Budgeting Plan**

Supt. Pease presented to the Board a power point presentation on long term budgeting and planning. An explanation of the current state aid formula was provided. Under the current formula the short-term budget, next year, could show some improvement but long term, three to four years, could prove to be difficult. Increasing enrollment could make some difference. Budgeting will continue to be a very important matter for Board review.

**9. MOU for Master Agreement**

Supt. Pease presented to the Board a Memorandum of Understanding for the 2004-05 Master Agreement between Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools and AGEA to clarify the period of time an eligible staff member may carry donated sick leave days forward. This memorandum of understanding has been discussed with members of the AGEA negotiation team, Dan Brokaw, Brad Jacobsen, and Trisha Nichelson. Administratively this memorandum can be added without renegotiating the contract. Discussion was held and it was the decision of the Board that the donated days were not meant to be carried forward or to be used to receive incentive pay at the end of the school year. Donated sick leave days for a specific person will be available for that person until the end of the current school term or the end of the absence related to the condition whichever come later.

**10. Policy 1411 review**

Supt. Pease presented for review and discussion Policy and Regulation 1411, Law Enforcement.

Various state and county employees have challenged this policy. Supt. Pease advised the Board he was not aware of any Statute requiring the school to permit student questioning or student removal. The District's legal counsel has reviewed and approved the policy. Discussion was held between Board members and it was agreed the Board fully supports the existing policy.

**Information Items:**

Supt. Pease shared with the Board the NASB Monthly update re: Minder listing dates and times for the NASB Briefings and new board members workshops. "Learning the Ropes" a workshop for newly elected board members will be held December 9 in Omaha.

State Board of Education Conference is set for November 17-19, 2004.

**Adjournment:**

President Laune adjourned meeting at 9:26 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Board Conference Room in the North annex of the Elementary School building at 1200 Boyd Street.