

**Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2004**

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Opening:

The regular meeting of the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools was called to order at 8:30 on December 20, 2004 by Vice President Barry Kitrell.

Present:

Randy Beranek, Barry Kitrell, Dave Lutton, Terry Rogers and Cindy Vest were present. Steven Laune was absent.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda includes minutes of previous meeting, financial reports, and current monthly claims.

Motion by Lutton with second by Rogers to approve the consent agenda. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Kitrell, Lutton, Rogers and Vest. Member Laune was absent. Motion carried.

1. AYBA request for assistance on softball field project.

Melvin Cerny and Robin Fosbender spoke to the Board regarding improvements to the baseball, softball fields and spectator areas. The AYBA has been working on the project for a few months and wanted to present to the Board the long range goals and a request for permission, support and possible financial funding. A proposed plan was presented to the Board. The AYBA would like to start improvements to the C Field; which is partially owned by the school District. The improvements would include turning the field, turf and fencing.

The AYBA has written a grant for possible funding and planned to speak to the City and Medical Clinic and the community for possible funding.

Supt. Pease suggested the Board enter into an inter-local agreement with the City regarding the use of the fields. An inter-local agreement would protect both the city and school district and would help to ensure continued use of the facilities for the school district. Supt Pease advised the Board that since the C field was partially owned by the District funds from the Special Building fund could be authorized for this project upon the Board's approval.

Board members expressed interest in the project and requested the AYBA to come back to the Board with plan and request for funding when plans had been finalized.

3. Visitors and Communication from the Public

There was no further communication from the public.

4. Administrative and Practitioners Reports.

Mr. Bentzen spoke to the Board regarding the 2004-05 Yearbook Budget. The rising cost of publication of yearbook creates a large deficit in the program. He presented a plan for clubs and organizations featured in the yearbook to pay a fee for feature pages in the yearbook. This could help to fund for the publication of the yearbook. Sponsors and the

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club make the decision of paying the fee and may have some editorial control over their pages. The board was in agreement to try the fee plan for the yearbook program.

Mrs. Bray spoke to the Board regarding the upcoming events for Tuesday, December 21, Mrs. Claus will visit the Elementary students and read stories. Mrs. Randall and the high school chorus are coming over to participate with the elementary students in a sing a long. The day will finish with holiday classroom parties.

Mr. Pease told the Board that the State of the Schools report was released on December 7 and the report for the District was good. The release of the Adequate Yearly Progress report from the Nebraska Department of Education was postponed. He expected the information to be released tomorrow and anticipated the report would be favorable.

Mr. Pease also reported to the Board that he had attended the New Board Member Workshop with the three new board members. The workshop had good information.

Old Business

5. 2005-06 Calendar

Supt. Pease presented the proposed 2005-06 Calendar. He also presented to the Board calendar comments received by staff members. Staff members making comments asked for a workday to be included in the calendar before or after the Christmas break. Supt. Pease suggested an optional staff work day on either August 11 or December 22.

Motion by Rogers with second by Beranek to approve the 2005-06 Calendar with the optional staff workday of either August 11 or December 22. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Kitrell, Lutton, Rogers and Vest. Member Laune was absent. Motion carried.

New Business

6. Hiring New Non-Certified Staff

Supt. Pease recommended to the Board the hiring of Kimberly Harnish. Carrie Holz and Kathy Beranek conducted interview and Kimberly Harnish seemed to be a good match for the position.

Motion by Lutton with second by Beranek to hire Kimberly Harnish as cafeteria cashier. Roll call: Voting yes: Beranek, Kitrell, Lutton, Rogers and Vest. Member Laune was absent. Motion carried.

7. NDE Essential Learnings

Supt. Pease gave a review of the of the Nebraska Department of Education's Key Components for providing equitable opportunities for essential education. He also reviewed to the Board the proposed legislation for 2005 School Finance, LB 698.

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8. Recognition of Board members last meeting.

Supt. Pease recognized Board members Barry Kitrell and Terry Rogers for their service to the District. He presented members an award for their years of service. Member Kitrell and Rogers were thanked for their participation on the board by the remaining board members, staff and the audience. Cake and coffee was served.

Information Items:

The 2005 Labor Relations Conference will be held in Kearney February 7 & February 8, interested members should turn their registration form into the Superintendent's office.

Supt. Pease shared with the Board the Saunders County election results.

ESU#2 will be hosting a dinner and speaker for Board members at Fremont Golf Club on February 2.

The Nebraska Association of School Boards has a legislative issue conference planned for February 27-28 in Lincoln NE.

Adjournment:

Vice President Kitrell adjourned meeting at 9:26 p.m. The annual meeting and the next regular meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Board Conference Room in the North annex of the Elementary School building at 1200 Boyd Street.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Vest