

Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2009

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on March 16, 2009 by President Kuskie at 5:32 pm. Board members present: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie.

09-03-01: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to excuse Mr. Noble from the meeting. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

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

09-03-02: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to declare the meeting properly publicized with the media and open to the public. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

Several visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

09-03-03: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for March 16, 2009. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

09-03-04: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for February 16, 2009. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Award and/or Honors

Mr. Parish congratulated the following individuals: Wrestling - Wil Brown, State Champion; Speech Team - Haley Kizer, Megan Kizer, Kiya Stack, and Hannah Raymer, District Champions - Oral Interpretation of Drama, Jessica Lecher and Kiya Stack, District Champions - Duet Presentation; Basketball Team – District Champions, Runner-up at State Tournament, and an undefeated regular season. Mr. Parish also noted that Zac Barga and Elliot Eliason were selected to the All Tournament Team during the state competition.

Treasurer's Report for February, 2009:

Fund Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Other	Ending Balance
General Fund	3,453,801.60	929,092.16	822,325.67	(25.20)	3,560,542.89
Depreciation	1,042,054.32	4,072.03	28,724.30	-	1,017,402.05
Lunch Fund	20,359.06	28,723.65	12,151.69	-	36,931.02
Bond Fund	57,835.55	9,948.29	-	-	67,783.84
Special Building Fund	932,908.26	14,961.09	9,499.83	-	938,369.52
Cooperative Fund	-	31,143.00	-	-	31,143.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,506,958.79	\$1,017,940.22	\$ 872,701.49	\$ (25.20)	\$ 5,652,172.32

09-03-05: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$119,076.61, the Depreciation Fund in the amount of \$10,496.96, the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$46,349.25, and Cooperative Fund in the amount of \$58,655.00. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, with abstention from check number 57395 and 57503, and Mr. Drinkwalter, with abstention from check number 57415. Motion carried.

09-03-06: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to approve the claims from the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$23,686.39 and from the Student Fee Account of \$1,304.10. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, with abstention from check number 10324, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Student Performance and Programs Report

A. Building Principals' Reports

East Ward Elementary: Mr. Cogdill reported on the following: 1) Principal feedback forms; 2) Early-out survey results being tallied; 3) Box Tops for Education – Teachers voted to purchase digital cameras for each classroom, 4) Positive Behavior support in-service last month in Scottsbluff, and 5) Reading First calibration visit tomorrow (March 17, 2009).

Kenwood Elementary. Mrs. Alcorn reported on the following: 1) Early-out surveys being tallied, 2) in process of reviewing NCA core reports, 3) Dr. Seuss celebration March 2, and 4) Title I state visit on April 15th.

High School: Mr. Lurz reported on the following: 1) enrollment is down by one student to 266; 2) March 19th is the Spring Band Concert, 3) School musical will be “Bye, Bye, Birdee” with performances to be April 24th, 25th, and 26th, and 4) March 18th is the next mentor meeting 6:30 pm at the Country Kitchen. The High School Leadership Team, represented by Mr. Mack and Mrs. Paopao, reviewed several topics with the school board including the “QAR”, continuation of the 1:30 pm dismissals at the high school, and block scheduling.

Chadron Middle School: Ms. Miller reported on the following: 1) QAR results are being reviewed, 2) Middle School staff is in favor of continuation of the 1:30 dismissals, 3) Awards: Lane Chasek – Dawes County Spelling Bee Champion, Dominic Pilcher – 1st Place in the CMS Geography Bee, Abigail McPhee – 1st Place CSC Science Fair, Brittany Kouba – 2nd Place CSC Science Fair, and Billy McCarthy – 3rd Place CSC Science Fair. The CMS Independent Life Skills Teacher, Tess Thayer, gave a presentation to the board on the Independent Living Skills curriculum she is teaching to her students.

Rural Schools: Dr. Detwiler reported on the following: 1) the parent involvement activities at Trunk Butte, 2) Andy Scherbarth placed 2nd in the Dawes County Spelling Bee Contest – thanks to Barb Waugh for many years of service to that program, 3) Mrs. Foster will take four students to the state Math Counts competition on March 19th, 4) 3rd and 5th graders are writing Americanism Essays, and 5) schools celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) the feasibility of renovating the north lobby near the restrooms and concessions area in the high school gymnasium; b) potential rearrangement of the playing court and bleachers at the High School gym, c) preliminary 2009-10 Calendar Additional Considerations, and d) and update of potential grade levels by building for K-4 students for 2009-10.

New Business

09-03-07: Motion by Mrs. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the continuation of the 2-Year Softball Coop Agreement with Hay Springs and Crawford High Schools to include a minimum payment of \$2,500 per school or the prorated share by student, whichever amount is greater for each year. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Kuskie. Voting Naye: Mrs. Nobiling and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried, 3-2.

The board reviewed the revised Attendance Center Transfer Form.

09-03-08: Motion by the Policy Committee, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the following policies on the second reading: Staff Development - 4131, Salary Schedule Placement - 4151, Advancement on Steps - 4151.1, Credit for Experience - 4151.2, Credit for Professional Training Beyond Bachelor's Degree - 4151.3, Salaries and Deductions - 4152, Reimbursement of Authorized Expenses - 4155.3, Payroll Procedures - 4159, Classified Work Agreements - 4212.1, Appointment and Conditions of Employment - 4212.9, Payroll Procedures - 4259, Employee Leaves, Vacations and Holidays - 4261, and Vacations - 4262. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

Personnel

09-03-09: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the letter of resignation with regret from Jennifer Reiners, MS Language Arts, effective at the end of the current school year. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Advanced Planning

Special Board Meeting – March 23, 2009 at 5:30 pm
Special Board Meeting – March 30, 2009 at 5:30 pm
Policy Committee Meeting – March 31, 2009 at 3:00 pm
Personnel Committee Meeting – April 8, 2009 at 4:00 pm
Regular April Board Meeting – April 14, 2009 at 5:30 pm

09-03-10: Motion by Mr. Drinkwalter, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to go into Closed Session for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals to review administrator assignments. Time entered into closed session was 9:44 pm. Dr. Hirning was invited into closed session. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

President Kuskie declared the board out of closed session at 10:21 pm.

09-03-11: Motion by Mr. Drinkwalter, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 pm. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Charlie Kuskie
President, Board of Education

Kim Morrow
Secretary, Board of Education