

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2007**

Opening

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was convened in open and public session immediately following the annual meeting at 7:43 p.m. on January 15, 2007 by President David Nygren .

Present

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Randy Beranek, Melvin Cerny, David Nygren, Suzanne Sapp and Cindy Vest. Member David Lutton was absent.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Ashland Gazette on December 28, 2006. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Call to Order

The meeting was duly called to order.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, President Nygren announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the meeting room, behind the board members.

Agenda Change

Supt. Pease announced an addition to the agenda originally mailed to include the approval of an assistant wrestling coach. The item had been added to the originally mailed agenda more than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

Motion by Vest with second by Sapp to approve the change of agenda to include discussion and approval of an assistant wrestling coach. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Lutton was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Vest with second by Beranek to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Lutton was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Visitors and Communication from the Public

There were no visitors or communication from the public.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy 5121.1

Consideration and action given to policy 5121.1. Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve policy 5121.1. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as

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OLD BUSINESS

Policy 5121.1, continued

follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Lutton was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

2008-07 Calendar

Supt. Pease presented the proposed 2007-08 calendar. Discussion was held. Suzanne proposed the day before Christmas break Dec. 21 be an early release.

Motion by Beranek with second by Sapp to approve the 2007-08 calendar with the change of an early release on December 21. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Lutton was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Personnel

Principal Bray recommended to the board Janet Rolofson for the Preschool Teacher and Kimberly Beckenhauer for the part time para professional position. Principal Bentzen recommended Eric Beranek for the Middle School Wrestling Coaching Aide.

Motion by Sapp with second by Cerny to hire Janet Rolofson for the Preschool Teacher, Kimberly Beckenhauer for the part time para professional position, and Eric Beranek for the Middle School Wrestling Coaching Aide. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Cerny, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Member Beranek abstained from voting. Voting no: none. Member Lutton was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy 6141 Curriculum Design and Development

Supt. Pease presented to the board policy 6141 and regulation that would outline the procedure used to adopt the curriculum and courses used in the district. This policy is for the board's review and comments. This policy will be brought back at a later meeting for possible adoption.

Post Prom Committee Request

Supt. Pease presented to the board a request from the Post Prom Committee to waive policy 1330 and allow the use of the multipurpose room for post prom activities on Sunday April 15, 2007. Supt. Pease told board members that this has been allowed in the past. A certificate of liability insurance was also presented for some of the planned activities.

Motion by Vest with second by Beranek to waive policy 1330 for post prom activities in on Sunday, April 15, 2007. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Lutton was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Internet through Network Nebraska

Supt. Pease presented to the board on LB1208 which provided funding to update

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Internet through Network Nebraska, continued

Distance Learning and Internet services through-out the state of Nebraska. The proposed statewide network will connect Nebraska schools and colleges. The State of Nebraska has had the project bid and some funding will be available. Discussion was held. Member Beranek questioned costs of equipment. Supt. Pease told board members that equipment cost would depend on equipping an entire room or using a roll cart. Reimbursement is available but we would have to make the initial investment for the equipment and submit for reimbursement. It is also required that a course be sent or received to receive reimbursement for equipment. This project would begin this summer.

Motion by Beranek with second by Cerny to authorize Supt. Pease to enter into an agreement with the State of Nebraska for Internet access through Network Nebraska effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Lutton was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Board Committees

President Nygren appointed board members to the following committees for 2007.

Building, Grounds and Transportation Committee: Lutton, Nygren and Sapp

Personnel Committee: Beranek, Cerny and Vest

Finance Committee: Beranek, Lutton and Nygren

Curriculum & Americanism Committee: Cerny, Sapp and Vest

Non-Certified Salary Team: Nygren, Sapp and Vest

Certified Staff Negotiations Team: Beranek, Cerny and Lutton

District Representative

Consideration and action to appoint Craig Pease as District Representative for all state and federal programs.

Motion by Sapp with second by Vest to appoint Craig Pease as District Representative for all state and federal programs. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Lutton was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

Declaration of Conflict of Interest by Board Members for the record:

Randy Beranek noted for the record that his wife, Kathy Beranek is employed as the hot lunch supervisor and his son Eric Beranek is employed as a maintenance director. Randy also serves as an assistant wrestling coach for the district.

David Nygren noted for the record that his wife Shari Nygren is employed by the district as a Kindergarten teacher. He also noted he is a board member for the Ashland Youth Ball Association, AYBA.

Suzanne Sapp noted for the record that she is a substitute teacher for the district. Suzanne Sapp noted for the record her husband's business is Lee Sapp Ford-Mercury.

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Conflict of Interest, continued.

David Lutton noted for the record that he is the owner of Lutton Law.

Melvin Cerny noted for the record that he is a board member for the Ashland Youth Ball Association, AYBA.

Depositories

Consideration and action to appoint Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Centennial Bank and the Nebraska School District Liquid Asset Fund as district depositories and investment accounts for all funds.

Motion by Beranek with second by Vest to appoint Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Centennial Bank and the Nebraska School District Liquid Asset Fund as district depositories and investment accounts for all funds. After discussion and on roll call vote, the board voted as follows: Voting yes: Beranek, Cerny, Nygren, Sapp, and Vest. Voting no: none. Member Lutton was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Supt. Contract

Supt. Pease told board members that the Superintendent's evaluation would be mailed to them and asked that they complete the evaluation and return to David Lutton.

Information Items

NASB/NCSA Labor Relations Conference is in Kearney on February 5-6

The National School Boards Association Conference scheduled for San Francisco April 14-17.

Other business presented for future considerations

Administrator reports were heard at this time.

Mrs. Bray reported that she had been busy with the hiring process for the preschool teacher. She also reported that 2nd semester was off to a good start.

Mr. Bentzen reported all was going along well for the start of the second semester. The conference wrestling tournament will be held this Saturday at Conestoga. Ashland-Greenwood will host the 1st round conference boys basketball tournament and the girls' basketball team will be traveling to Conestoga for their 1st round conference tournament.

Mr. Pease provided a handout on the ALICAP insurance pool. He discussed how the pooling was formed, the payment process and the reinsurance companies that offset large claims.

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Adjournment

President Nygren adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Prior to adjournment he issued a call for the next regular meeting of the board to be held on Monday February 19, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The regular meeting will be held at the High School at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE. An agenda for the meeting, kept current, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Superintendent's Office, 1225 Clay Street, Ashland, NE.

Minutes submitted by:

Suzanne Sapp, Secretary