

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2007**

Opening

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was convened in open and public session following the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on 19th day of November 2007 by President David Nygren.

Present

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Randy Beranek, Melvin Cerny, Kevin Garner, David Lutton, David Nygren and Suzanne Sapp.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Ashland Gazette on October 25, 2007. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Call to Order

The meeting was duly called to order.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, President Nygren announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the meeting room, behind the board members.

Agenda Change

There was no change to the published agenda.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Beranek with second by Cerny to approve all of the items on the consent agenda. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Visitors and Communication from the Public

There were no visitors or communication from the public.

Administrative and Practitioners Reports

Mrs. Bray reported that November was a busy month, she told board members that students Eli Ploof and Elizabeth Yunker had their essays selected and then read their essay at the SASM Gala. Mrs. Bray reported that the 6th grade students traveled to SAC museum to watch the shuttle landing. Mrs. Bray also reported that the Veteran's Day program which was held at both buildings on November 12. Mrs. Bray told board members that on November 13 many community members came to read to Elementary students for National Young Readers Day. Mrs. Bray also told board members that today the 1st grade students had their Family and Friends day and on November 29 the 5th grade will attend a performance of the Nutcracker.

Mr. Bentzen reported that the One Act performance finished 5th at the Conference competition.

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Building Projects

Supt. Pease presented to board members a proposals for two building projects. A proposal of \$4500.00 for 4 backstops and rims for side baskets in main gym. This includes an estimate of \$1000.00 for removal and installation. Funding for the project include \$1300.00 from the Barney memorial fund and \$3200.00 from the Athletic Equipment account. A proposal of \$5311.50 was presented from Innovation Labs for casework and installation of cabinetry in the high school music room for instrument storage. Discussion was held.

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve the proposal for backstops and rims for side baskets in main gym with funding to include the Barney memorial and the Athletic Equipment account and the proposal from ILS for cabinetry in music room. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Engery Conservation Performance Contract

Supt. Pease reported to the board that the building committee had met prior to the meeting and recommended Trane as the vendor for the energy conservation performance contract.

Motion by Lutton with second by Cerny to accept Trane as the vendor for the energy conservation performance contract. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Clear Creek School Real Estate

Supt. Pease reported on the auction of the personal and real property at Clear Creek School on October 27, 2007. The Clear Creek property was purchased by KZCO for the final bid of \$27,000.00. Discussion was held.

Motion by Cerny with second by Garner to approve the resolution for the sale of the property at Clear Creek. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

School Technology Plan

Consideration and action on the school technology plan. Supt. Pease updated the board with a projection of the budget to provide an overview of financing needed to meet the expenditures of the proposed technology plan. Discussion was held. Member Garner questioned if the budget would be able to continue to support a significant purchase of technology beyond the projection of 2011. Pease told members the funds were built into the budget for this year and the projections he presented represented the means to fund the project for three years with the possibility of using cash reserves to offset costs. Member Sapp questioned how patrons and staff felt about the one to one laptops for students and taking these laptops home. Supt. Pease stated there are a lot of questions we don't have answers for that is why a committee of staff, parents and administrators will be formed to review and research moving forward with this project. Member Beranek expressed concerns with spending significant dollars at a time when the board

was also starting to look at building projects.

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Member Nygren questioned if laptops would replace textbooks completely and mentioned that the cost of reducing textbook purchases may also offset some of the funding for the project. Principal Bentzen stated it could reduce the need for textbooks in some areas. Member Lutton felt the project needed to move forward in the direction that is recommended then if the funding isn't available in the future the board can review the project at that time. He also stated that the advancement in technology in the district could attract students and new teachers. Member Cerny stated that we need to look at the future and where technology is moving, he doesn't want to see the Ashland-Greenwood students at a disadvantage. Member Sapp questioned if training would be enough to get staff on board. Member Garner asked if the committee could now start researching topics the board had discussed.

