

**Board of Education Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 17, 2008**

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on November 17, 2008 by President, Mrs. Nobiling, at 5:31 pm. Board members present: Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, 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.

09-11-01: Motion by Mrs. Katen, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to declare the meeting properly publicized with the media and open to the public. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

Several visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

09-11-02: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for November 17, 2008. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

09-11-03: Motion by Mrs. Katen, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting for October 14, 2008. Voting Aye: Mr. Noble, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

**Award and/or Honors**

Ms. Miller reported that Abigail McFee, a student from the Middle School, was awarded the Jack Kent Cook Foundation Scholarship. Ms. McFee was chosen out of 75 students from across the nation. Congratulations to her for receiving this prestigious award.

Dr. Hirning reported that Bruce Parish was chosen by his peers to receive the State of Nebraska Award of Merit given to the Activities Administrator who has exhibited outstanding leadership and meritorious service in interscholastic activities administration. Congratulations to Mr. Parish on receiving this award.

Congratulations is extended to the High School Football Team on a successful season. The team finished their 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year with an undefeated regular season and made it to the semi-final round of the playoffs.

## Treasurer's Report for October, 2008:

Fund	Fund Description	Beginning	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending
1	GENERAL FUND	\$3,797,521.27	\$ 835,558.58	\$(882,954.37)	\$3,750,125.48
2	DEPRECIATION FUND	1,127,492.96	4,175.47	0.00	1,131,668.43
6	SCHOOL LUNCH	12,277.30	36,912.67	(32,314.90)	16,875.07
7	BOND FUND	397,142.30	51,374.43	0.00	448,516.73
8	SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	837,643.13	23,456.63	(1,497.00)	859,602.76
10	COOPERATIVE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$6,172,076.96	\$ 951,477.78	\$ (916,766.27)	\$6,206,788.47

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

09-11-04: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$128,786.91, the Depreciation Fund in the amount of \$3,500.00, the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$17,247.12, and Special Building Fund in the amount of \$17,635.78. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Noble. Motion carried.

09-11-05: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the claims from the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$22,832.75 and from the Student Fee Account of \$872.02. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, and Mr. Fitzgibbon. Motion carried.

### **Student Performance and Programs Report**

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

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Fitzgibbon updated the board on a problem with one of the district's older vans. Possible transmission repair may be needed soon.

High School: Mr. Lurz reported on the following: 1) Student count at the high school is now 281; 2) An update on the Teacher Mentor Program will be given to the board soon; and 3) Fall activities finished with great success this year.

East Ward Elementary: Mr. Cogdill reported on the following that the change in the format of the report card for elementary students in the district was a success. He thanked all those who helped make the transition to an electronic form successful.

Kenwood Elementary: Mrs. Alcorn reported on the following: 1) The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade music program will be November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm; 2) Teacher in-service activities include work on NCA and Reading First Program; and 3) on December 5<sup>th</sup>, teachers will view a presentation from Vickie Ruder on Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Rural Schools: Dr. Detwiler reported on the following: 1) Parent teacher conference was a success with 100% participation; 2) students enjoyed Red Ribbon Week activities; 3) Report card transition went smoothly; and 4) Walt Meyer from the State

Game and Parks Commission gave a presentation to the staff and students at Trunk Butte on wild life safety as a result of the recent lion sighting near the school.

Chadron Middle School: Ms. Miller reported that 116 students from the Middle School were on the honor roll this quarter. She ended with a picture presentation of activities held during the week of “Drug Free Days.”

Mrs. Drinkwalter, Mr. Uhing and Mr. Mack gave a presentation to the board on the recent Advanced Placement Conference they attended in Michigan. The conference provided further training for the teachers who teach Advanced Placement classes offered at Chadron High School.

Mrs. Smith from the Middle School gave a presentation on the Social Responsibility Training class which is being offered this semester at the Middle School.

President Nobiling requested to move the first item under new business, 6.a. Review and Act on Bid Proposals for New Maintenance and Storage Facility, to be discussed during the Building and Grounds Committee report. There was no objection from the board.

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Fitzgibbon reviewed the bids received for the construction of the New Maintenance and Storage Facility.

09-11-06: Motion from the Building and Grounds Committee, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to accept the bid from Littrel Construction in the amount of \$506,030.00 for the New Maintenance and Storage Facility. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mr. Kuskie. Voting Naye: Mr. Noble. Motion carried, 5-1.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Roes reported that the committee will meet with administrators in early June to establish written guidelines for the new school year’s activities including payment amounts and passes, etc.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) Final Notice of Award for Rural Development Distance Learning Grant; (b) Clint Fernandez appointed Head Varsity Track Coach; (c) CIR Report of Elections for Negotiations Representation for Chadron Educational Support Professionals Unit II; and (d) an update on Multi-handicapped Classroom Facility – Skills for Living Option.

### **Personnel**

09-11-07: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to accept the letter of resignation from Theresa Brezina, MS paraprofessional. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

**Advanced Planning**

National Education Week Staff Breakfast – Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:00 am  
Special Board Meeting – December 1, 2008 – 5:30 pm  
NASB New Board Member Workshop – December 2, 2008 in Gering (8:30 am-4:00 pm)  
Finance Committee Meeting – December 8, 2008 at 12:00 pm  
Regular December Board Meeting – December 8, 2008 at 5:30 pm  
NASB State Education Conference – November 19-21, 2008, La Vista Conference Ctr.

09-11-08: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Noble, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

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Tracy Nobiling  
President, Board of Education

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Kim Morrow  
Secretary, Board of Education