

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes  
December 18, 2006**

**Opening**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Ashland-Greenwood Public School was convened in open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on December 18, 2006 by President David Lutton.

**Present**

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Randy Beranek, David Lutton, Suzanne Sapp and Cindy Vest. Member Cerny was absent. Member David Nygren arrived at 5:56 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Ashland Gazette on November 29, 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 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 north wall of the meeting room, behind the board members.

**Agenda Change**

No changes in the agenda were presented.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Lutton, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Members Cerny and Nygren were absent and not voting. Motion carried.

**Visitors and Communication from the Public**

There were no visitors or communication from the public.

**Administrative and Practitioners Reports**

Mrs. Heusman reported to the board that Jan Hough from Aurora had come to visit with the SIP leaders. Jan Hough is the SIP external chairperson. Mrs. Heusman outlined the staff inservice day for the board members. Staff members will work with the SIP leaders on their thoughts, suggestions and concerns, the professional learning committees will also meet. Some staff will attend a Medicaid training session. Paras and other non certified staff will attend CPR training.

Mrs. Heusman also reported the Clear Creek Elementary Christmas program was held on Saturday at St. Stephen's. Around 50 people attended the program. She commended the Ashland Art Council for their help in sponsoring the program.

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**Administrative and Practitioners Reports, continued.**

Mrs. Bray told the board the elementary students had many fun activities planned for the holidays. Tonight at 7:00 p.m. the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade band will perform along with the middle school student band and choir.

Mrs. Bray told the board she had received three calls from patrons complimenting the traditional holiday program held the previous week.

On Thursday the elementary school will have their annual sing-a-long along and classroom visits from Mrs. Claus.

Mr. Bentzen reported tonight was the middle school student's musical program. The high school musical program will be held tomorrow. He also reported that the end of the semester will finish up this week. During the holiday break a mandatory moratorium will be held for activities at the high school for 5 days.

Supt Pease reported to the board that the preschool teacher had resigned effective the end of the semester. The teacher is an employee of Wahoo Public Schools. He advised the board that discussion has been held with Wahoo Public Schools and it has been agreed that Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools will hire the teacher. The district will contract the teacher and Wahoo Public Schools will contract with us. The position may have to be filled with a substitute teacher prior to the hiring of a teacher. Discussion was held. Board members indicated an agreement with the change in how the personnel are contracted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**6000 Series Policies**

Supt. Pease presented to the board revisions for policies in the 6000 series. Revisions address policy language and update policies to current practices.

Motion by Vest with second by Nygren to accept the 6000 series policies. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows Voting yes: Beranek, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Cerny was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

**Personnel Matters**

Supt. Pease recommended to the board the hiring of June Hennings as a substitute teacher. Principal Bray recommended to the board Earl West to fill the ½ para-educator position. Supt. Pease recommended to the board the hiring of Maris Buller, Respiratory Therapist, as a substitute for the school nurse to serve a child with special needs when the nurse is absent from work. Discussion was held.

Motion by Nygren with second by Sapp to approve the hiring of June Hennings as substitute teacher, Earl West as non-certified personnel and Maris Buller as substitute for nurse. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Cerny was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

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**LB 126 Update**

Supt. Pease reported to the board on the repeal of LB126. The repeal of the law removes it from the books but does not deconsolidate the school, Clear Creek is still part of Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools. Legislation will now need to be reviewed or revised to address the repeal of LB126 with possible opportunity for Class I's to be recreated. Supt. Pease told the board that across the state 20 to 30 schools are joining the Alliance of Schools for Coordinated and Cohesive K-12 Learning Communities. This group would provide a unified voice for the districts involved. Supt. Pease recommends The district join the alliance and contribute funding. Supt. Pease told the board that a concern the schools uniting have is the financial aspect. The Class I merger required funds be turned over to K-12 Districts that had to be included in the 2006-07 Budget. Another financial concern is the tax receipts. If Clear Creek is reestablished there will be no tax receipts collected until May 2008.

Board Member Sapp asked what schools were involved in the alliance, Pease responded that some school interested thus far were Holdredge, Norris, North Plate, Wahoo, Madison, Auburn, Plattsmouth, and Malcolm. Board Member Nygren asked how Clear Creek residents felt regarding being reestablished. Supt Pease advised the board that it had been posted that an organizational meeting was to be held in a private home. Discussion was held.

Motion by Sapp with second by Vest to join the Alliance of Schools for Coordinated and Cohesive K-12 Learning Communities and provide \$500.00 in funding to the group for legal counsel. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Cerny was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2007-08 Proposed School Calendar**

Supt. Pease presented to the board a proposed 2007-08 school year calendar. The proposed calendar has 185 staff days with 177 student days with two staff inservice days to be announced. In this proposed calendar the staff has been given the flexibility to work on August 10 or January 2. Supt. Pease asked board for their comments regarding the calendar. The calendar will be brought back to the board for approval in January.

**ALICAP Interlocal Agreement**

Supt. Pease presented to the board and highlighted the revisions proposed to the ALICAP Interlocal Agreement. ALICAP is the district's insurance pool. Discussion was held.

Motion by Nygren with second Beranek to approve the revisions to the ALICAP Interlocal Agreement. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Lutton, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Cerny was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

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**School Board Member Replacement**

Consideration and action to appoint Cindy Vest as replacement for Kevin Garner while he serves on active military duty effective with the end of her term on the Board. Discussion was held.

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to appoint Cindy Vest to serve the board of education as replacement for Kevin Garner while he serves on active military duty effective with the end of Cindy Vest's term on the Board. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Lutton, Nygren, and Sapp. Voting no: none. Member Vest abstained from the voting. Member Cerny was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

**Information Items**

Mr. Pease presented to the board a letter from Saunders County Clerk on school board election results.

Correspondence from Olsson Associates on flood plain and floodway changes was presented to the board for review and discussion.

**Other business presented for future considerations**

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

**Adjournment**

President Lutton adjourned the meeting at 6: 45 p.m. The annual meeting of the board will be held on Monday January 15, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The regular meeting will be held immediately following the annual meeting at 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.

Minutes submitted by:

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Suzanne Sapp, Secretary