

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCOTTSBLUFF PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, in the School District of Scottsbluff, in the County of Scotts Bluff, in the State of Nebraska, was held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, February 11, 2008, in the Meeting Room of the Senior High School, 313 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff with the following members present: Bob Kinsey, Mark Lang, Paul Snyder, and Michael Shedd. Absent: Kim Magana, Megan Massey. Notice of meeting was given by publication of time and place thereof in the Star-Herald on February 8, 2008.

Motion to excuse absent board member Megan Massey from this meeting, passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Snyder, Shedd, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana, Massey; Motion carried.

Motion to excuse absent board member Kim Magana from this meeting died for a lack of a motion and recorded as an unexcused absence.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda items as follows: Adopt Agenda; January 7, 2008-Reorganizational/Regular Meeting Minutes; January 21, 2008- Regular Meeting Minutes; January 30, 2008-BMS Renovation Task Force Committee Meeting Minutes; and expenditures in the amount of \$2,667,396.92, as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Shedd, Snyder, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana, Massey; Motion carried. (A copy of the expenditures is attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

Steven Greenhalgh, patron and member of the BMS Renovation Committee, reported he had two items from the January 30th BMS Task Force Committee meeting that needed to be addressed prior to the Board making any decisions on the priority list that was to go to the architect for the BMS renovation. He stated he checked with an architect and found that the committee should allow the architect to set the price for the renovation project, not the committee and from the meeting there was a comment made that he might have misunderstood but it sounded as if renovation would cost as much as building a new building which the architect he spoke with said was untrue. President Kinsey noted the priority list was not an official document and was not being addressed by the Board at this time.

Andrew McKay, Student Representative, reported parent/teacher conferences were held last week and noted they went well; Student Senate dance is scheduled for Friday, February 15th; and noted four wrestlers qualified for state. Carolyn Escamilla, SEA Representative, thanked the Board for their contribution to the parent/teacher conference meals for staff members.

Dr. Shedd reported the Curriculum/Technology Committee had a brief meeting with the SHS Science teachers and discussed the flow of the curriculum from the middle school through the high school levels but nothing that will come to the Board attention for a while.

Mr. Lang reported the Facilities Committee met and discussed the following: Lincoln Heights project will need an easement for the sewer line by new proposed building addition; bids for the elementary upgrades will be going out soon; proposed additional classrooms at Westmoor; and state aid calculations. President Kinsey stated the committee also discussed the parcel of land south of Highland Schools across the road in which there was a dispute over who really owned this parcel of land and noted the solution was to offer a quick claim deed to the adjacent property owner. Dick Douglas, School Attorney, reported the property south of the highway by Highland School has never been deeded to the prior school district so the deed has always been with the farm and there was never an actual deed; therefore the school district does not technically own it. The committee discussed the possibility of bring a quiet title action to attempt to title in the name of the school district but noted it would not be worth the expense of taxpayer dollars and noted it was his recommendation to contact the owner of farm and indicate to them the District wasn't claiming any legal interest. Also, Mr. Douglas stated with the Lincoln Heights issue there was the easement of the sewer line and there was also an alleyway right down the lot; therefore will need to re-plot. President Kinsey reported the committee also discussed the arrangement of purchasing Type A bus for small group travel.

Mindy Burbach, Communications Specialist reported the Community Relations Committee will hold a media luncheon on Thursday, February 14th to discuss BMS student activities and noted she traveled to Lincoln for the State School Public Relations Association meeting and noted in August they will rollout a campaign, statewide, to get parents involved in schools called "*Be There Campaign*".

Bill Knapper, Director of Business Services, provided an overview of the district ranking by student membership/enrollment for 2006-2007, property tax and levies, and state aid certification for 2008-09 school year.

President Kinsey noted the School Site Council reports from the Senior High School and Longfellow Elementary were provided to the Board in written form.

