

**Board of Education Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2010**

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on January 11, 2010 by President Kuskie at 5:31 pm. Board members present: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie.

President Kuskie announced the posting of a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act on the west wall of the conference room next to the entrance.

10-01-01: Motion by Mr. Drinkwalter, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to declare the meeting properly publicized with the media and open to the public. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

President Kuskie welcomed visitors to the meeting.

10-01-02: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for January 11, 2010. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

10-01-03: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to declare the meeting adjourned sine die to formally terminate current Board officers and duties and allow for the election of new officers for a new year. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Roes. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Hirning presided over the election of a new president, calling for nominations for President.

10-01-04: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, that a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Charles Kuskie as President, Mrs. Roes as Vice-President, and Mrs. Morrow, Business Manager, as Secretary and Treasurer for the Board of Education. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

President Kuskie presided over the remainder of the meeting.

10-01-05: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for December 14, 2009 and the Special Board Meeting for January 6, 2010. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

**Award and/or Honors**

Mrs. Nobiling would like to congratulate Mrs. Jeanne Hoffman on earning her Master's Degree from Chadron State College in December.

## Treasurer's Report for December 2009:

Fund Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Other *	Ending Balance
General Fund	2,825,417.03	747,434.42	912,138.69	136.53	2,660,849.29
Depreciation	1,134,060.32	55.49	11,985.00	-	1,122,130.81
Lunch Fund	19,799.00	29,683.51	33,234.00	-	16,248.51
Bond Fund	4,862.82	22,562.15	-	-	27,424.97
Special Building Fund	665,201.37	16,709.13	38,746.94	-	643,163.56
Cooperative Fund	-	24,792.00	24,792.00	-	-
TOTAL	4,649,340.54	841,236.70	1,020,896.63	136.53	4,469,817.14

10-01-06: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$88,724.83, the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$27,397.00, and the Special Building Fund in the amount of \$16,313.48. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, with abstention from check number 59375, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

10-01-07: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to approve the claims from the Student Activity Fund in the amount of \$11,390.50. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, with abstention from check number 11144, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

## Student Performance and Program Reports

### **A. Respective Principals' Building Reports**

East Ward Elementary: Mr. Cogdill discussed the need to review the safety of the current drop-off and pick-up area of the school. Winter conditions present problems with the safety of the existing traffic lane. Mr. Cogdill is requesting input from the community, employees and the school board to come up with a safer route for the school.

Kenwood Elementary: Mrs. Alcorn reported on the following: 1) Staff adjusted well to the first semester ending before the December break, 2) "8 to Great" staff in-service January 8<sup>th</sup> was successful, 3) January 27<sup>th</sup> will be the "100<sup>th</sup> Day" celebration, 4) Response to Intervention training on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 5) Staff continues to work on the reading curriculum, and 6) "Brush Up Program" will be presented to students K-4 on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Rural Schools: Ms. Miller reported on the following: 1) Whitney school suffered damage from a water line breakage during the Christmas break. Staff is working on an itemized list of items damaged for the insurance company, 2) Honor Roll results: Whitney has 56% of students on the Honor Roll and 1 student with perfect attendance, Alpha has 83% of students on the Honor Roll and 5 students with perfect attendance,

and Trunk Butte has 92% of students on the Honor Roll and 7 students with perfect attendance, 3) Michelle Heinen gave a presentation on DIBELS testing at the last Stakeholder's Meeting.

Rural Schools: Dr. Detwiler reported on the following: 1) Thank you to Thorpe Thompson who alerted a staff member of the water line break at Whitney School, 2) Thank you to John Cattin for keeping the parking lot open at Prairie Home School during the recent storms, 3) January 15<sup>th</sup> will be the Geography Bee, and 4) the Honor Roll at Prairie Home has 41% of the students with 1/3 of the students having perfect attendance.

High School and Middle School. Mr. Lurz reported on the following: 1) Enrollment at HS and MS remain stable, 2) the next Mentor Program meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Country Kitchen, 3) "8 to Great" in-service was a success, 4) Maribeth Moore recognized Aric Harris with the Cardinal Recognition Award at the HS, and 5) Senior Class won the Cardinal Olympics on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **B. Board Committee Reports**

The Finance Committee reported that they will have an additional meeting to look at a curriculum request for the rural schools and to review insurance proposals due on January 20<sup>th</sup>, Policy Committee – had no activity to report, Building and Grounds Committee reported they have been invited to attend the meeting regarding the Community Building on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and will report back to the board at the next meeting, and Personnel Committee – had no activity to report.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) District insurance bidding – proposals are due January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, and (b) the preliminary preparation of 2010-11 school calendar process.

## **New Business**

10-01-08: Motion from the Policy Committee, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve Policy #9325.5 – Public Participation at Meetings on second reading. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

10-01-09: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to sell the 1968 Food/Cube Van at public auction since no bids were received. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

## **Personnel**

10-01-10: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the teaching contracts with Tess Thayer, MS Special Education Teacher, for an additional .35 FTE and John Girard as MS Study Skills Class Teacher for .15 FTE. Both contracts began January 4, 2010. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

10-01-11: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to accept the letters of resignation from Paul Hayhow, Elementary Counselor, effective January 5, 2010 and from Kathleen Zahm, First Grade Teacher, effective the end of the current school term. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

With approval from the board members, Items 7.e. and 7.f. were moved to the end of the agenda.

## **Board Member Roundtable Discussion (non-action)**

President Kuskie announced that the Board Vacancy Appointment has been extended to February 1<sup>st</sup>. A Special Board Meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> has been set to review potential candidates and potentially appoint someone at that time.

Appointment of Standing Committees was tabled until the February Regular Board Meeting. Sandy Roes was appointed as board representative to the Chadron School Foundation Board.

## **Advanced Planning**

Special Board Meeting – February 3, 2010 at 5:30 pm  
Regular February Board Meeting – Monday, February 8, 2010 at 5:30 pm  
Building and Grounds Committee – January 14 at 4:30 pm  
Curriculum Committee – January 19 at 4:30 pm  
Finance Committee – January 28, 2010 at 5:00 pm  
Policy Committee Meeting – January 26, 2010 at 4:30 pm

10-01-12: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to go into closed session at 6:41 pm for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals, to continue the evaluation of the superintendent. Dr. Hirning was invited into closed session. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Dr. Hirning was excused at 7:15 pm from closed session and returned at 7:46 pm.

President Kuskie declared the board out of closed session at 8:37 pm.

10-01-13: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to accept the letter of resignation from Dr. Hirning, Superintendent, effective June 1, 2010. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, with regret, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

10-01-14: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

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Charlie Kuskie  
President, Board of Education

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Kim Morrow  
Secretary, Board of Education