

**Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2008**

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on February 18, 2008 by Board President, Mrs. Nobiling, at 5:31 pm. Board members present: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mrs. Nobiling.

Board President Nobiling stated that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of the boardroom next to the room entrance.

08-02-04: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon to declare the meeting properly publicized and open to the public. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

08-02-05: Motion by Mrs. Katen, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for February 18, 2008 with the addition of item 3.e. FBLA Report and 5.c. Early Release Update. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

08-02-06: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting for January 18, 2008. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

08-02-07: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting for January 30, 2008 and the Special Board Meeting for February 9, 2008. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Noble. Motion carried.

Awards and Honors:

Mr. Parish reported on Wrestling Districts - Class B: (1) Will Brown (160 lb.) was the district champion and Josh McCance (125 lb.) placed second. Mr. Parish further reported that Josh McCance placed fifth at the State Wrestling Tournament.

Treasurer's Report for January, 2008:

<i>Fund:</i>	<i>BEGINNING</i>	<i>REVENUE</i>	<i>EXPENDITURES</i>	<i>ENDING</i>
General Fund	\$3,858,121.52	\$ 910,637.86	\$ (733,100.18)	\$4,035,659.20
Depreciation	621,984.80	2,916.74	(10.00)	624,891.54
School Lunch	(6,208.21)	23,020.55	(21,812.83)	(5,000.49)
Special Building	598,843.37	24,953.48	(15,546.87)	608,249.98
Cooperative Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTALS \$5,072,741.48 \$ 961,528.63 \$ (770,469.88) \$5,263,800.23

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

08-02-08: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$130,940.35, the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$26,115.00, the Whitney Lunch Fund in the amount of \$593.39. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

08-02-09: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the claims from the High School Activity Account in the amount of \$16,970.11 and the Student Fee Account in the amount of \$488.06. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Katen, and Mr. Fitzgibbon. Motion carried.

Student Performance and Programs Report

A. Building Principals' Reports

Chadron Middle School: Ms. Miller reported on the following items: (1) on February 7, 2008, middle school students attended a Diversity Day field trip at the college; (2) February 8, 2008 the school held a dance for 6th-8th graders; (3) Parent Teacher conferences had a 65% participation rate; (4) February 18, 2008 was a teacher in-service in Scottsbluff; (5) Parent Advisory Committee will meet on February 20, 2008; (6) Some members of the Crisis Team are going to Gering on February 20 and 21, 2008; and (7) Spelling Bee will be held February 20, 2008 with the county Spelling Bee to be on February 27, 2008.

Rural Attendance Centers: Dr. Detwiler reported the following: (1) students attended a presentation from a Herpetologist on February 11, 2008; (2) CSC Elementary Methods class held a full day of hands on science for students; (3) Lavonne Hanson was selected as part of a state-wide assessment group; (4) Rural Schools Spelling and Math contest was held on February 18, 2008 at the High School; (5) County Spelling Bee will be held on February 27, 2008; (6) Trunk Butte had a Smart Board presentation for all rural teachers which was fascinating; (7) Crisis Team meetings to be held on February 20 and 21, 2008.

Kenwood Elementary: Mrs. Alcorn reported on the following: (1) Parent Teacher conferences had an 81% participation rate by parents; (2) 4th Graders went to a Electrical Safety presentation with NPPD; (3) Staci Larson will present Reading First mid-year test results later at this meeting; and (4) both elementary schools celebrated the 100th Day of the school year on January 31, 2008.

Chadron High School: Mr. Parish reported that the new smart boards are up and running in the classrooms with one more to be installed soon. He invited board members to come and observe them sometime.

Staci Larson reported on the Reading First mid-year data results as determined by the Dibels testing. These results are favorable and will allow the school to continue with the Reading First grant.

Marguerite Vey-Miller gave a presentation to the board on the Youth Build GED program and how Chadron High School could work together to reach students who could benefit from this alternative program.

Board Committee Reports

Mrs. Roes reported that the Finance Committee has scheduled an additional meeting to finish current agenda items (to be announced at the end of the minutes).

Mr. Fitzgibbon reported from Building and Grounds that they are still waiting for the results of the energy feasibility study from various vendors and continue to have further discussions regarding a new bus garage.

Mr. Noble reported from the Curriculum Committee that they had a meeting at Ms. Miller's office to discuss possible schedule changes next year at the Middle School.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) Transportation Report for January 2008; (b) Energy Audit updates; (c) State Aid Certification for 2008-09; (d) proposed 2008 Budget Calendar; and (e) Attendance Center Transfers for next year.

08-02-10: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to waive the March 15th deadline for Option Enrollment students. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Nobiling requested to have any follow-up items from the February 9, 2008 Board Meeting (retreat) proposed as possible district goals sent to her for future action.

The board discussed language regarding any future Superintendent's contract. The area of discussion regarding the "automatic renewal clause."

Dr. Hirning provided an update on the Early Release Proposal.

New Business

08-02-11: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to designate grades 6-12 as the secondary school at Chadron Public Schools for the purpose of the "Alcohol Abuse Reduction" federal grant application to be submitted by Michael Gershowitz. Mr. Kuskie amended his motion by changing the designation to 7-12 grades. Mr. Fitzgibbon

approved the amended motion. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mr. Kuskie. Voting Naye: Mr. Noble and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried, 4-2.

08-02-12: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to recognize CTA as the sole and exclusive negotiations representative for the district's certified non-supervisory personnel for 2008 negotiations. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

08-02-13: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to accept with regret letters of resignation effective the end of the 2007-08 school year, from the following individuals: John Spink, Jerilyn Spink, Phyllis Carlson, Staci Larson, Donna Kephart, and Janelle Stewart. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Noble. Motion carried.

It was noted that Dr. Hirning has accepted a letter of resignation from Anita Rein, Alpha Paraprofessional, for next school year.

Advanced Planning

Finance Committee Meeting – February 25, 2008 at 12:00 pm.

Policy Committee Meeting – February 27, 2008 at 5:00 pm.

Regular Board Meeting – March 10, 2008 at 5:30 pm.

NRCSA Spring Conference – March 12-13, 2008 at the Kearney Holiday Inn.

08-02-14: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

Tracy Nobiling
President, Board of Education

Kim Morrow
Secretary, Board of Education