

**Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2008**

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on September 16, 2008 by President, Mrs. Nobiling, at 5:35 pm. Board members present: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, and Mrs. Nobiling.

President Nobiling announced the posting of a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act on the west wall of the boardroom next to the room entrance.

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

Several visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

09-09-02: Motion by Mrs. Katen, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for September 16, 2008 with an additional item to approve a letter of resignation under Personnel. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

09-09-03: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mr. Noble, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting for August 11, 2008. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

09-09-04: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting for August 25, 2008. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, and Mr. Fitzgibbon. Mrs. Roes abstained. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Award and/or Honors

Dr. Hirning announced that Con Marshall will be inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame on September 28, 2008. Congratulations were extended to him for this achievement and his many year's of covering Chadron High School sports.

Mr. Kuskie expressed his appreciation for the landscaping work done at the Middle School. The project turned out very nice.

President Nobiling opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2008-2009 fiscal budget of expenditures and revenues for Chadron Public Schools at 5:42 pm. One taxpayer was present to voice his concerns about the proposed increase in the school budget and the continuous spending budget increases from year to year.

09-09-05: Motion by Mr. Noble, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to close the hearing on the budget at 6:26 pm. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Katen Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Two students from Chadron Middle School, Jenna Banzhaf and Raquel Goodwin, thanked the board for allowing R5 Presentations to give an assembly at their school this month.

Three students from Prairie Home School, Lydia McFee, Jazmin Applegarth and Nicky Applegarth, gave a short presentation on their trip to Washington, D.C. for the National History Contest this past summer as a result of placing second in the state contest.

President Nobiling opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed tax request to finance the 2008-2009 budget of expenditures and revenues for Chadron Public Schools at 6:38 pm.

09-09-06: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to close the hearing on the final tax request at 6:42 pm. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, and Mr. Noble. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report for August, 2008:

Fund	Fund Description	Beginning	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending
1	GENERAL FUND	\$4,823,391.91	\$139,576.02	\$(1,532,746.29)	\$3,430,221.64
2	DEPRECIATION FUND	632,492.03	501,617.79	(6,616.86)	1,127,492.96
6	SCHOOL LUNCH	(21,140.00)	56,021.41	(13,443.45)	21,437.96
8	SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	585,850.51	66,601.87	0.00	652,452.38
10	COOPERATIVE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL		\$6,020,594.45	\$ 763,817.09	\$(1,552,806.60)	\$5,231,604.94

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as submitted.

09-09-07: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$168,397.23, the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$22,374.80, Special Building Fund in the amount of 3,851.81 and the Cooperative Fund in the amount of \$48,844.00. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

09-09-08: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the claims from the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$10,831.66 and from the Student Fee Account of \$5,887.53. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Student Performance and Programs Report

A. Building Principals' Reports

Chadron Middle School: Ms. Miller introduced Richard Darnell who gave a presentation on Accelerated Math Program at the Middle School.

Rural Schools: Dr. Detwiler reported on the following: 1) 17 new students this year; 2) student health screening day was a success; 3) Infinite Campus training for staff this Friday; and 4) Whitney lunch program. Dr. Detwiler also thanked the music teachers, Mrs. Dickerson, Mr. Gaston, and Mr. Rischling, for their help in providing a music program to the rural schools.

Kenwood Elementary: Mrs. Alcorn reported on the following: 1) the second early dismissal day for K-8 is this Friday; 2) Fourth Graders will have a field trip to Hudson Ming tomorrow; and 3) Parent Teacher Conferences will be next week.

East Ward Elementary: Mr. Cogdill reported on the following: 1) the new schedule is working well; and 2) teachers have been working on a revised report card format.

High School: Mr. Lurz reported on the following: 1) the year is off to a great start; 2) enrollment remains steady; 3) seeing increased participation in extra-curricular activities; 4) R5 Productions assembly was a success; and 5) teacher mentor program is in place and will be presented to the board at a later date.

CPRIDE 2007-2008 Annual Report: Mrs. Eliason reported on this report to the board. She thanked them for their support and explained that the program is the success of several organizations working together.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Roes reiterated the request to start discussions with a committee regarding the location of high school graduation this school year – Chadron State Armory or Chadron Middle School Gymnasium.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) District teaching vacancies for 2008-09, (b) beginning enrollment numbers, and (c) additional surplus items to be sold at public auction.

New Business

09-09-09: Motion by the Policy Committee, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to approve the Policy #4131 – Staff Development on the second reading. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

09-09-10: Motion by the Policy Committee, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to approve the Policy #4133 – Travel Expense Reimbursement on the second reading. Voting Aye:

Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Katen, and Mr. Fitzgibbon.
Motion carried.

09-09-11: Motion by the Policy Committee, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve Policy #4161.9 – Sick Leave Bank on the second reading. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

The board held a first reading on the Policy #4119.34 – Staff Acceptable Use Policy.

09-09-12: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to approve the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget as presented at the budget hearing earlier in this meeting. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, and Mr. Noble. Motion carried.

09-09-13: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to set the final tax request to finance the Adopted 2007-2008 Budget as presented at the tax request hearing held earlier in this meeting. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

09-09-14: Motion by Mrs. Katen, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to declare the 1984 Van as surplus and to sell it at public auction on September 21, 2008. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Advanced Planning

Policy Committee Meetings – September 23, 2008 at 3:00 pm
Finance Committee Meeting – October 13, 2008 at 12:00 pm
Regular October Board Meeting – October 14, 2008 at 5:30 pm
State NASB Convention – November 20-21, 2008

Personnel

09-09-15: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mr. Noble, to enter into Closed Session for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals, to discuss the Unit II Filing with CIR and the letter of resignation added to the agenda. Time entered into closed session was 7:45 pm. Dr. Hirling and Chadd Arner were invited into closed session. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

Mr. Arner was excused from closed session at 8:00 pm.
President Nobiling declared the board out of closed session at 8:13 pm.

09-09-16: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to accept the letter of resignation from Marleta Hastings as the Early Childhood Teacher effective September 26, 2008. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Katen, and Mr. Fitzgibbon. Motion carried.

09-09-17: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Noble, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. Katen, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Tracy Nobiling
President, Board of Education

Kim Morrow
Secretary, Board of Education