

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2009**

Opening

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on 4th day of May 2009 by President Kevin Garner.

Present

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Melvin Cerny, Kevin Garner, David Lutton, and David Nygren. Randy Beranek arrived at 7:50 p.m. Suzanne Sapp was absent.

Notice

Notice of the meeting was posted in advance in the Superintendent's Office, 1225 Clay Street, 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.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, President Garner 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.

Public Participation

No public requested participation in the agenda.

Visitors and Communication from the Public

There were no visitors or communication from the public.

Call to Order

The meeting was duly called to order.

Agenda Change

Supt. Pease presented an addition to the mailed agenda to: New Business 8 F., a request for overnight travel.

Motion by Cerny with second by Nygren to amend the mailed agenda to include: New Business 8 F., Overnight Travel. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Member Beranek and Sapp were absent and not voting. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Administrative and Practitioners Reports

Ray Bentzen reported on end of the year events. A high school music concert will be held tomorrow evening. Monday, May 10 a middle school music concert will be held. Mr. Bentzen reported that the senior students last day of attendance is Wednesday, May 13 and a rehearsal for commencement will be held that day.

Administrative and Practitioners Reports, continued.

Mr. Bentzen told board members that Commencement is scheduled for May 16, 2009.

Teresa Bray reported to the board that Fiesta Night held April 21 was a great success over 200 students, parents and older or younger siblings attended the event. She told board member it was a great enrichment experience. Mrs. Bray stated that students and families had a lot of fun listening to the Mariachi Band, piñata, playing soccer and many other fun events.

Mrs. Bray also reported that the Elementary positions have been advertised and she has had more than fifty applicants. She hopes to interview this week and have recommendations for the board at the next board meeting.

Mrs. Bray also reported on end of the year events she is hopeful the weather will cooperate to enable all the track and field days to be held. 1st and 2nd grade Track and Field Day was held today, 5th and 6th grade Track and Field Day is set for Tuesday and 3rd & 4th grade Track and Field Day is set for Wednesday. Next Wednesday the Presidential Academic Awards will be awarded to sixth grade students.

Jill Finkey presented a handout and reported on the 1 to 1 laptop initiative. She told the board that members of the and Technology Committee have been busy visiting other Nebraska schools with the 1 to 1 initiative, reviewing hardware and software, attending professional development conferences and workshops, surveying staff and students, planning professional development and training for staff and training for students. Finkey told board members during the multiple school visits, technology members were able to interact and visit with students, staff and administration. She had been told by staff it had been very helpful. One recommendation from other schools is to organize a Technology Advisory Council to include students, staff and parents. Finkey told board members that Matt Flynn had been working on a graduate course that would be offered by Doane College to staff members this summer here at the high school. She told board members about some of the plans for training students this fall including, parent information on Back to School Night and the first day for students a full day Boot Camp to allow for a full day of student training. She will continue to keep the board updated on this project.

Craig Pease reported that at the next meeting he would be bringing back the 2009-10 calendar for the board to review. Most of the area schools planned to release school on December 23 and the board may wish to reconsider that date as a student day.

Pease also told the board he had received a request from Riverview Church requesting the use of the facility for another year as per policy rules. That request will appear on the next agenda. Member Lutton asked that a report of facility use also be provided by district administration and custodial staff at the time of the request.

Supt. Pease discussed with board members the recent H1N1 flu outbreak in the nation. He told board members that the district had been doing some extra cleaning and disinfecting surfaces touched by multiple people. Pease advised board members that no cases of the H1N1 flu had been reported to date in the district. The district would work with our local health department and follow recommendations if a case is reported.

Administrative and Practitioners Reports, continued.

Pease also told board members that a new Special Education policy would be recommended for adoption in an upcoming meeting.

Pease presented a brochure to the board from ESU #6 on the Career Academy. The career academy plans to expand the program next year and add Business. The district currently participates in this program.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be considered at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Regulation 1120

Pease presented to the board regulation 1120 for review. Some revisions were made to the regulation to reflect the official method the board currently uses at meetings.

Extra-Duty Assignments 2009-10

The 2009-10 extra duty assignments was presented to the board. Pease told board members of that a few positions will need to be filled next year due to some resignations. Discussion was held. The 2009-10 Extra Duty Assignments will be brought back to the board with recommendations for the open positions and possible adoption at the next meeting.

Foundation Board of Directors

Supt. Pease presented to the board a letter from Leland Hiatt requesting not to extend his appointment to the board. Pease told board members that Hiatt was the last of the original members of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors. Pease told board members that he had visited with Nancy Maack about serving on the board and she was willing. Discussion was held.

Motion by Lutton with second by Nygren to appoint Nancy Maack and to reappoint Martha Fricke and Mary Ziegeinbein to a three year term to the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation board. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Lutton, and Nygren. Member Garner abstained from voting. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

School Contract

Consideration and action of contract with Heartland School for a student. Discussion was held.

Motion by Nygren with second by Lutton to approve a contract with Heartland School. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund Amendment

Supt. Pease presented to the board an amendment to the resolution of trust for the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund.

Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund Amendment, continued

He provided the board an explanation of proposed changes to the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund. Pease told board members that the changes in the proposed amendment will allow for additional investments for the fund. Discussion was held.

Motion by Nygren with second by Cerny to a resolution to approve amendments to the declaration of trust and interlocal agreement with the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Overnight Travel

Consideration and action to approve overnight travel from sponsor Eric Stuthman for long distance and overnight travel to C.O.L.T. Conference for FFA students in June. Discussion was held.

Motion by Lutton with second by Berank to approve overnight travel for FFA students and sponsor to travel to the C.O.L.T. Conference. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Garner, Lutton, and Nygren. Member Sapp was absent and not voting. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Information Item

No informational items were presented.

Other business presented for future considerations

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

Adjournment

President Garner adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009 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 68003.

Minutes submitted by:

Secretary