Supt. Pease suggested to the board a revision to the Technology Action Plan to read Item 2 b. Establish a one to one computing initiative committee in 2007-08 that includes students, staff members, technology experts and parents to make recommendations on the implantation, policies, procedures and other issues for implementing a one-to-one initiative at the high school in 2009-2010. This would allow a committee to be set up 10 2007-08 and report back to the board.

Motion by Lutton with second by Cerny to approve the Technology Action Plan with the modifications as recommended by Supt. Pease to Item 2 b. Establish a one to one computing initiative committee in 2007-08 that includes students, staff members, technology experts and parents to make recommendations regarding the implantation and development of policies, procedures and other issues relating to one-to-one initiative at the high school in 2009-2010 and to make changes in the 2008-09 plan to continue the committee's work. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Technology Purchases

Consideration and action to accept the updated cost of Technology Action Plan 2007-08 and authorize purchase of equipment. Discussion was held.

Motion by Sapp with second by Lutton to accept the 2007-08 updated costs of the technology action plan and approve the equipment purchases. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Policy 3323

Consideration and action to waiver bid letting location requirements of Policy 3323 for parking lot expansion project. Policy 3323 requires bids to be opened at the office of the board. Supt. Pease requested the waiver of Policy 3323 to allow the bids of the parking lot expansion project to be opened at Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. Mr. Pease will attend the bid opening.

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to waiver bid letting location requirements to allow for the high school parking lot project bids to be opened at Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc with Mr. Pease or his designee attending the opening of bids.

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Policy 3323, continued

After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Consideration and action to approve Jake Brower as substitute teacher, Katie Lichtas as Speech and Drama Aide, Nancy Metzger as substitute aide, cook or clerical Kim Lichtas as substitute aide, cook or clerical, and Kealie Thomas as substitute aide, cook or clerical.

Motion by Cerny with second by Garner to approve Jake Brower as substitute teacher, Katie Lichtas as Speech and Drama Aide, Nancy Metzger as substitute aide, cook or clerical, Kim Lichtas as substitute aide, cook or clerical, and Kealie Thomas as substitute aide, cook or clerical. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

2006-07 District Audit

The 2006-07 district audit was mailed to board members. Supt. Pease reported the auditor's report found financial statements presented fairly

Motion by Garner with second by Lutton to accept the 2006-07 district audit. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

2008-09 Calendar

Supt. Pease presented to the board for review a preliminary 2008-09 calendar and a 2008 summer calendar. The preliminary summer event calendar has been prepared to assist groups and community organizations to be able to coordinate activities, and summer school programs. Supt. Pease explained an increase in aid for summer school. This change will create an expansion of the district's summer school programs. By preparing a schedule in advance it will help avoid conflicts with summer school sessions. Both calendars are presented to the board for their review and comments. Supt. Pease will present these calendars to staff for comments and bring those comments and a recommendation back to the board for approval.

Overnight Travel

Supt. Pease presented requests to the board for approval of overnight and long distance travel for State Speech Contest in Kearney, FBLA State Contest in Omaha and Band Performance in Kansas City. Supt. Pease recommended \$1000.00 in funding for travel expenses for the Band trip to Kansas City. Discussion was held.

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve overnight and long distance travel for State Speech Contest in Kearney, FBLA State Contest in Omaha and Band Performance in Kansas City and to fund \$1000.00 to Band for travel expenses. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

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Information Items

The State Technology Plan is completed and was made available for review by the Board of Education as required for submission of funding application for E-rate.

Notice has been received from the election commissioner regarding the upcoming primary election and board members whose terms will be expiring.

Correspondence from ALICAP on school district safety program.

Other business presented for future considerations

No other items were presented for future consideration during this session.

Adjournment

President Nygren adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007 in the Library of the High School at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE. An Agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Superintendent's Office, 1225 Clay Street, Ashland, NE.

Minutes submitted by:

Suzanne Sapp, Secretary