

Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2009

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on April 14, 2009 by President Kuskie at 5:34 pm. Board members present: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie.

09-04-01: Motion by Mr. Drinkwalter, seconded by Mrs. Roes, 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.

09-04-02: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, 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.

President Kuskie welcomed approximately 60 visitors to the meeting.

09-04-03: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for April 14 2009. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

09-04-04: Motion by Mr. Drinkwalter, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for March 16, 2009 and the Special Board Meeting for April 2, 2009. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Award and/or Honors

FBLA awards will be mentioned later in this meeting.

It was noted that several visitors requested to comment on Item 4.d., Review of Administrative Recommendations for 2009-10 Budget Reductions and Streamlining.

Treasurer's Report for March, 2009:

Fund Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Other	Ending Balance
General Fund	3,560,542.89	698,549.71	830,078.99	18.90	3,429,032.51
Depreciation	1,017,402.05	507.97	10,496.96	-	1,007,413.06
Lunch Fund	36,931.02	15,545.84	46,822.97	-	5,653.89
Bond Fund	67,783.84	30,718.47	-	-	98,502.31
Special Building Fund	938,369.52	7,882.79	-	-	946,252.31
Cooperative Fund	31,143.00	27,512.00	58,655.00	-	-
TOTAL	5,652,172.32	780,716.78	946,053.92	18.90	5,486,854.08

09-04-05: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$95,506.80 and the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$29,091.70. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, with abstention from check number 57702, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

09-04-06: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter to approve the claims from the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$22,845.98. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Student Performance and Programs Report

A. FBLA National Qualifiers' Presentation

Mrs. Budler announced the following FBLA place winners from the state competition: 1st Place – American Enterprise Project – Shelby Budler and Kiya Stack; 1st Place – E-Business (Web Page Business) – Katie McKeon and Hanna Raymer; 2nd Place – Partnership With Business Project – Paige Bauerkemper, Taylor Morford, and Mackenzie Welch; and 6th Place – Sports Management – Elliott Eliason. Each team and Mr. Eliason presented their projects to the board and meeting attendees. These eight students have qualified to attend the National FBLA Conference in Anaheim, CA.

B. Building Principals' Reports

Rural Schools: Dr. Detwiler reported on the following: 1) Third quarter honor roll and perfect attendance awards, 2) Several upcoming charitable events, 3) April 30th is the annual rural track meet, 4) MAPS testing begins next week, 5) Rocket launch presentation – by Charlie Kuskie, 6) Earth Day – Ann Krietcke, and 7) a thank you extended to everyone attending the recent meetings.

East Ward Elementary: Mr. Cogdill reported on the following: 1) Testing will be conducted during the month, 2) Several upcoming field trips and participation in tree planting at CSC Hill, 3) preparation is underway for next year including scheduling and staff, and 4) April 24th – elementary schools will be looking at a new math curriculum.

Kenwood Elementary. Mrs. Alcorn reported on the following: 1) Upcoming Hand Washing Presentation for K-3 students, 2) Library Summer Reading program, and 3) First National Bank will give a presentation to the third grade students “Teach a Child to Save.”

Chadron Middle School: Ms. Miller reported on the following: 1) 43% of the CMS students were on the honor roll, 2) 6th Grade All A’s field trip took place at the Post Office followed up with a stop at the Bean Broker, 3) Horace Mann Insurance will be sponsoring the pizza party again for perfect attendance this quarter, 4) Officer Behrends is presenting the Dare Program to the 5th grade students this quarter, 5) collaborative meetings with staff continue, and 6) several field trips are scheduled for this quarter.

High School: Mr. Lurz reported on the following: 1) Enrollment is up by 11 students compared to this time last year, 2) Snow make-up days include April 17th and May 1st – school will be in session all day on these two Fridays, 3) Book study continues, 4) staff working on requisitions, 5) Prom will be May 9th, and 6) Graduation will be May 17th.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) the status of the Two-Year Softball Coop Agreements with Hay Springs and Crawford High Schools, (b) an update of state aid and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus) Funds, (c) an administrative recommendation to move one section of Kindergarten to Kenwood in order to make room for a third section of second grade at East Ward, and (d) Administrative recommendations for 2009-10 budget reductions and streamlining.

New Business

09-04-07: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the 2009-10 High School Calendar as presented and the 2009-10 K-8 Calendar with first and third early release times for Fridays. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

09-04-08: Motion by Mrs. Nobiling, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to cast a unanimous ballot for Cindi Allen for the NASB Legislative Committee Member No. 13. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

A first reading occurred on the following board policies: #3131 – Expenses and Authorization for Attendance at Workshops and Official Functions; #3454 – Employee/Officer Bonds; #3532 – Employee/Officer Bonds (to be eliminated); #3544.2 – Privately Owned Vehicles (to be eliminated); #4133 – Travel Expenses/Reimbursement; #5111.4 – Foreign Exchange Students; #5111.4 – Foreign Exchange Students (to be eliminated); and Appendix 1 to #5111.2 – Class/Classroom Capacity Guidelines.

Personnel

09-04-09: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to accept letters of resignation from Danni Fogle, Pre-School Special Education, effective the of the current school year and from Kimberly Hamar, Pre-School Paraprofessional, effective March 31, 2009. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

09-04-10: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to go into closed session at 8:27 pm for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals and to review those who may be affected by recommended RIFs and potential administrative re-assignments. 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 9:58 pm.

09-04-11: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the Reduction In Force (RIF) notices for the English Language Learner position by .50 FTE, Reading First position by .53 FTE, Rural Computer Literacy position by .40 FTE, Middle School Remedial Reading position by .50 FTE, and Rural Office Principal by .20 FTE. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Advanced Planning

Regular May Board Meeting – Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 5:30 pm
Personnel Committee Meeting – April 16, 2009 at 1:00 pm
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – April 16, 2009 at 3:30 pm
Policy Committee Meeting – April 21, 2009 at 3:30 pm

09-04-12: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 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