

Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2010

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on April 12, 2010 by President Kuskie at 6:33 pm. Board members present: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, 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.

10-04-01: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to excuse Mr. Drinkwalter and Mrs. Janssen from the meeting. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

10-04-02: Motion by Mrs. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to declare the meeting properly publicized with the media and open to the public. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

President Kuskie welcomed visitors to the meeting.

10-04-03: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for April 12, 2010 as modified to discuss item 6.a. after item 2.c. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

10-04-04: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for March 8, 2010 and the Special Board Meetings for March 9, March 15, March 16, March 17, and March 18, 2010. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

Award and/or Honors

Mr. Pope congratulated the following teams and students:

1) Scholastic Contest at Chadron State College: Lane Chasek-1st in General Science, 5th in Plane Geometry; Rhonda Elwess-1st in Human Development and Family Life; Gabriel Hill-4th Computer Aided Drafting and Design; Jessica Lecher-9th in Art Drawing; Weston Mandelko-5th in Construction Technology; Cy Rayhill-7th in Earth Science; and Logon Vogt-6th in Computer Aided Drafting and Design.

2) FBLA State Conference and Competition in Omaha April 8-10, 2010: Shelby Budler-2nd in Job Interview; Mackenzie Welch-4th in Job Interview; Kiya Stack, Catja Christiansen, and Tara Kelso-Honorable Mention in Job Interview; Shelby Budler and Zac Bargen-3rd in Banking and Financial Systems; Kiya Stack and Mackenzie Welch-3rd in Partnership with Business; Tosha Skinner, Karalee Kicker, and Kirstin Peterson-6th in American Enterprise; Shelby Budler and Austin Brown-Honorable Mention in Sports

Management; Tosha Skinner-Honorable Mention in Business Law; Tosha Skinner-Honorable Mention in Business Calculations; Shelby Budler, Taylor Morford, Tosha Skinner, Karalee Kicker, and Mackenzie Welch-All-State Quality Member Award; and Kiya Stack-Who's Who in Nebraska FBLA Recipient.

3) 2009-2010 Gatorade Basketball Player of the Year-Elliot Eliason.

4) High School Boys' High Jump Record Broke-Jon Lordino jumped 6'6" at the Mitchell Invite.

Congratulations to everyone mentioned above.

The following people asked to speak on specific agenda items: Andy Spencer-4.b. Update Regarding Re-configuring Grade Levels at Kenwood and Eastward and 6.d. Potential Need to Redraw Attendance Lines within City Limits; Cheryl Welch-4.c. Review Process for Requesting to Transfer From One Building to Another Within District and 4.d. Clarification of Attendance Centers Open or Closed to Transfers; Tim Lordino-6.e. Expiration of Current SRO Interlocal Agreement with City of Chadron; and Vince Ryan-4.b. Update Regarding Re-configuring Grade Levels at Kenwood and Eastward and 6.d. Potential Need to Redraw Attendance Lines within City Limits.

Treasurer's Report for March 2010:

Fund Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Other	Ending Balance
General Fund	2,405,158.52	965,705.24	823,395.01	(50.64)	2,547,418.11
Depreciation	1,122,992.51	1,499.27	1,880.00	-	1,122,611.78
Lunch Fund	19,004.16	26,636.91	32,397.73	-	13,243.34
Bond Fund	42,999.03	49,079.27	-	-	92,078.30
Special Building Fund	624,075.77	25,778.23	41,670.86	-	608,183.14
Cooperative Fund	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4,214,229.99	1,068,698.92	899,343.60	(50.64)	4,383,534.67

10-04-05: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$119,455.32, the Depreciation Fund in the amount of \$15,374.13, the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$28,629.00, the Special Building Fund in the amount of \$1,338.11, and the Cooperative Fund in the amount of \$14,211.06. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes with abstention from check number 59932, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

10-04-06: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the claims from the Student Activity Fund in the amount of \$23,706.56 and the Student Fee Account in the amount of \$347.65. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

Barry Swanson from Baker and Associates reviewed item 6.a. Proposed Bid Specs for Track Renovations with the board and answered questions as needed.

10-04-07: Motion by the Building and Grounds Committee, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve and proceed with advertising for the Track Renovation Project to include the Track and Storm Drainage Options with the other options listed as bid alternates. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Student Performance and Program Reports

Respective Principals' Building Reports

Rural Schools: Dr. Detwiler discussed the following: 1) 3rd Quarter Honor Roll included 8 students with all A's, 33 students with A's and B's, and 25% of students with perfect attendance, 2) April 20th is the Rural Track and Field Day at the college beginning at 12:30 pm, 3) May 19th will be 8th Grade Graduation at the High School at 7:00 pm, and 4) Prairie Home students will be on KCSR on April 22nd to discuss Earth Day activities.

