

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2005**

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Opening:

The regular meeting of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was called to order following the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. on September 6, 2005 by President Beranek.

Present:

Randy Beranek, Kevin Garner, David Lutton, Suzanne Sapp and Cindy Vest were present. Member David Nygren arrived at 8:45 p.m.

1. Communications from the Public

There was no communication from the public.

2. Administrative and Practitioners Reports.

Mrs. Bray reported that this Thursday was picture day for both buildings.

Mrs. Bray also reported that on September 16 the schools would be taking part in Constitution Day. At the Elementary School an assembly is planned and variety of other activities are planned at each grade level. She invited board member to attend the assembly.

Mr. Pease wanted to remind board members that on September 7, Shelly Donahue would speak to the public at the high school at 7:00 p.m. on WAIT training.

3. 2005-06 Budget

Supt. Pease advised the Board of the actual certified valuation of property. It was higher than he had anticipated. The total combined levy would be 1.0997. Discussion was held, questions were addressed. Member Beranek addressed the board with his suggestion to possibly reduce some expenses such as high school bleachers. This could reduce the levy and give tax payers a break. Member Lutton responded to go forward with the proposed levy while resources were available and do what we are able with the excess funding. Further discussion was held.

Motion by Lutton with second by Sapp to approve the 2005-06 Budget. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Sapp and Vest. Member Nygren was absent. Motion carried.

4. Foundation Board Members

Supt. Pease advised the board that Jerry Lusinski does not wish to continue his foundation position. Supt. Pease recommended Kent Kingston to the board for possible appointment to the foundation board.

Motion by Sapp with second by Vest to appoint Kent Kingston to a three year term on the Ashland-Greenwood Schools Foundation Board. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Sapp and Vest. Member Nygren was absent. Motion carried.

5. Policy 6142.1 Multicultural

Motion by Vest with second by Lutton to approve policy 6142.1 on Multicultural Education.

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Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Renewal of Special Education Contract

Motion by Garner with second by Nygren to renew special education contracts with Skyline Physical Therapy and Nebraska Department of Education for Iowa School for the Deaf and approve one new contract with Iowa School for the Deaf. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

2. 1000 Series Policies

The 1000 series of policies were presented to the board for review. This series deals Community Relations. Discussion was held. Revisions will be made as needed and this series will be brought for final review at a later meeting.

3. Non-certified staff

Teresa Bray recommended to the board the hiring of Christine Herzog as a special education teacher's aide.

Motion by Lutton with second by Sapp to approve the hiring of Christine Herzog as a special education teacher's aide. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

4. Superintendent's Evaluation

This matter will be moved to executive session.

5. Information Items.

Supt. Pease presented to the board a letter from the State Fire Marshall outlining requirements expected for the property at 1225 Clay Street prior to occupancy as a possible office.

Supt. Pease presented to the Board a report on ACT scores. The 2005 seniors had the highest composite since he has been tracking the records. The rolling five-year average shows a steady increase in scores.

6. Executive Session.

Motion by Lutton with second by Vest to move into executive session at 9:31 p.m. to discuss Superintendent's evaluation: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

7. Reconvene

The board reconvened from executive session at 9:45 p.m. with no action taken.

Adjournment:

President adjourned meeting at 9:50 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2005, immediately following the public hearing for tax request at 8:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Room in the North annex of the Elementary School building at 1200 Boyd Street.