

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
September 04, 2013**

Opening

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was convened open and public session on September 04, 2013

Attendance

The roll was called and the following Board members were present:

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Kevin Garner
David Nygren
Suzanne Sapp
Karen Stille
Tom Walsh

Absent Board Members:

Melvin Cerny

Notice

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A brief summary of board proceedings and list of claims will be published in the Ashland Gazette.

1. Call to Order. Roll Call.

Discussion:

A public hearing on the 2013-14 Budget of Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools convened in open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on 4th day of September, 2013 by President Stille.

2. Acknowledge of Open Meetings Law posting.

3. Public Hearing on the 2013-14 Budget

Discussion:

No public input was received.

4. Adjournment.

Discussion:

The hearing adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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A meeting of the Board of Education of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was convened open and public session on September 04, 2013

Attendance

The roll was called and the following Board members were present:

Attendance Taken at 5:35 PM:

Present Board Members:

Kevin Garner
David Nygren
Suzanne Sapp
Karen Stille
Tom Walsh

Absent Board Members:

Melvin Cerny

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1. Call to Order. Roll Call.

Discussion:

A Public Hearing to receive Public Input and Testimony on Property Tax Request was convened in open and public session at 5:45 p.m. on 4th day of September, 2013 by President Stille.

2. Acknowledge of Open Meetings Law posting.

Discussion:

President Stille announced and informed the public of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act in the meeting room.

3. Receive Public Input and Testimony on Property Tax Request

Discussion:

No public input was received.

4. Adjournment.

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Opening

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was convened open and public session on September 04, 2013

Attendance

The roll was called and the following Board members were present:

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Kevin Garner
David Nygren
Suzanne Sapp
Karen Stille
Tom Walsh

Absent Board Members:

Melvin Cerny

Notice

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1. Call to Order. Roll Call.

Discussion:

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was convened in open and public session at following the public hearings at 5: 45 p.m. on 4th day of September, 2013 by President Stille.

2. Acknowledge of Open Meetings Law posting.

Discussion:

President Stille announced and informed the public of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act in the meeting room.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion:

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Recognition of public participation

Discussion:

There was no public participation requests.

5. Visitors and Communication from the public.

Discussion:

There were no visitors or communication from the public.

6. Approval of changes in the mailed agenda and or changes in the agenda order

Discussion:

There were no changes in the agenda.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Contract: ESU #3 Brook Valley

Contract Renewal: Jennifer Haralson; Vision Resource

Motion Passed: Approval of consent agenda including approval of Brooke Valley contract and renewal of Jennifer Haralson Vision Resource Teacher contract passed with a motion by Tom Walsh and a second by Suzanne Sapp.

Melvin Cerny	Absent
Kevin Garner	Yes
David Nygren	Yes
Suzanne Sapp	Yes
Karen Stille	Yes
Tom Walsh	Yes

8. Dr. Kassebaum

Discussion:

Dr. Kassebaum stated that he would be attending a Labor Relations Conference in Lincoln on Thursday, September 5th. He shared that since the Board of Education had budgeted for an official comparability study to be done for upcoming negotiations that he had made arrangements with the AGEA and the NSEA to meet with both him and Rex Schultze to prepare the initial steps of the study. The goal is to have the entire process transparent and for all parties to have a confident understanding of how state statute impacts what must and must not be considered in the comparability study.

Dr. Kassebaum reported that significant positive steps have been made in regard to the implementation of the security system. The new system provides many positives and gives AGPS increased capabilities.

Dr. Kassebaum provided an update on the district renovations project. He shared a timeline for the project stating that the new counseling office is scheduled to be completed over Christmas break. The counseling office will be renovated to a District Office during the months of Feb. and March. The District Office will change locations in April. In May, construction to the elementary parking lot and playground will begin. Dr. Kassebaum shared the the project is coming in significantly under budget and that he would like to transfer those savings into a more aggressive elementary playground renovations. He shared a layout of possible options and pricing for those options.

9. Old Business

9.1. Consideration and action to adopt the 2013-14 Budget

Discussion:

Dr. Kassebaum presented the proposed 2013-14 Budget to the board.

Motion Passed: Approval of the 2013-14 Budget and to direct the Superintendent to take all necessary action to submit the budget in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska passed with a motion by Kevin Garner and a second by Tom Walsh.

Melvin Cerny	Absent
Kevin Garner	Yes
David Nygren	Yes
Suzanne Sapp	Yes
Karen Stille	Yes
Tom Walsh	Yes

9.2. Consideration and action on the Property Tax Resolution

Discussion:

Dr. Kassebaum presented to the board the 2013-14 Property Tax Resolution. He stated to the board that the request is \$.4 lower than the previous year. The general mil levy remained the same.

Motion Passed: Approval of the Property Tax resolution passed with a motion by David Nygren and a second by Tom Walsh.

Melvin Cerny	Absent
Kevin Garner	Yes
David Nygren	Yes
Suzanne Sapp	Yes
Karen Stille	Yes
Tom Walsh	Yes

9.3. Discussion and action to revise policy 3541 to allow guests to receive transportation for a duration to be determined by the superintendent of schools or his/her designee

Discussion:

Dr. Kassebaum asked the board to consider revision of policy 3541 regarding transportation to allow a sibling to ride the bus due to special needs. Discussion was held.

Motion Passed: Approval to revise policy 3541 to allow guests to receive transportation for a duration to be determined by the superintendent of schools or his/her designee passed with a motion by Kevin Garner and a second by Tom Walsh.

Melvin Cerny	Absent
Kevin Garner	Yes
David Nygren	Yes
Suzanne Sapp	Yes
Karen Stille	Yes
Tom Walsh	Yes

10. Informational Items

Discussion:

NASB Area Membership Meeting: September 11.

State Education Conference: November 20-22

11. Call for next meeting

Discussion:

The next meeting is set for Monday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are held in Ashland-Greenwood Middle/High School, Conference Room at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE 68003. Notice of the meeting are posted in advance in the Superintendent's Office, 1225 Clay Street, Ashland, NE, Farmers & Merchants Bank, 1501 Silver St., Ashland, NE and Centennial Bank, 2433 Silver St., Ashland, NE. All meetings are open to the public. An agenda for the meeting shall be kept continuously current in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 1225 Clay Street.

12. Adjournment.

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.