

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 2006**

**Opening**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Ashland-Greenwood Public School was convened in open and public session immediately following the public hearing at 8:02 p.m. on August 7, 2006 by President David Lutton.

**Present**

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Randy Beranek, Melvin Cerny, David Lutton, David Nygren, and Suzanne Sapp were present. Member Cindy Vest arrived at 8:06.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Ashland Gazette on July 27. 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, David Lutton announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall behind the board members in the meeting room.

**Visitors and Communication from the Public**

There was no communication from the public.

**Administrative and Practitioners Reports**

Mr. Bentzen reported his office was busy with the regular back to school work to prepare for the start of the school year.

Mrs. Bray reported that it was a busy time at the Elementary School getting ready for staff and students.

Mrs. Heusman thanked the board for her employment and position. She informed the board of her plans and goals as a Curriculum Supervisor for the district. Some of the items she plans to work on this year are meeting individually with each certified staff member, data analysis sessions for staff, continuing the mentoring programs and teacher recognition. She also advised of plans for outside reviews of the Language Arts Assessments and the state reporting this year.

Mr. Pease reported to the board that the staff has been busy readying the buildings for school. He is pleased with the work that has been accomplished. He noted new programs that the district would begin this year are the implementation of Spanish in the elementary level and a breakfast program at the elementary school.

Mr. Pease reported that the high school bleachers were to be installed the first week of September. Electrical work was being done to prepare for that installation. Prior to the install the existing bleachers would be removed.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Applicable Allowable Growth Rate**

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve the resolution to access the Applicable Allowable Growth Rate plus 1% of 6.0894%. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

**AGEA 2006-07 Master Agreement**

Motion by Nygren with second by Cerny to approve the 2006-07 AGEA Master Agreement. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2006-07 Transportation Plan**

Supt. Pease presented to the board a map of the six bus routes for Ashland-Greenwood Public school students. He outlined the driving directions for all routes and informed the board that all buses were running pretty full with 32 to 50 students for each route.

Motion by Sapp with second by Vest to approve the 2006-07 transportation routes. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

**2403(b) Plan for Early Retirees**

Supt. Pease presented to the board the plan for the 403(b) plan for early retiree's and asked for board approval for him to sign all necessary documents pertaining to the 403(b) plan.

Motion by Nygren with second by Beranek to approve the 403(b) plan and authorized Mr. Pease to sign all necessary documents pertaining to the 403(b). After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

**Non-Certified Positions**

Several recommendations were made to the board for hiring of non-certified staff. Supt. Pease recommended to the board Elaine Flowerday for full time Cook position and Stormi Kissel for part time Cook position. Mr. Bentzen recommended Beverly Hohensee for Media Para Professional. Mrs. Bray recommended Kimberly Cornish for the Para Professional at Clear Creek Elementary School. Mrs. Bray recommended Michelle Lindhorst, Darci Welling, and Jennifer Craven for Special Education Para Professionals at the Ashland-Greenwood Elementary School. Member Vest inquired regarding placement of Jennifer Craven at the Ashland-Greenwood Elementary School as she had previously worked at the Clear Creek Elementary School. Mrs. Bray told board members that positions were filled with the best candidate for each position.

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve the hiring of seven non-certified staff members. Elaine Flowerday and Stormi Kissel in food service, Beverly Hohensee, Kimberly Cornish, Michelle Lindhorst, Darci Welling, and Jennifer Craven for for Para Professional positions. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

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**Signage at 1225 Clay**

Carrie Holz presented to the board two pictures and proposals for signage at the District Administrations Offices that the superintendent's staff had moved into at 1225 Clay Street.

Motion by Sapp with second by Cerny to approve the signage proposal by McDonald Sign Company for a sign on a concrete base for \$780.00. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

**Additional Extra Duty Assignments**

Mr. Bentzen made recommendations to the board for some extra duty assignments. Mr. Bentzen recommended Vicki Washburn for the National Honor Society, Matt Flynn for Middle School Student Council and Kelsey Bundy for High School Volleyball Aide.

Motion by Sapp with second by Vest to approve the assignments of Vicki Washburn for the National Honor Society, Matt Flynn for Middle School Student Council and Kelsey Bundy for High School Volleyball Aide. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

**Information Items**

Supt Pease advised the board of the NASB Area Membership meeting on September 21, 2006.

Interlocal Agreement Committee for the Community Resource is scheduled to meet on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Ashland, NE. Randy Beranek and David Nygren are the members chosen previously to represent the Board of Education on the project. David Lutton is also on the committee as a member of the Steering Committee appointed by Mayor Wiig of Ashland, NE.

**Other Items Presented**

Presented as a topic for discussion was the current practice of sports team scheduling their Monday night practice after 5:30 p.m. to allow for an exclusive night of practice for the fine arts. Member Cerny asked what was the driving force behind this procedure. Mr. Bentzen told board members that this practice was put in place administratively several years ago, at the request of staff and patrons. This time was set aside to provide the fine arts a designated practice time that didn't conflict with sports to encourage more kids to participate in Fine Arts or Speech. Member Beranek suggested that this practice might be rethought as it can conflict with JV games. Mr. Bentzen stated he was reluctant not to have any time designated exclusively for fine arts. He suggested a couple morning practices could be set-aside in trade for the Monday evening. Discussion was held. Members asked administration to visit with staff regarding their feelings on this matter.

**Adjournment**

President Lutton adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday August 21, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the High School at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE. An Agenda for the meeting, kept current, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Superintendent's Office, 1225 Clay Street, Ashland, NE.