

Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2009

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on January 12, 2009 by President Nobiling at 5:33 pm. Board members present: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling.

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

The two new board members, Keith Drinkwalter and Terri Haynes signed their Oath of Office to begin their four-year term as a member of the Board of Education.

Dr. Hirning read an expression of appreciation and presented plaques to the out-going Board members, Roy Fitzgibbon and Sally Katen, for each one's 12 years of service.

Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Noble, 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. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Roes, that a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Charles Kuskie as President of the Board of Education. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

President Kuskie presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mr. Noble, that a unanimous ballot be cast for Mrs. Roes as Vice-President of the Board of Education. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Roes, that a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Noble as Treasurer of the Board of Education. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

Board President Kuskie appointed Kim Morrow as Board Secretary.

09-01-01: Motion by Mr. Noble, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to declare the meeting properly publicized with the media and open to the public. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

Several visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

09-01-02: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for January 12, 2009. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mrs. Haynes, and Mr. Noble. Motion carried.

09-01-03: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Noble, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting for December 8, 2008. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, and Mr. Kuskie. Abstain: Mr. Drinkwalter and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried, 4-0-2.

Award and/or Honors

Mr. Lurz congratulated Coach Williamson and the Mock Trial Team on winning the State Competition. The team will be traveling to the national competition in May, 2009. Members of the team include: Laine Branson, Caleb Cahill, Margaret Darnell, Samantha DeRosa, Rhonda Elwess, Gina Jackson, Geoff Ledbetter, Kailas Ledbetter, Garrett Meisman, Michael Overstreet, Josef Potmesil, Hanna Raymer, Mackenzie Welch, and Joseph Young.

Mr. Lurz announced that the Boys' Basketball Team won the Gillette Energy Classic Tournament in December 2008. Congratulations to Coach Nobiling and the team as they remain undefeated this season.

Dr. Jeff West, ESU 13 Director, gave a presentation on ESU 13's services available to our school district.

Treasurer's Report for December, 2008:

Fund Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Journal Entry	Ending Balance
General Fund	3,570,344.33	579,990.59	(824,312.64)	121.50	3,326,143.78
Depreciation Fund	1,128,168.43	2,312.89	(36,000.00)	-	1,094,481.32
Lunch Fund	29,457.83	24,110.09	(29,529.60)	-	24,038.32
Bond Fund	10,014.96	29,789.89	-	-	6,869.76
Special Building Fund	854,357.26	64,856.04	(1,541.44)	-	917,671.86
TOTAL	5,592,342.81	701,059.50	(891,383.68)	121.50	5,402,140.13

09-01-04: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$97,053.24, the Depreciation Fund in the amount of \$55,757.78, the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$30,017.60, and Special Building Fund in the amount of \$14,121.06. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, with abstention from check number 57126, Mr. Drinkwalter, with abstention from

check number 57045, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

09-01-05: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the claims from the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$17,204.62 and from the Student Fee Account of \$797.79. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Student Performance and Programs Report

A. Building Principals' Reports

Kenwood Elementary and East Ward Elementary: Mrs. Alcorn reported on the following: 1) Report cards will be sent out this Friday for the first semester; and 2) the schools are preparing for the NCA visit the last week of January.

Chadron Middle School: Ms. Miller reported on the following: 1) Five new students enrolled at the Middle School; and 2) a new Traffic Issue Meeting has been established to help resolve the traffic-pedestrian problems near East Ward and the Middle School.

Rural Schools: Mr. Lurz reported for Dr. Detwiler on the following: 1) Schools are preparing for the NCA visit this month; 2) Thank you to Brad Gaston on enjoyable Christmas Programs; 3) Prairie Home participated in the annual geography bee last week; and 4) Blakelee Hoffman and Jana Watt have continued the RTI training for the rural schools.

High School: Mr. Lurz reported on the following: 1) Enrollment has been adjusted to 274 – there was a previous counting error; 2) Five students graduated after first semester; 3) Student Olympics in December was a huge success-students enjoyed the event; and 4) Mentor programs continues-next meeting is January 21st.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Roes referred the following items to the Building and Grounds Committee: 1) The request of a new wall in the wrestling room at the High School to the Building; 2) Storage issues for the new wrestling mats; and 3) an update on the energy studies with the replacement of the new boiler at the High School.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) Multi-handicapped classroom facility update; (b) Feasibility of connecting public restrooms and concessions area to New Maintenance Facility; (c) Upcoming NCA/AdvancEd on-site visit – January 25 – 27, 2009; and (d) Temporary maintenance storage rental facility.

New Business

The following appointments were made by President Kuskie to the Board Committees:

Personnel Committee: Charlie Kuskie (chairperson), Sandy Roes, and Terri Haynes. Alternate: Tracy Nobiling.

Transportation, Building & Grounds Committee: Keith Drinkwalter (chairperson), Charlie Kuskie, Tracy Nobiling. Alternate: Dave Noble.

Finance Committee: Dave Noble (chairperson), Sandy Roes, and Keith Drinkwalter. Alternate: Terri Haynes.

Policy Development Committee: Tracy Nobiling (chairperson), Charlie Kuskie, and Terri Haynes. Alternate: Keith Drinkwalter.

Curriculum, Textbook and Americanism Committee: Terri Haynes (chairperson), Dave Noble, and Tracy Nobiling. Alternate: Sandy Roes.

District Safety Committee: Sandy Roes.

Chadron Public Schools Foundation: Dave Noble.

09-01-06: Motion by Mr. Noble, seconded by Mr. Roes, to enter into a Distance Learning and Network Services Agreement with ESU #13. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

09-01-07: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to designate the Bank of the West, First National Bank of North Platte, and First National Bank of Chadron as official depositories for district funds. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

09-01-08: Motion by Mrs. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to designate the Chadron Record as the official newspaper for the district. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mrs. Haynes, and Mr. Noble. Motion carried.

09-01-09: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mr. Noble, to appoint Dr. Hirning as the designated school official to apply for and receive federal and state funds. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Personnel

09-01-10: Motion by Mr. Noble, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to approve the amendment to the Superintendent's contract as recommended by legal counsel. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

09-01-11: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the .5 FTE Middle School Special Education contract with Tess Thayer. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Advanced Planning

Special Board Meeting for Personnel Hearing – January 17, 2009 at 8:30 am HS Rooms 104 & 105

Policy Committee Meeting – January 20, 2009 at 3:00 pm

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – January 21, 2009 at 4:00 pm

Special Board Meeting to discuss survey results with Administration – February 11, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Finance Committee Meeting – February 13, 2009 at 12 pm

Regular February Board Meeting – February 16, 2009 at 5:30 pm

09-01-12: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Noble, to go into Closed Session for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals and to discuss a personnel matter. Time entered into closed session was 8:37 pm. Dr. Hirning and Mr. Lurz were invited into closed session. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

Mr. Lurz was excused from closed session at 9:30 pm.

President Kuskie declared the board out of closed session at 9:43 pm.

09-01-13: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Noble, to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 pm. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

Charlie Kuskie
President, Board of Education

Kim Morrow
Secretary, Board of Education