

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2012**

Opening

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was convened open and public session on May 21, 2012

Attendance

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

Attendance Taken at 6:04 PM:

Present Board Members:

Melvin Cerny
Kevin Garner
David Nygren
Suzanne Sapp
Karen Stille

Absent Board Members:

Tom Walsh

Notice

Notice of the meeting was 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. 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.

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 regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was convened in open and public session immediately following the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. on 21st day of May, 2012 by President Nygren.

2. Acknowledgment of Open Meetings Law posting.

Discussion:

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

3. Recognition of public participation.

Discussion:

No public was present to request participation.

4. Visitors and Communication from the public.

Discussion:

There were no visitors or communication from the public.

5. Approval of changes in the mailed agenda and/or changes in the agenda order.

Motion Passed: Approval to remove from Item 8.c. the "assistant" and to read Approval of coaches passed with a motion by Kevin Garner and a second by Suzanne Sapp.

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

6. Approval of Consent Agenda Items.

Motion Passed: Approval of consent agenda including previous board meeting minutes, current monthly financial statements for all accounts and current monthly claims for all accounts and renewal of Learn2Move Physical Therapy Contract passed with a motion by Kevin Garner and a second by Karen Stille.

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7. Administrators' and Practitioners' Reports

7.1. Ms. Finkey

Discussion:

Ms. Finkey gave a brief update regarding new curriculum purchases for this year. It is the purchasing year for Fine Arts. Music and Art teachers will be purchasing some additional resources for their classrooms. As a 'textbook' is not purchased for every student in a Fine Arts classroom, the cost for new curriculum materials this year will be minimal compared to the last 4 years when materials for the core areas of language arts, math, science, and social studies was purchased.

7.2. Ms. Bray

Discussion:

Mrs. Bray talked about end of school year - it was a positive end to a good year. Mother nature was kind to us - track and field days and picnics as scheduled.

7.3. Mr. Jacobsen

Discussion:

Mr. Jacobosen talked about graduation ceremony; it went well. 71 graduates; 70 participated in the ceremony. Currently 5 non-completers of which 2 are showing a good effort to get finished. Administrators have been unable to reach/confirm a plan with 1 of the 5. Multiple attempts and communications have been made with all 5 students and their parents.

7.4. Dr. Kassebaum

Discussion:

Commended administrators for a good end of the year.
Reviewed Budget Timeline - as an FYI (handout)

Summer Work List - as an FYI (handout) Reviewed additional projects on the list for summer work by maintenance and custodial staff.

School Safety (handout) - Reviewed meeting agenda from Rule 10 Safety Review. Highlighted counselors as they were asked to bring awareness to safety especially in the area of identifying students who do not have positive relationship with students.

Dr. Kassebaum assisted Wahoo with their safety review and then Wahoo assisted with our review.

Department of Roads (handout) - Proposed changes to Silver Street - eliminate parallel parking and add a third/turning lane. There will be a public hearing on June 28th. A possible concern may be the crossing of elementary students between Clay and Boyd street. Dr. Kassebaum will gather more info. and keep you informed.

Need to add a dishwasher for elementary; it no longer works - hadn't anticipated on capital outlay plan.

8. Old Business

8.1. Discussion and possible action to approve contracts for Ashland-Greenwood Building Projects

Discussion:

Rick W. from Kingery reviewed bids. (handout)

#1 - Revised bid does include the full berm. Paying \$2 a yard for dirt. Bid does accommodate the handicap access.

#2 - Same as last time

#3 - Low bid is Marsh Creek (does not include cost of bond - estimated to be \$1200)

#4 - Leick low bid - same company as did work at elementary

#5 - same as last time - does include \$1600 for a gate (gate may not be needed)

#6 - same as last meeting

#7 - one bid lower but did not have a bid/performance bond included

#8 - same as before

#9 - same as before

#10 -

#11 - same as before

#12 -

#13 - same as before

#14 - Overhead Door lowest

#15 - same as before

#16 - Interior working on getting bond

#17 - same as before

#18 -

#19 - Ohlinger submitted outside the process and no bonds

#20 - same as before

#21 -

#22 - Rebid. TSI is lower.

#23 - same as before

Total cost is 414,473.00 Does include a 5,000 allowance for HS bleachers. A 7,000 allowance for OPPD - a refund potential. Initial projected cost was approx \$400,000.00 Discussed handicap access/options - international building code. (The need of the lift was not brought up by anyone until just today.)

