

**Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2009**

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on May 7, 2009 by President Kuskie at 5:30 pm. Board members present: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, and Mr. Kuskie.

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.

09-05-01: Motion by Mr. Noble, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to declare the meeting properly publicized with the media and open to the public. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

President Kuskie welcomed visitors to the meeting.

09-05-02: Motion by Mr. Noble, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for May 7, 2009. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

09-05-03: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for April 14, 2009 with the correction of the spelling of Ann Krejci's name. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Award and/or Honors

Mr. Lurz congratulated the following individuals on recent awards: Elliott Eliason for receiving the 2008-09 Gatorade Nebraska Boys Basketball Player of the Year Award, Mrs. Linda Drinkwalter for receiving the Teacher of the Year Award from Great Plains Communication, and Katie McKeon for being selected for the Omaha World Herald's All Academic Team.

It was noted that several visitors requested to comment on Item 7.h. – Consider and take Action to Reduce Alpha Attendance Center from a 3-Teacher Center to a 2-Teacher Center and on Item 7.j. – Potential Re-assignment of Staff for 2009-10.

Treasurer's Report for April, 2009:

Fund Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Other	Ending Balance
General Fund	3,429,032.51	920,776.43	819,451.90	6,974.80	3,537,331.84
Depreciation	1,007,413.06	4,771.46	-	-	1,012,184.52
Lunch Fund	5,653.89	44,460.65	29,727.01	-	20,385.53

Bond Fund	98,502.31	-	-	(7,000.00)	91,502.31
Special Building Fund	946,252.31	20,808.58	-	-	967,060.89
Cooperative Fund	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5,486,854.08	990,817.12	849,180.91	(25.20)	5,628,465.09

09-05-04: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$88,491.26 and the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$23,557.00. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, with abstention from check number 57822, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

09-05-05: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Noble to approve the claims from the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$24,421.35. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Noble, with abstention from check numbers 10523, 10546, and 10561. Motion carried.

Student Performance and Programs Report

A. Student Council GPA Criteria for Valedictorian Proposal -

Mrs. Drinkwalter, Katie McKeon, and John McLain gave a presentation to the Board regarding a proposal to change the GPA calculation.

B. Building Principals' Reports

Kenwood Elementary. Mrs. Alcorn reported on the following: 1) Assessments complete, 2) Various upcoming field trips for students this month, and 3) Bicycle Safety will be held May 11th after school with Officer Behrends.

East Ward Elementary: Mr. Cogdill reported on the following: 1) A new teacher support group is being organized to help with various activities, 2) Summer reading program will be presented to students May 11th, 3) Teachers are preparing to review the new reading standards recently released, and 4) Students continue to be involved in tree planting at the college.

Chadron Middle School: Ms. Miller reported on the following: 1) Finished up the testing of students – so far, overall scores are looking good; 2) Student release times will be consistent the last week of school – no early release times scheduled; 3) Various End of Year Items during May: 7th – Choir Concert, 11th 8th grade science classes to logging camp, 12th – Health Screening Day, 13th – 6th grade field trip to Wind Cave, 14th – 6th grade All A's field trip to fly from airport, 14th – Dare graduation, 15th – 6th grade All A's for 4th quarter geotrack, 19th – Sports physicals at HS, 19th – MS Play, 20th – 5th grade field trip to Rapid City, 21st – 8th grade visit to HS, 22nd – 5/6 grade Honors (8:45 am) and Field Day (9:30 am), 22nd – 7/8 grade Honors Day (1:30 pm).

Rural Schools: Mr. Lurz read Dr. Detwiler's report: 1) Students will be wrapping up the year with various field trip activities, 2) School picnic is scheduled for the last day at Wilson Park, 3) Rural track and field day was a success on April 30, 4) State Safety

Inspector recently visited the schools, 5) Board President Kuskie has been visiting the schools to demonstrate building and launching of rockets, 6) Alpha's Music Concert will be May 18th, and 7) 8th grade graduation is May 21st at 7 pm in the HS Auditorium. Ann Krejci summarized the year-end report from the parent involvement activities.

