

**Board of Education Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
June 12, 2008**

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on June 12, 2008 by President, Mrs. Nobiling, at 4:04 pm. Board members present: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling.

President Nobiling stated that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of the boardroom next to the room entrance.

08-06-01: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mr. Noble, to declare the meeting properly publicized with the media and open to the public. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

08-06-02: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for June 12, 2008 as amended by moving item 7.h. to 7.m. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mr. Fitzgibbon. Motion carried.

08-06-03: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting for May 12, 2008. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mrs. Katen. Mrs. Nobiling abstained. Motion carried, 5-0-1.

**Awards and Honors:**

Mr. Parish reported: Awards at the State Track Meet include: (1) Allen Osborn, Gold Medalist Champion in the 110 hurdles; (2) Anthony Osborn, Allen Osborn, Travis Reeves, and Alec Holmquist, 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the 400 Meter Relay; and (3) Ashley Riesen, 9<sup>th</sup> Place in the 1600 meter run. Colby Hartman placed in the top 15 at the State Golf Tournament. Linda Rischling is recognized for receiving the N-Lighten Kids Award -- a community health and physical education program culminating in a 45 minute community walk at the high school track. The school will receive a \$500 award to be used for the Physical Education program. The Board extends congratulations to everyone mentioned above.

**Treasurer's Report for May, 2008:**

Fund	Fund Description	Beginning	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending
1	GENERAL FUND	\$4,253,464.00	\$1,658,484.58	\$(792,067.27)	\$5,119,881.31
2	DEPRECIATION FUND	627,848.47	0.00	0.00	627,848.47
6	SCHOOL LUNCH	(9,734.11)	21,083.41	(24,401.93)	(13,052.63)
8	SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	618,519.97	87,274.97	0.00	705,794.94
10	COOPERATIVE FUND	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.48
TOTAL		\$5,490,098.81	\$1,766,842.96	\$(816,469.20)	\$6,440,472.57

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

08-06-04: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$104,894.30, the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$17,508.49, and the Whitney Lunch Fund in the amount of \$405.89. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, and Mrs. Roes, with abstention from check number 55879. Motion carried.

08-06-05: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the claims from the Cooperative Fund in the amount of \$43,827.48. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Noble. Motion carried.

08-06-06: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to approve the claims from the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$16,357.29 and claims from the Student Fee Account in the amount of \$496.01. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, with abstention from check number 9545, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, with abstention from check number 9532, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

## **Student Performance and Programs Report**

### **A. Building Principals' Reports**

Kenwood Elementary: Mrs. Alcorn reported on the following: (1) finalized the end of the year, (2) Camp Kenwood is running with approximately 80 participants, (3) Student handbooks are being revised, and (4) continue to work on equalizing student numbers for classrooms at both buildings with Mr. Cogdill.

Middle School: Ms. Miller reported on the following: (1) Students ended the year with various field trips, (2) Honor roll results, and (3) the Apple Oscars Awards given to Middle School Teachers.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Roes updated the board on a proposed meeting being set up to work with the college on several items.

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Fitzgibbon asked the Board for approval to begin the bid process for a bus barn.

08-06-07: Motion by Mrs. Katen, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to proceed with the bidding process on a proposed bus garage. Discussion occurred. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Voting Naye: Mr. Noble. Motion carried, 5-1.

Personnel Committee: Negotiations with the teachers' association continues.

Curriculum Committee: All board members have had the chance to attend an Early Release Committee meeting. They thanked the committee for their presentations.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) Student Transfer Requests within the District, (b) District Teaching vacancies for 2008-09, (c) Proposed 3-year agreement for SRO with City of Chadron, (d) Annual District Safety Review Report, (e) End of year enrollment numbers, and (f) Proposed summer maintenance report.

## **New Business**

08-06-08: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mr. Noble, to amend the school calendar for 2008-09 to include early release times at 1:30 pm of the first and third Fridays of every month. Discussion occurred.

Mr. Kuskie withdrew his motion so that this item can be addressed at the July 14, 2008 board meeting.

08-06-09: Motion from the Policy Committee, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to approve on second reading the High School Extra-Curricular Random Drug Testing Policy #5131.91 as revised. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mr. Fitzgibbon. Motion carried.

08-06-10: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to authorize Ameritas Investment Corporation to proceed with the issuance of refunding three general obligation refunding bonds in the amount of \$1,365,000 and request that the final rates, savings report and authorizing resolutions be brought to a future board meeting. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mrs. Katen.

The school board decided to schedule a Special Board meeting on June 23, 2008 at 5:00 pm to accommodate the bond refunding process.

08-06-11: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to purchase the property at 717 Ann Street for \$144,000.00 as classroom space for the Special Education Life Skills Program which will be financed by IDEA Part B funds. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

08-06-12: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the following prices for the school lunch program for 2008-09 which include a \$.05 increase for breakfasts and \$.10 for lunches: Student Breakfast \$1.25; Adult Breakfast \$1.60; K-8 Student Lunch \$2.40; 9-12 Student Lunch \$2.50; Adult Lunch \$2.95; Extra Milk \$.40; and Extra Entrée \$1.55. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Noble. Motion carried.

## **Personnel**

08-06-13: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to accept the letters of resignation with regret from Keith Walton, HS History, Linda Wheatley, Special

Education Paraprofessional, Meghan Merkel, KW Paraprofessional/Reading Teacher, and Kristin Koza, MS Secretary, at the conclusion of the 2007-08 school year. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

08-06-14: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to approve the Summer School Teacher contracts with Deniese Kelso, Dee Dee Grant, and Stephanie Cogdill. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

08-06-15: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve contracts with Judy Bieber, MS Special Education Teacher, and Christine Lecher, MS In-School Suspension Teacher for the 2008-09 school year. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mr. Fitzgibbon. Motion carried.

President Nobiling reviewed the exit interview questionnaire summary and the superintendent evaluation follow-up items.

### **Advanced Planning**

Personnel Committee Meeting – June 16, 2008 at 5:00 pm with CTA  
NASB Open Meeting Law Workshop – June 17, 2008 at 6:30 pm in Gering  
Regular July Board Meeting – July 14, 2008 at 5:30 pm  
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – June 18, 2008 at 5:30 pm  
Special Board Meeting – June 23, 2008 at 5:00 pm

08-06-16: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to go into closed session at 6:30 pm to discuss the grievance listed on the agenda and to prevent needless injury to staff members' reputation. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

The following people were invited into closed session:

- Superintendent Hirning at 7:00 pm
- Ms. Miller, CMS Principal, at 7:08 pm
- Teachers: Mr. Hastings, Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Harford, and Mr. Rischling at 7:16 pm
- Ellen Yates, NSEA Uniserve Director, also at 7:16 pm

The Teachers and Ms. Yates were excused from closed session at 8:12 pm.

CMS Principal, Ms. Miller was excused from closed session at 8:35 pm.

President Nobiling declared the board out of closed session at 8:50 pm.

08-06-17: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the signed Administrative contracts for 2008-09. Discussion followed. Mr. Kuskie withdrew his motion due to needed clarification on an amount of one contract.

08-06-18: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to table approval of the 2008-09 administrative contracts until the Special Board Meeting on June 23, 2008 at 5:00 pm. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

08-06-19: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Noble. Motion carried.

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Charlie Kuskie  
Vice President, Board of Education

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Kim Morrow  
Secretary, Board of Education