

Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2010

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on May 18, 2010 by Vice President Roes at 8:00 pm. Board members present: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Janssen, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Mr. Kuskie is expected to join the meeting shortly.

Vice President Roes announced the posting of a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act on the west wall of the conference room next to the entrance.

10-05-01: Motion by Mrs. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to excuse Mrs. Nobiling from the meeting. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Janssen, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Mr. Kuskie joined the meeting at 8:03 pm and presided over the meeting.

10-05-02: Motion by Mr. Drinkwalter, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to declare the meeting properly publicized with the media and open to the public. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Janssen, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

President Kuskie welcomed visitors to the meeting.

10-05-03: Motion by Mrs. Janssen, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for May 18, 2010. Voting Aye: Mrs. Janssen, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

10-05-04: Motion by Mrs. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for April 12, 2010. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Janssen. Mrs. Janssen and Mr. Drinkwalter abstained. Motion carried, 3-0-2.

10-05-05: Motion by Mr. Drinkwalter, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting for April 22, 2010. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie. Mrs. Roes and Mrs. Janssen abstained. Motion carried, 3-0-2.

10-05-06: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting for April 25, 2010. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Roes. Mrs. Janssen abstained. Motion carried, 4-0-1.

Award and/or Honors

Mr. Cogdill congratulated Mrs. Laurie Schmidt who has been selected to present at the 23rd World Congress on Reading in Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr. Lurz congratulated the following track students for qualifying for the state competition: Jon Lordino, Zach Bargaen, and Wade Reeves in the High Jump, Shalee Lemmons in the Triple Jump, and Leanne Hinrichs in the High Jump.

Members of the Board congratulated those individuals mentioned above.

The following people requested to speak on item 3.a. Second Semester Elementary Reading Progress Report: Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Retzlaff, and Mrs. Uhing.

Treasurer’s Report for April 2010:

Fund Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Other	Ending Balance
General Fund	2,547,418.11	1,853,772.08	860,650.72	(395.34)	3,540,144.13
Depreciation	1,122,611.78	845.29	15,374.13	-	1,108,082.94
Lunch Fund	13,243.34	30,558.99	28,629.00	-	15,173.33
Bond Fund	92,078.30	145,980.32	-	-	238,058.62
Special Building Fund	608,183.14	80,858.85	1,338.11	-	687,703.88
Cooperative Fund	-	14,211.00	14,211.06	-	(.06)
TOTAL	4,383,534.67	2,126,226.53	920,203.02	(395.34)	5,589,162.84

10-05-07: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$158,939.87, the Depreciation Fund in the amount of \$16,920.00, and the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$44,725.40. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes with abstention from check number 60125, Mrs. Janssen, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

10-05-08: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the claims from the Student Activity Fund in the amount of \$12,665.08. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Janssen, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Student Performance and Program Reports

Second Semester Elementary Reading Progress Report

Mrs. Heinen gave a report on the Second Semester Elementary Reading Progress Report to the Board of Education and meeting attendees.

Respective Principals’ Building Reports

East Ward Elementary and Kenwood Elementary: Mr. Cogdill discussed the following: 1) May 18th - Celebration of Perfect Attendance and Triple Crown Winners, 2) May 13th - 4th Grade celebrated Nebraska Day, Staff hosted a retirement party for Kathleen Zahm, and Science Night for students hosted by parents, 3) May 14th – 4th Grade visited the Middle School in preparation for next year, Chadron Public Library visited classrooms to discuss the Summer Reading Program, 4) May 18th -

Kenwood Elementary: Mrs. Alcorn discussed the following: 1) Students celebrated Nebraska Day, 2) Kindergarten traveled to Story Book Island in Rapid City for a field trip, 3) 3rd Graders visited the Dawes County History Museum and the Fur Trade Museum, 4) Kindergarten classes will have their Spring Programs this week, 5) 4th Graders are participating in a pen pal program with residents of Crest View Nursing Home, and 5) End-of-Year school party will be held at Chadron State Park followed with a picnic lunch at Kenwood before students are dismissed.

Rural Schools: Mrs. Alcorn read Dr. Detwiler's report: 1) 8th Grade graduation will be May 18th in the HS Auditorium, 2) Specialty areas such as Art, Music and Computers have been approved for next year, and 3) Thank you to the Board of Education for supporting the rural program during difficult times of financial uncertainty.

Ms. Miller discussed the following: 1) DARE Graduation was tonight, beginning at 6:45 pm, 2) Reading curriculum meetings continue to prepare for next year's new reading program, and 3) Thank you to the Board of Education for the opportunity to work with the rural schools this year.

