

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
Sept 17, 2007**

Opening

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was convened in open and public session following the public hearing at 8:02 p.m. on September, 2007 by President David Nygren.

Present

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Melvin Cerny, Randy Beranek, Kevin Garner, David Lutton, David Nygren, 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 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, President Nygren announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the meeting room, behind the board members.

Agenda Change

There was no change to the published agenda.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Beranek with second by Cerny to approve all of the items on the consent agenda. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. No members were absent. Motion carried.

Visitors and Communication from the Public

There were no visitors or communication from the public.

Administrative and Practitioners Reports

Dave Raymond from Trane reported to the board on Performance Contracting. He explained the 8 step process of performance contracting. Mr. Raymond told the board that two important reasons to create a performance contract were to improve the learning environment and save the district energy dollars. An overview of the feasibility study was presented outlining some noted issues in both buildings. He also told board members they could choose projects and there is no cost to the district until the implementation of a project. Discussion was held.

Prior to the board meeting Dave Raymond meet with the building committee and discussed the technical feasibility study. Dave Lutton supported looking into the performance contracting.

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Administrative and Practitioners Reports, continued

Mrs. Heusman reported that the technology committee had been working in sub groups and would report to the board on October 15 and at that time present a plan for possible district purchases.

Mrs. Heusman also told board members that Space Exploration Day was a success and the day went well.

Mrs. Bray reported that on September 27th the 4th grade classes will host their Friends and Family day. She also told board members that Soccerfest will be held September 27th for 3rd and 4th graders and September 28th for 5th & 6th graders.

Mr. Bentzen reported that this week five out of six activities are scheduled at home. Homecoming activities are planned all week for middle school and high school students. Friday a downtown pep rally is planned, coronation will be held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the home football game. The homecoming dance will be Saturday night.

Mr. Bentzen reported on the number of students enrolled in the dual enrollment programs that allow high school and college credit. 22 students were enrolled in the SCC Comp class, 12 students were enrolled in the Statistics Math including four students from Wahoo Public School and one from Yutan Public Schools.

2007-08 Property Tax Resolution

Motion by Lutton with second by Sapp to approve the 2007-08 Tax Request Resolution for the 2007-08 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Vest. Voting no: none. No members were absent. Motion carried.

Performance Contract RFQ

Consideration and action to issue a request and advertising for proposals or RFQ's for the purpose of implementing an energy conservation performance savings contract per R.R.S. 66-1060 through R. R. S. 66-1066.

Motion by Garner with second by Beranek to approve to issue a request and advertising for proposals or RFQ's for the purpose of implementing an energy conservation performance savings contract per R.R.S. 66-1060 through R. R. S. 66-1066. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. No members were absent. Motion carried.

Surplus Property

Supt. Pease presented to the board a list of items to be declared surplus property to be disposed at public sale. Items on the list include items from Clear Creek Attendance Center as well other items from the school district. Discussion was held.

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Surplus Property, continued

Motion by Cerny with second by Garner to declare the list of property presented as surplus property to be disposed by public sale. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. No members were absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Cooperative Distance Learning Coordinator

Supt. Pease presented to the board a request to consider and take all necessary action regarding approval of an agreement to create a cooperative denominated as the ESU No. 2 Distance Learning Coordinator and CIO Fee Cooperative established pursuant to the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-801, et seq. (Reissue 1997), as now existing or hereinafter amended and other laws. Discussion was held.

Motion by Lutton with second by Sapp to approve an agreement to create a cooperative denominated as the ESU No. 2 Distance Learning Coordinator and CIO Fee Cooperative established pursuant to the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-801, et seq. (Reissue 1997), as now existing or hereinafter amended and other laws. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. No members were absent. Motion carried.

NCLB Grant Funds

Mrs. Heusman presented to the board a handout of the grant funding she will be applying for this fall. She outlined how the district would use the dollars received from each grant. Some of the programs the grants will fund this year will include salary for Title I teachers, professional development for staff, technology visits to area schools, high ability learner coordinator and summer school programs for Elementary and High School students. Discussion was held.

Substitute Teachers

Motion by Sapp with second by Beranek to approve Tiffany Meyer and Kevin Koopman for substitute staffing. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, Nygren and Sapp. Voting no: none. No members were absent. Motion carried.

Nursing Services

Consideration on action regarding nursing services for the Middle School/High School building. Supt. Pease told board members that Carol Tucker currently is spending her day at the Elementary School due to the high needs of a lower elementary child. Mrs. Tucker had suggested the hiring of an additional staff member for the Middle School/High School and presented the administration with a list of duties that staff member could assist with. Supt. Pease told board members that the administration had reviewed that list and felt some of the items could be handled by existing staff. Discussion was held. Board members questioned if the screenings were required. Member Sapp felt some items could be handled by a clerical staff member. Board members were in agreement that contracting nursing services on an as need basis would be in the best interest of the district at this time.

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Information Items

Supt. Pease told board members about the State Conference for Boards of Education of Nebraska school districts is set for November 15-16 at the Holiday Inn Central in Omaha. A pre-conference is planned for November 14th. Board members interested in attending should contact Supt. Pease office.

Other business presented for future considerations

No other items were presented for future consideration during this session.

Adjournment

President Nygren adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2007 in the Library of the High School at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE. An Agenda for the meeting, kept continuously 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, Secretary