

**Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 21, 2008**

The Board of Education of Chadron Public Schools was convened in Regular Session on April 21, 2008 by Board President, Mrs. Nobiling, at 7:34 pm. Board members present: Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mrs. Nobiling.

Board 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.

08-04-01: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to excuse Mr. Noble from the meeting. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

Mr. Kuskie is expected to join the meeting later.

08-04-02: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to declare the meeting properly publicized and open to the public. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

08-04-03: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting for April 21, 2008 with the following changes: 3.b. to be discussed after section 7, 7.b. is changed to accept a letter of resignation from Christine Tausan, French Teacher, and an addition to 7.c. to include approval of a new teaching contract for Bradley Gaston, Vocal Music. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

08-04-04: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting for March 10, 2008. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Fitzgibbon. Motion carried.

08-04-05: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting Retreat for April 5, 2008. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

Awards and Honors:

Mr. Parish and Dr. Hirning reported: (1) Congratulations to the FBLA winners at the State Competition – Elliott Eliason placed 2nd and eligible to continue to the national competition; and (2) congratulations to the following students at the Scholastics competitions winning our division: Amanda Elwess, Nick Jensen, Tom Kadlecek, Katlin Moore, and John Stetson.

Treasurer's Report for March, 2008:

Fund	Fund Description	Beginning	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending
1	GENERAL FUND	4,024,650.09	933,667.43	(756,999.57)	4,201,317.95
2	DEPRECIATION FUND	624,917.02	86.18	-	625,003.20
6	SCHOOL LUNCH	(6,210.53)	23,207.53	(14,692.74)	2,304.26
8	SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	616,097.31	18,281.36	(38,215.50)	596,163.17
10	COOPERATIVE FUND	-	107,329.00	(107,328.52)	0.48
TOTAL		5,259,453.89	1,082,571.50	(917,236.33)	5,424,789.06

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

08-04-06: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the bills and claims from the General Fund in the amount of \$120,432.19, the Lunch Fund in the amount of \$35,255.00, the Whitney Lunch Fund in the amount of \$206.27. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

08-04-07: Motion by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to approve the claims from the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$24,588.91 and claims from the Student Fee Account in the amount of \$1,160.16. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Student Performance and Programs Report

A. Building Principals' Reports

Rural Attendance Centers: Dr. Detwiler reported the following: (1) students attended the Lewis and Clark Exhibit at Chadron State College; (2) the Cardinal Singers performed for students on April 1, 2008; (3) three students qualified for the National History Day Finals – Lydia McFee, Jazmin Applegarth, and Nicky Applegarth; (4) Track and Field Day was held at the college – thanks to Mr. Parish and Mrs. Roes for their assistance with the event; and (5) he invited additional board members to visit the rural schools when they have an opportunity.

East Ward Elementary School and Middle School Athletics: Mr. Cogdill reported on the following: (1) a few teachers from each building will be going to the second of three intervention trainings on April 23 in Gering; (2) Chadron Middle School track will be competing this Friday at Gordon-Rushville; (3) end of year field trips are underway; (4) health screening day is May 11th; (4) 4th graders will be visiting Middle School on May 7th; and (5) athletic physicals for grades 6 through 8 will be May 20th in the High School gym.

Kenwood Elementary: Mrs. Alcorn reported on the following: (1) Kindergarten physicals are April 22nd at the Chadron Medical Clinic between 7:30 am and 9:00 am followed by an immunization clinic from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm; (2) Jeanine Mohr continued to provide a clay experience class to Elementary students – thank you to Ms. Mohr for

this opportunity; and (3) students will be participating in various learning activities presented by students from the college.

Chadron Middle School: Ms. Miller reported on the following items: (1) congratulations to the 8th Grade Scholastic Team on their win in the recent competition at Gering; (2) third quarter honor roll lists are out with favorable percentages of students included; (3) various field trips are scheduled for the remainder of the year; (4) May 8th is the vocal music concert for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students; (5) May 13th is the band concert for students in grades 6th through 12th; (6) May 20th is the 5th grade music concert; and (7) May 23rd is the Dare Picnic for 5th and 6th graders.

Chadron High School: Mr. Parish reported on the following items: (1) Prom will be May 3rd; (2) the Baccalaureate will be May 11th; (3) Graduation will be May 18th at 2:00 pm at Armstrong Gym; and (4) athletic physicals will be held on May 20th.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hirning reviewed the following: (a) the Energy Audit Proposal from Ennovate Corporation; (b) the Reading First Preliminary Grant Continuation Application; (c) the Early Release Parent Survey Results and Committee Recommendation; (d) an update on district teaching vacancies for 2008-09; and (e) Attendance Center Transfer Requests update.

New Business

08-04-08: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to adopt a 2008-2009 School Calendar which does not include early release times at 1:30 pm on Fridays for K-8 students and may be revised at a later date for parent teacher conference dates and staff in-service dates. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Fitzgibbon. Motion carried. The starting date for students is August 20, 2008 and the ending date is May 22, 2009.

08-04-09: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to adopt the 2008-2009 School Calendar for 9-12 students with the continuation of the early release times on Fridays at 1:30 pm. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried.

Mr. Kuskie joined the meeting at 8:50 pm.

08-04-10: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to declare the 1991 Ford Tempo as surplus and to advertise it for sale by a bid process. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

08-04-11: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to pass Board Resolution 08-01 Concerning the IRS Section 403(b) Regulation. Voting Aye: Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, and Mrs. Roes. Motion carried.

Personnel

08-04-12: Motion by Mr. Kuskie, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, to accept with regret letters of resignation from Becky DeBoer as 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher and Christine Tausan as High School French Teacher. Voting Aye: Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, and Mr. Fitzgibbon. Motion carried.

08-04-13: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Roes, to approve all 2008-2009 certified teaching contracts including a new contract with Bradley Gaston as Vocal Music Teacher. Voting Aye: Mrs. Nobiling, Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, and Mr. Kuskie. Motion carried.

Advanced Planning

Personnel Committee Meetings – April 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm with CTA and
April 28, 2008 at 5:15 pm with Paraprofessional and Secretaries
Regular May Board Meeting – May 12, 2008 at 5:30 pm

08-04-14: Motion by Mrs. Roes, seconded by Mr. Kuskie, to go into closed session at 9:35 pm to discuss the recent Board President correspondence to board members and to prevent needless injury to staff members' reputation. Voting Aye: Mrs. Katen, Mrs. Roes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, and Mrs. Nobiling. Motion carried. Dr. Hirning was excused from closed session.

Mrs. Nobiling declared the board out of Closed Session at 10:34 pm.

08-04-15: Motion by Mr. Fitzgibbon, seconded by Mrs. Katen, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 pm. Voting Aye: Mrs. Roes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Kuskie, Mrs. Nobiling, and Mrs. Katen. Motion carried.

Tracy Nobiling
President, Board of Education

Kim Morrow
Secretary, Board of Education