High School: Mr. Lurz reported on the following: 1) Enrollment is at 264, down by 3 students from last month, 2) Graduation will be May 17th with a recommendation of 55 seniors graduating, 3) Counselors are in the process of getting everyone's schedules completed for next year, and 4) Mentor program wrapped up activities on May 13th.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) update on state aid and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds, (b) review the current 2008-09 school calendar, (c) review the 2009-10 school calendar, (d) assignment of kindergarten students to Kenwood in order to have two sessions at each building and review the current designated attendance areas within the city limits, and (e) review of the transfer requests for 2009-10.

New Business

09-05-06: Motion from the Policy Committee, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the following policies on second reading: #3131-Expenses and Authorization for Attendance and Official Functions, #3454-Employer/Officer Bonds, #3532-Employer/Officer Bonds (deleted), #3544.2-Privately-Owned Vehicles (deleted), #4133-Travel Expenses/Reimbursement, #5111.4-Foreign Exchange Students (deleted), #5111.4-Foreign Exchange Students (previously #5111.74), and #5111.2-Appendix 1 Class/Classroom Capacity Guidelines. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

09-05-07: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Noble, to approve 55 seniors for graduation as recommended. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

It is noted that 60 students will receive diplomas at graduation ceremonies since 5 were approved at the end of the first semester. One additional student will receive a Certificate of Merit.

A first reading occurred on the following board policies: #4161.6-Wellness Incentive (to be eliminated), #4261.6-Wellness Incentive (to be eliminated), #4161-Leaves, #4261-Employee Leaves, Vacations, and Holidays, #4210-Employees, and #4212-Appointment and Conditions of Employment (to be eliminated).

Personnel

09-05-08: Motion by Mr. Noble, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to accept letters of resignation with regret from Christy Lecher, MS ISS Teacher, and Brad Gaston, 5-12 Vocal Music Teacher effective at the end of the current school. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

09-05-09: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the teaching contract with Joe McCarty as High School Social Science Teacher for 2009-10. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

09-05-10: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Noble, to approve the Resolution to Amend Employment Because of Reduction in Force from 1.0 FTE to .50 FTE with Casie Claussen. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

09-05-11: Motion by Mr. Noble, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the Resolution to Terminate Employment Because of Reduction in Force with Terri Harris. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Noble. Motion carried.

09-05-12: Motion by Mr. Noble, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the Resolution to Amend Employment Because of Reduction in Force from 1.0 FTE to .50 FTE with Richard Darnell. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

No action was required on Item 7.g.

Item 7.h. was tabled until after Item 7.j.

09-05-13: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Noble, to approve the letter of resignation from Sandy Mefferd, paraprofessional at East Ward effective April 17, 2009. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

09-05-14: Motion by Mr. Noble, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to go into closed session at 8:24 pm for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals and to discuss potential re-assignment of staff for 2009-10. Dr. Hirning and Mr. Lurz were invited into closed session. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

Mr. Lurz was excused from closed session at 9:10 pm.

President Kuskie was excused from the meeting at 9:50 pm at his request.

Vice President Roes declared the board out of closed session at 9:56 pm.

09-05-15: Motion by Mrs. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Nobiling, to continue with three full-time certified teachers at Alpha School next year. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Haynes. Voting Nay: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble. Motion carried, 3-2.

Advanced Planning

Regular June Board Meeting – Thursday, June 8, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Personnel Committee Meeting – May 20, 2009 at 6:00 pm

Policy Committee Meeting – May 25, 2009 - time to be determined

09-05-16: Motion by Mr. Drinkwalter, seconded by Mr. Noble, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 pm. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried, 5-0.

Charlie Kuskie
President, Board of Education

Kim Morrow
Secretary, Board of Education