

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2007**

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 8:32 p.m. on September 4, 2007 by President David Nygren.

Present

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

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Ashland Gazette on August 30, 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 convene meeting was open to the public.

Honor of past board member

Prior to the opening of the meeting past member Cindy Vest was honored for her years of service to the Ashland-Greenwood Public School Board. President Nygren presented an award inscribed with Cindy's name and dates of service to the school district. Cake was served.

Call to Order

The meeting was duly called to order.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, David Nygren 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.

Agenda Change

Supt. Pease advised board members that Peggy Curtis would report to the board on uniform shirt rental. An addition to new business 7 C. Hiring of Substitute Cook

Visitors and Communication from the Public

There was no communication from the public.

Administrative and Practitioners Reports

Mr. Bentzen reported that the Middle/High School was off to a fine start to the school year.

Mrs. Bray reported that Elementary School year was running smoothly. She told board members that Temporary No Parking signs had been place on Clay and Boyd Streets around the Elementary building by the Ashland Police Department in attempt to resolve problems with the traffic flow before and after school. The signage has reduced traffic problems and increased safety for the students. The Ashland Police Department will continue to look into the problem.

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Administration reports, continued

Mrs. Heusman distributed a handout and reported on the scores Statewide Writing Assessments for Grades 4, 8 and 11. M

Mrs. Heusman reported the on August 29 radio contact was successfully made to Clay Anderson at the International Space Station. This contact was made possible with the help of Hamm radio operators including Matt Anderson. Eight students were able to ask Clay Anderson questions. Other students of the district were able to listen in to the broadcast. The broadcast was covered by several members of the local media.

Mrs. Heusman told board members that she met with the directors of the SAC & Space Museum. The directors shared activities that are planned including a Clay Anderson Exhibit and a gala in November.

She told board members plans will be made for students to participate in many of the activities. The directors would like the Ambassadors group to help with the gala event in November.

Mrs. Heusman also reported on the Space Explorations Days being planned at the Elementary School to promote space exploration.

Mr. Pease reported to the board that lightening hit the District Administrative Offices and Elementary School damaging the buildings telephone and intercom systems as well several computers, printers and other equipment. A considerable amount of damages was suffered and the district will file an insurance claim. The systems are in the process of being repaired. Member Nygren questioned lightening protection and Mr. Pease advised additional protection would be installed.

Peggy Curtis reported to the board on uniform shirt rental for the maintenance and custodial staff. She distributed a handout with and outline of costs and references from three companies. Mrs. Curtis also displayed two shirt samples and sample patches. She gave suggestions of wording that could be used. Discussion was held. Board members felt the shirt provided to staff should be the same for all members. Board members agreed on the polo shirt. Board members also suggested keeping the patches to a minimal wording suggested AG logo and Building Staff.

OLD BUSINESS

2007-08 Budget

Mr. Pease presented to the board a 2007-08 budget booklet. Supt. Pease presented this proposed budget to the board. The budget is prepared with the projected levy of 1.0989.

Motion by Lutton with second by Garner to approve the 2007-08 Budget. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Updated Extracurricular Assignments

Supt. Pease presented to the board updated extracurricular assignments for the 2007-08 year. He outlined the proposed updates to coaching positions.

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Updated Extracurricular Assignments, continued.

Motion by Cerny with second by Sapp to approve the updated extracurricular assignments for the 2007-08 year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, and Sapp. Member Beranek abstained from voting. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Education Contract

Supt. Pease requested the board approve the renewal of special education contract with Iowa School for the Deaf. Discussion was held.

Motion by Beranek with second by Cerny to renew a special education contract with Iowa School for the Deaf. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Real estate purchase

Discussion was held regarding real estate purchase. Board members discussed proceeding with the sale on an "as is" basis. Saunders County School District 003 had never recorded a deed on the property. Discussion was held that the district could sell its interest in the property and let the buyer spend the money to clear the title on the property. Since the board had already taken action to approve the sale of the property no action was taken.

Substitute Cook

Supt. Pease requested the board approve the hiring of Ginger Rist as a substitute cook.

Motion by Sapp with second by Lutton to approve Ginger Rist as a substitute cook. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Information Items

No information items were presented.

Other Items Presented

No other items were presented for discussion.

Adjournment

President Nygren adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m. A public meeting to set the tax rate will be held on Monday September 17, 2007 AT 8:00 p.m. in the Library of the High School at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE. The regular meeting of the board will be immediately following the adjournment of the public meeting. 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.

Minutes submitted by:

Suzanne Sapp