Chadron Middle School and Chadron High School: Mr. Lurz highlighted a few topics of many in light of the meeting time: 1) Both 8th Grade Orientation at the High School and 4th Grade Orientation at the Middle School went very well, 2) Open House at the Middle School was a success last night, 3) R5 Presentation scheduled for May 19 at 1:30 pm, and 4) Student Council Barbeque at the High School will be May 20th for students and staff as an official end to the school year.

C. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee – reported that the board will be reviewing the Activity Prices for next year at the June meeting. Curriculum Committee – did not report. Policy Committee – several policies are on the agenda for review. Building and Grounds Committee – discussion regarding the Track Renovation Project will be discussed individually on this agenda. Personnel Committee – upcoming meeting scheduled with Bargaining Unit II and an agreement to approve for the Chadron Teachers' Association will occur later on this agenda.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) Preliminary Proposed 2010-11 Expenditure Budget, (b) Remaining 2010-11 Staff Positions to be Filled, (c) Memorandum of Understanding from the Commissioner of Education for support of the competitive "Race to the Top" grant.

New Business

10-05-09: Motion from the Building and Grounds Committee, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to reject all bids for the Track Renovations and proceed with re-bidding it as two

separate projects – one for the football field and one for the track resurfacing. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Janssen, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

10-05-10: Motion from the Building and Grounds Committee, seconded by Mrs. Janssen, to reject all proposals to purchase vehicles and to request new proposals as discussed. Voting Aye: Mrs. Janssen, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

10-05-11: Motion from the Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Drinkwalter, to approve on third reading Policy 5142.5 – Anti-Bullying. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Janssen. Motion carried.

The first reading was held on Policy #4119.27 – Staff & Student Relations.

The first reading was held on Policy #5142.6 – Dating Violence Policy.

The first reading was held on Policy #4150.1 and Policy 4250.1 – Baby Care Break.

10-05-12: Motion from the Finance Committee, seconded by Mrs. Janssen, to set the 2010-11 Food Service Lunch Prices for next year to \$1.35 for Student Breakfast, \$1.70 for Adult breakfast, \$2.50 for Student Lunch (K-8), \$2.60 for Student Lunch (9-12), \$3.00 for Adult Lunch, \$.45 for an extra milk, and \$1.60 for an extra entry and to approve the First Annual Amendment to Creative Dining's existing contract. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Janssen, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

Item 6.h. Motion to Set Activity Pass and Admission Prices for 2010-11 was tabled until the next meeting.

10-05-13: Motion by Mr. Drinkwalter, seconded by Mrs. Janssen, to declare the following items as surplus to be donated to the Washington DC Fundraiser: 4 outdated VCR Players, 1 TV, 1 Laser Disc Player, and an Old Upright Piano. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Janssen, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

10-05-14: Motion by Mr. Drinkwalter, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the combined proposal from Littrel Construction and Jon Cogdill in the amount of \$4,400 to remove the old visitor football bleachers. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Janssen, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Personnel

10-05-15: Motion from the Personnel Committee, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve the administrative contracts for next year. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Janssen, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

10-05-16: Motion by Mrs. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the .5 FTE Rural Principal contract with Mark Rutter. Voting Aye: Mrs. Janssen, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

10-05-17: Motion by Mrs. Janssen, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to approve teaching contracts with Sara Bounous for First Grade at Kenwood, Jana Binger for Second Grade at East Ward, and John Girard for Physical Education at the Middle School and High School. Voting Aye: Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Janssen. Motion carried.

10-05-18: Motion from the Personnel Committee, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the 2-Year Negotiated Agreement with the Certified Teachers. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Janssen, and Mr. Drinkwalter. Motion carried.

10-05-19: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to retain Dr. Hirning through June 30, 2010 at a rate not to exceed his daily rate from the contract ending June 1, 2010. Voting Aye: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Janssen, Mr. Drinkwalter, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Advanced Planning

Personnel Committee – May 24, 2010 at 5:00 pm (5:30 pm with Unit II)

Finance Committee – June 3, 2010 at 4:00 pm

Regular June Board Meeting – June 14, 2010 at 5:30 pm

Building and Grounds Committee – TBD

Policy Committee – TBD

10-05-20: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Janssen, to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 pm. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Janssen, Mr. Drinkwalter, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Haynes. Motion carried.

Charlie Kuskie
President, Board of Education

Kim Morrow
Secretary, Board of Education