Some potential alternatives for cost saving measures:

Use a different type of pipe

Delete the hot water (board discussed - this no a good option)

Delete the drinking fountains

Another possible cost saving could be eliminating the signage or carpet. These items could be done at a later time.

Garner asked if still within the budget? Dr. Kassebaum noted a desire to keep total project under 400,000 - so still tweaking costs a little. But well within our ability to pay from building fund. Some of additional cost has been due to new codes.

Could take action pending resolution as to if a lift is indeed needed.

Dr. Kassebaum shared that Tom DeLong has been helping us with this process; supportive of finding things that will work for us.

Board suggested removing cost of carpet.

Motion Passed: Approve contracts as presented contingent on the confirmation of whether a handicap lift is needed or not and with the deletion of the carpeting. passed with a motion by Karen Stille and a second by Suzanne Sapp.

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| David Nygren | Yes |
| Suzanne Sapp | Yes |
| Karen Stille | Yes |
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8.2. Consideration and action to approve amendment to the 2011-12 Budget

Motion Passed: Approval of 2011-12 Amended Budget as presented passed with a motion by Melvin Cerny and a second by Karen Stille.

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| Kevin Garner | Yes |
| David Nygren | Yes |
| Suzanne Sapp | Yes |
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8.3. Discussion to approve coaches

Discussion:

Principal Jacobsen recommended Tom Walsh as a assistant cross country coach. This would be a non-paid position. Mr. Jacobsen is also recommending Kendra Craveen and Kayla Laune to co-coach or team coach the volleyball team. Kelly Hermsmeyer will serve as the assistant VB coach.

Motion Passed: Approval of assistant cross country coach Tom Walsh in a non-paid position, volleyball co- head coaches Kendra Craven and Kayla Laune, and Kelly Hermsmeyer as an assistant VB coach. passed with a motion by Suzanne Sapp and a second by Melvin Cerny.

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8.4. Discussion and action to approve selection of vendor for the implementation of 1:1 laptop and give Dr. Kassebaum authority to execute necessary agreements

Discussion:

Dr. Kassebaum and Ms. Finkey shared that the Tech. Team selected RTI based on the strong relationship and satisfaction with their service to the district. Total cost of machines is under what was initially proposed for cost.

Motion Passed: Approval of purchase of 1:1 laptops from RTI and authorize Dr. Kassebaum to execute necessary documents passed with a motion by Suzanne Sapp and a second by Karen Stille.

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8.5. Discussion and action to approve proceeding with Priority 1 capital outlay projects

Discussion:

Warranty on floor treatment is 5 year and not 10 as originally shared.

Discussed score boards for baseball and softball fields. Cerny noted that score boards have been purchased; they have not yet been installed.

Motion Passed: Approval of Adams Mudjacking and footing Repair for \$7500.00 to repair high school gym floor and approval of Binswinger Glass to install ten windows in high school gym passed with a motion by Karen Stille and a second by Suzanne Sapp.

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9. New Business

9.1. Discussion and Action to approve overnight travel

Discussion:

Is there a policy regarding a student who has already graduated? Is National FBLA different from an athlete who qualifies or is selected for an all-star game?

Motion Passed: Approval for overnight travel to Wayne Softball Camp, NPOWER FFA and FLBA National Leadership Conference passed with a motion by Melvin Cerny and a second by Suzanne Sapp.

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9.2. Consideration of Staff handbooks

Discussion:

Dr. Kassebaume reviewed proposed changes for non-certified staff and certified staff - he prepared a cover sheet that explains the changes. (handout)

Suggested removing specific names and just inserting job title/position instead.

9.3. Consideration of Student handbook changes

Discussion:

Mr. Jacobsen and Mrs. Bray reviewed student handbook changes for MS/HS and for elementary. (handout for each)

Nygren asked Jacobsen to send an electronic copy to board of what he reviewed.

9.4. Discussion to set date for meeting of Non-Certified Wage Committee

Discussion:

Discussed what had been done in the past. Scheduled for 6:00 PM - prior to next Board meeting. Any non-certified staff who would like to address the board may do so at this time; Dr. Kassebaum will communicate this opportunity with staff.

10. Informational Items

Discussion:

Meeting with AGEA at 4:00 on May 22nd.

11. Call for Next Meeting

Discussion:

The next meeting is set for Monday, June 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are held in Ashland-Greenwood Middle/High School, Conference Room at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE 68003.

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12. Adjournment.

Discussion:

President Nygren adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.