

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2008**

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 21st day of July 2008 by Vice-President Melvin Cerny.

Present

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

Notice of the meeting was posted in advance in the Superintendent's Office, 1225 Clay Street, Ashland, NE. 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, Vice-President Cerny 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 mailed agenda.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Lutton with second by Garner to approve all of the items on the consent agenda including a renewal contract for Skyline Physical Therapy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Voting no: none. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Visitors and Communication from the Public

There were no visitors or communication from the public.

Administrative and Practitioners Reports

Kristi Bundy and Coleen Lewin presented to the board on the workshop they attended for NEAT, Nebraska Educators Aerospace Training. The program was provided to 25 Nebraska teachers. The program was designed to teach teachers to be excited about engineering through team work, team unity, and setting goals. The program provided hands on experience for the two teachers. Some of the activities the teachers participated in were team building, rocket building, scuba diving, and flight simulation. Mrs. Bundy and Mrs. Lewin were able to gather lots of resources and books to bring back for staff and student use at Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools. Each teacher presented a lesson plan they created while at the program. A powerpoint presentation of pictures of the experience was also presented to the board.

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Administrative and Practitioners Reports

Mrs. Bray reported to the board that summer school started today at the Elementary School. This year the program will include primary and intermediate grades. 36 students are enrolled. Trisha Nichelson will teach the primary students and Colleen Lewin will teach the intermediate students, each class will last 3 hours and the program will run for three weeks.

Supt. Pease reported on the progress of many summer projects. He told board members that the football field lights electrical was bored and the project would be completed by July 31. Pease reported that some grinding was done on the northwest corner of the parking lot expansion to improve drainage. Sod will be laid around the parking lot exterior by Todd Valley Sod. The district will receive credit for the seeding that was bid in the parking lot contract. Pease reported that the playground matting is scheduled to go in July 30. Pease told board members that the carpet will ship on July 25. Galaska & Sons have done some pre work to be ready for the Middle School High School carpet project. Another project Pease reported on at the high school was the installation of cabinetry donated by Innovative Labs. Ten class rooms received around 8 to 10 foot of cabinets. Pease told board members that a meeting was scheduled with Hockenbergs to finalize the new serving equipment in the Middle School High School kitchen. A plan of that project was distributed to the board. The equipment will cost around \$35,000. Board members were in agreement with this proposal. Pease reported to the board that he had received a call from an engineering firm that wanted to do some work for us on the former underground storage tank hole at the Elementary School. He told board members that when the fuel storage tank was removed several years ago it was determined that at the Elementary site the soil was not clean.

Pease presented a handout for the state aid formula and the allowances that affect the formula. Pease listed allowances that could impact the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools' formula. The allowances Pease told board members that could impact our district include transportation, distance education and telecommunications, poverty allowance, elementary class size, summer school, instructional time and teacher education.

Old Business

2008-09 AGEA Master Agreement

Consideration and action to approve a master agreement with the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Education Association for the certified teaching staff members teaching ½ time or more.

Motion by Lutton with second by Beranek to approve a master agreement with the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Education Association for the certified teaching staff members teaching ½ time or more pending the acceptance of the agreement by the AGEA. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Voting no: none. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

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Technology Plan

Consideration and action to proceed with the school district technology plan including the implementation of a one-to-one computer initiative for high school (Grades 9-12) beginning with the 2009-2010 school term. Pease told board members that his initial concern for this project was providing adequate training for staff and adequate support. He feels that the proper support and training can be provided for staff. Pease said this program can do a lot for our students' technology knowledge and it can also be a tool to reach out to parents. Pease stated that he supports this plan and feels the district is also able to support it financially. Discussion was held.

Member Beranek voiced his concern that the end results be that our students, with the one to one initiative, are educated as well or better as they currently are. Pease stated that he feels the key is proper training and implementation as a tool for curriculum needs.

Member Garner thinks we used a good approach and took the time to make a good plan to train teachers. He feels it will be a good advantage to students who don't have computers.

Member Nygren inquired as to who will keep software and hardware up and running. He also voiced concern regarding blocking sites at school and students home. Pease stated that the Technology Plan includes additional staffing for technology support. He told board members that there are software programs to monitor usage and sites visited.

Member Lutton stated he thought it was important to set up an assessment program of the technology plan and one to one initiative. All members agreed.

Motion by Nygren with second by Garner to approve the technology plan including the implementation of a one to one computer initiative for high school students (Grades 9-12) beginning with 2009-10 school term. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Voting no: none. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Motion carried

Timeline for Building Expansion

Supt. Pease presented to the board a timeline for building expansion that will help to provide guidance to move forward for a possible building project. Discussion was held.

NEW BUSINESS

Foundation Board Members

Consideration and action to reappoint Foundation Board Members Daryl Erickson, Kent Kingston, and Leslie Krings for another three year term.

Motion by Nygren with second by Lutton to reappoint Foundation Board Members Darryl Erickson, Kent Kingston, and Leslie Krings for another three year term. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Voting no: none. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Motion carried

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District Treasurer

Consideration and action to reappoint Carrie Holz as school district treasurer.

Motion by Beranek with second by Garner to reappoint Carrie Holz as school district treasurer. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Voting no: none. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

2008-09 Substitute Teacher Rates

Supt. Pease presented a review of substitute teacher rates at different schools. Pease recommended the 2008-09 substitute teacher rate be set at \$115 per day and \$155 for a long term substitute teacher rate starting after the 10th day.

Motion by Lutton with second by Beranek to approve the 2008-09 substitute teacher rate. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Voting no: none. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Powerschool Cooperative

Pease presented to the board a request to join the Southeast Nebraska Powerschool Cooperative and to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Act Agreement. The cooperative will provide support and training for Powerschool. Pease feels this will be a good move for the district to assist staff. Powerschool is the program the district uses to provide data to the NDE as well as to students, teachers and parents.

Motion by Beranek with second by Nytren to approve Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools participation in the Southeast Nebraska Powerschool Cooperative and to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Act Agreement. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Voting no: none. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

MultiCultural Education Report

Principal Bray presented to the board the Multicultural Education Report and the Multicultural Curriculum Plan.

Motion by Nygren with second by Lutton to accept the Multicultural Education Report. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Voting no: none. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Information Items

The 2008 Census Report was presented to the board and discussed. A 2.07% increase in children was found in 0-18 year olds.

NASB Regional Meeting for the Metro Area will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at Quarry Oaks Golf Course. The meeting will include a panel of school attorneys who will discuss a broad range of topics related to using technology in school. The social begins at 5:30 PM with program at 6:15 PM followed by a dinner.

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Information Items, continued

Letter of continued accreditation from the Nebraska Department of Education.


Other business presented for future considerations

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

Adjournment

Vice-President Cerny adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2008 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 68003.

Minutes submitted by:



Kevin Garner, Secretary