

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 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 7:32 p.m. on September 5, 2006 by President David Lutton.

**Present**

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Randy Beranek, Melvin Cerny, David Lutton, Suzanne Sapp and Cindy Vest were present. Member David Nygren arrived at 7:34 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Ashland Gazette on August 31, 2006. 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.

**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 that a meeting was held with sponsors of activities to discuss practices. The group has not arrived at a common ground. He shared his summary of that meeting with the sponsors and has asked for their feedback.

Mr. Bentzen also reported to the board that early this summer he had meet with a committee to share thoughts on remodeling the commons area in the high school. He presented the board with a copy of the notes from that meeting. The group intends to share their ideas with the booster groups for their thoughts on the remodeling also.

Mrs. Bray reported that this Thursday is picture day at both buildings. This week the fourth grade would be going to the IMAX theatre for a field trip. The feature film is on Lewis and Clark.

Mrs. Heusman reported that she had met with the school improvement team committee leaders and they were starting to look at the staff professional development days planned for the year. She also reported that Matt Flynn, Trisha Nichelson, Brian Thimm and herself would be attending a Leadership Classroom Assessment workshop later this month.

Mrs. Heusman reported that she had been working on grant applications and would give a full report of grant funding to the board upon completion.

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### **Administration reports, continued**

Mrs. Heusman also presented a handout of the results of the district's student performance on statewide writing. The results show the percentage of students that are performing above the proficient level. Ashland-Greenwood students are doing quite well and she commended the staff for their efforts.

Mr. Pease reported to the board that the bleachers were due to arrive today but are scheduled now to arrive on Thursday. They are bringing extra help for installation and Mr. Pease has committed some of our staff to help with installation to expedite the completion of the west side in time for the volleyball game next week.

The window blinds for the high school are scheduled to be delivered and installation started this Thursday.

Mr. Pease also shared with the board that the school attorney had sent notice to him to remind all employees about issues regarding employee conduct related to ballot questions. Employees were cautioned not to use computers, email, copy machines and other school tools to promote, or oppose political issues.

Mr. Pease advised the board that the AGEA had requested time of the board's agenda to give a presentation on the state spending lid.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **2006-07 Budget**

Mr. Pease told the board that in the updated 2006-07 budget booklet that he had mailed to the board he had made some adjustments and corrections to the receipt report. Supt. Pease presented this proposed budget to the board. The budget is prepared with the projected levy of 1.08457.

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

#### **Policy 9368.11**

Discussion was held regarding revisions for policy 9368.11. Member Lutton suggested a change to the wording in item three to read Approval of changes to Agenda.

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve revisions to policy 9368.11 including the suggested revision to Item 3. 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**

#### **Special Education Contracts**

Supt. Pease requested the board approve the renewal of special education contracts with Heartland School, Wahoo Public Schools for psychological services and Iowa School for the Deaf. Discussion was held.

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**Special Education Contracts, continued**

Motion by Beranek with second by Cerny to approve the renewal of special education contracts with Heartland School, Wahoo Public Schools for psychological services and Iowa School for the Deaf. Discussion was held. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp and Vest. Motion carried.

**4000 Series Policy**

Supt. Pease presented the 4000 series policies to the board for review. He discussed several policies that need revising to update outdated language and outdated practices. Member Sapp inquired regarding the policy 4785 on no smoking, she asked if grounds could be made non smoking or smokers could be directed to a certain area not blocking entry doorways. Discussion was held. The 4000 series policies will be brought back to the board for revisions at a later board meeting.

**Substitute Staff**

Supt. Pease requested the board approve the hiring David Cook as a substitute custodian.

Motion by Sapp with second by Nygren to approve David Cook as a substitute custodian. 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 presented to the board a response received from Dr. Doug Christensen, Commissioner of Education, regarding Mr. Pease's letter, on behalf of the board, concerning the alcohol resolution for high school activities.

**Other Items Presented**

No other items were presented for discussion.

**Adjournment**

President Lutton adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. A public meeting to set the tax rate will be held on Monday September 18, 2006 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:

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Suzanne Sapp