

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2005**

Notice of Planning Meeting published in the Ashland Gazette December 1, 2005.

Opening:

The planning meeting of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was called to at 7:30 p.m. on December 5, 2005 by President Beranek.

Present:

Randy Beranek, Kevin Garner, David Lutton, and Cindy Vest were present. Member David Nygren arrived at 7:32 p.m. and member Suzanne Sapp arrived at 7:34 p.m.

1. Presentation by DLR Group

Patrick Phelan from the DLR Group presented to the board regarding their company's experience and service. The DLR Group has provided planning with several school districts around the area; some of those cities include Wahoo, Gretna, Waverly, Bennington and Elkhorn

Mr. Phelan gave an overview of the services his company could provide the school district. A full assessment of the district would involve a study of the community, facilities, building capacities, and educational program analysis. He estimated the total study could cost \$10,000.00 and could take two to four months depending on the amount of community involvement. He stated he would do an enrollment projection for the district at no cost, but he wasn't sure how much direction that would give the district with out the other pieces of information.

Mr. Phelan said a school district should do a facility study every two to five years to assess student growth, space and program needs. He stated it was important he be a good listener to the Board and community to determine the direction the school district wished to take.

Supt. Pease asked how long the group had been performing projections and the accuracy those projections have been for other communities. Mr. Phelan stated the group had been performing projections since 1991, about 15 years and overall they were pretty accurate. The group tends to be conservative with numbers. Mr. Pease also told board members that a facilities study was done in 1994 before the addition of the MPR room and the elementary remodel.

Member Garner asked what role the community played in the study. Mr. Phelan stated the community becomes the nucleus and can advocate for the district. When the community becomes involved is based upon the needs of the districts

Member Lutton stated that that he felt as a board the district should assume there would be growth and begin planning for that growth.

2. Review of Growth in the School District

Supt. Pease distributed to the board and discussed several handouts. He presented information on projected enrollment and option enrollment. He presented information on subdivisions and housing lots available in the area. He also presented the census history

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Board of Education Meeting December 7, 2005
Meeting Minutes, Page 2**

2. Review of Growth in the School District, continued.

of the school district since 1991. Mr. Pease also told the board that every classroom and space was being utilized for the students.

Mr. Phelan stayed at the meeting and provided some additional information. He stated that for enrollment purposes every house built can be figured at .6 of a student. If every lot that is plotted was built the district could grow as much as 30 plus students a year for the next eight years.

Member Nygren asked Mr. Pease how full are the facilities based on the current enrollment. Supt. Pease gave an overview of the facilities usage.

The board asked Mr. Pease to research if there are any groups that could conduct a similar study. The board also directed Mr. Pease to negotiate the price of the study with Mr. Phelan.

3. Information Items.

Dave Lutton advised the board that the Mayor had appointed a new committee for the library facility project.

Adjournment:

President adjourned meeting at 9:14 p.m. Following adjournment the Certified Staff Negotiations Team met to consider early retirement incentive plans. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. at the Board Conference Room in the North annex of the Elementary School building at 1200 Boyd Street.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Vest