Ms. Miller discussed the following: 1) Whitney students will be on KCSR radio to discuss their Famous Americans Project on April 15th, 2) Whitney will have a Wax Museum Open House on April 16th at 12:30 pm, 3) Various student testing will occur during April and May, and 4) Teachers continue to work on NCA Advance Ed topics.

East Ward Elementary and Kenwood Elementary: Mr. Cogdill discussed the following: 1) 1st and 2nd Grade Music Program will be April 13th at 7:00 pm, 2) Interview Team has begun reviewing applicants for the 1st and 2nd Grade open positions; 3) Kindergarten physicals will be held April 20th, 4) Math Standards will be reviewed on April 23rd, 5) Field trip for 2nd Graders will be next week beginning at the Water Treatment Plant, ending at the Waste Water Treatment ponds, 6) 3rd Graders will go to the Fur Trade Museum and the Dawes County Historical Society for their field trip, 7) 4th Graders will go to Chimney Rock and the Scottsbluff National Monument for their field trip, and 8) K-4 will have an Arts Assembly on April 30th.

Kenwood Elementary: Mrs. Alcorn discussed the following: 1) the City Library will present the summer reading program to students, 2) Ronald McDonald will give a presentation to students on reading, and 3) Kenwood Elementary was awarded a 5-year \$250,000 21st Century Grant to have an afterschool program at the school.

Chadron Middle School and Chadron High School: Mr. Lurz discussed the following: 1) Enrollment is 225 at the MS and 268 at the HS, 2) the 7th and 8th Grade Scholastic Teams placed 3rd last Friday at Scottsbluff, 3) Caston Stack did a great job at the State Geography Bee in Omaha, 4) Mr. Kaus' 8th Grade Class will be going to the Kadlecek Ranch on April 14th, 5) Mr. Kaus' 7th Grade Class will be going to the Waste Water Treatment Plant on April 20th, 6) Ten entries competed in the District State History Day-4 qualified for the State History Day to be held April 16th and 17th – Logan Lembke and Phillip Duncan in the website category, Liz Darnell for an historical paper, and Skylar Roberts for an individual exhibit, 7) 4 students qualified for the State Science Fair to be

held in June-Spencer Eliason, Tavia Passero, Phillip Duncan, and Liz Darnell, 8) 4 student were chosen to participate in the Nebraska Writing Project-Veronica Parish, Brittany Garza, Sydney Blome, and Tavia Passero, and 9) Testing is in full swing. Congratulations to all those mentioned above.

C. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee – reported that they reviewed a preliminary Activities Budget. Curriculum Committee – attended the Distance Learning Workshop. Policy Committee – several policies are on the agenda for review. Building and Grounds Committee – met regarding the Visitor Bleacher project and the Track Renovation Project. Personnel Committee – upcoming meeting scheduled with Bargaining Unit II and the Chadron Teachers' Association.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) Final state aid certification, (b) Postponement of re-configuring grade levels for Kenwood and East Ward, and (c) the process for requesting to transfer from one building to another within the district, policy revisions to Policies 5117-5117.4, and possible need to redraw attendance lines within the city limits, and (d) clarification of attendance center transfers open or closed to transfers.

New Business

10-04-08: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to accept the bid from CBS Constructors for a 93 foot bleacher section at \$61,000 with an additional row to cost \$2,150, and to add the closed decking option of \$3,300 for a total bid of \$66,450. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

A second reading was held on Policy #5142.5 – Anti-Bullying. After discussion, the policy was referred back to committee for additional revisions.

No action was taken on item 6.d. Potential Need to Redraw Attendance Center Lines within City Limits, allowing the administration to use their discretion in assigning students.

10-04-09: Motion by Mrs. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to extend the existing SRO Interlocal Agreement with the City of Chadron for an additional year. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Personnel

10-04-10: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to accept the three year contract with Dr. Caroline Winchester for Superintendent, beginning July 1, 2010. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

10-04-11: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve letters of resignation from Kimberly Raaphorst as MS English Teacher effective the end of the current school year and Dana Slaymaker as MS Secretary effective March 30, 2010. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

10-04-12: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the Certified Teachers Contracts for 2010-11. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

10-04-13: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the contracts with Heidi Beguin as MS English Teacher and Brenda Lanphear as HS English Teacher for the 2010-11 school year. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Advanced Planning

Personnel Committee – April 13, 2010 at 6:00 pm (6:30 pm with Unit II)

Building and Grounds Committee – April 19, 2010 at 6:00 pm

Special Board Meeting – April 22, 2010 at 5:30 pm

Personnel Committee – April 26, 2010 at 6:30 pm (7:00 pm with CTA)

Finance Committee – May 10, 2010 at 12:00 pm

Regular April Board Meeting – May 10, 2010 at 5:30 pm

Curriculum Committee – TBD

Policy Committee – TBD

10-04-14: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

Charlie Kuskie
President, Board of Education

Kim Morrow
Secretary, Board of Education