Dr. Reynolds noted the 2008-2009 Senior High School calendar was adopted on January 21st but noted there was one change that needed to be made which included moving the December 22nd teacher work day to August 12th for all K-12 teacher inservice and stated he spoke with Gary Largo, SEA President, who indicated the 12th of August would be a better use of the day than 22nd of December. Also, August 11th would be designated as new teacher orientation for K-12 buildings. Dr. Reynolds reviewed the proposed K-8 school calendar which included: school beginning on September 2nd, parent/teacher conferences will be October 7-9; October 30 end of 1st nine weeks with October 31st denoted as a teacher work day; January 22 is end of 2nd nine weeks with January 23 a teacher work day; March 3 & 5th parent/teacher conference; March 13-16 Spring Break; March 27th is teacher work day; April 10-13 Easter Break; and last day for students is May 21st and 22nd is teachers last work day. Dr. Reynolds noted the Senior High School parent/teacher conferences is schedule for September 23 & 25 different from BMS and elementary schools of about a week. In visiting with Dr. Shedd it was his request to

schedule the parent/teacher conferences for all schools during the same week. Dr. Reynolds indicated the first semester parent/teacher conference would be an easy fix since there is only one week between each other but noted it would not be as easy for the second semester since there are two weeks in between the two calendars. Charlotte Browning, Westmoor Principal, expressed concerns with moving the parent/teacher conferences dates due to the need to have the maps testing completed prior to parent/teacher conferences so they can share the results with parents and the second semester parent/teacher conference would be the most illogical to change because the elementary schools would have just had semester grades and then turn around three weeks later and have conferences. Dr. Shedd stated it would be nice to have the same days off for all students and dovetailed as much as possible and that running two different calendars will create headaches for some parents but if the District can minimize the number of days off between the two calendars it would be a good goal and be considered when the Board is adopting the BMS/Elementary school calendar.

Motion to adopt the 2008-2009 BMS/Elementary school calendar, as presented, passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Lang, Snyder, Shedd, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana, Massey; Motion carried.

Mike Fisher, BMS Social Studies Instructor, requested Board approval for the BMS 8th grade student's trip to Washington D.C. which is a great opportunity to see the nation's capitol. The cost of the trip will be \$1,396 per student with 30-35 students participating; the trip is scheduled for May 27-30; and noted some of the places they will tour include: Arlington National Cemetery, United States Marine Corps Memorial, White House, Mt. Vernon, Smithsonian Institution, Jefferson Memorial, Kennedy Center, Fords Theatre, Holocaust Museum, Capitol Hill, National Archives, Washington Monument, Vietnam Memorial, National Zoo, World War II Memorial, Old Town Alexandria, and Korean Memorial.

Motion to authorize the BMS 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C. on May 27-30, 2008, passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Snyder, Shedd, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana, Massey; Motion carried.

Dick Douglas, School Attorney, reported the District received two bids for the purchase of Highland School and recommended the Board accept the bid, in the amount of \$57,000.00, from Laurie & Mark Soper. Mr. Douglas noted the statute requires that the authorization be made at a regular meeting and an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all of the board members as well as pass the proposed Resolution and requested the Board to agree to extend the closing for 30 days for the convenience of the purchasers. Dr. Shedd read the proposed Resolution.

Motion to approve the sale of Highland School to Laurie & Mark Soper by Resolution, authorize President Kinsey to execute & deliver the quickclaim deed and extend the closing for 30 days for the convenience of the purchasers, as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Shedd, Snyder, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana, Massey; Motion

carried. (A copy of the Resolution is attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

Motion to accept donation to Lake Alice School, in the amount of \$1,473.00, to cover the airfare trip for the 5th Grade exchange program to North Carolina, as presented, passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Snyder, Lang, Shedd, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana, Massey; Motion carried.

Motion to approve the addition of a Speech Pathologist position for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Shedd, Snyder, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana, Massey; Motion carried.

President Kinsey read future meetings and dates.

Motion to move into executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss staff negotiations, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Shedd, Lang, Snyder, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana, Massey; Motion carried.

Motion to reconvene into open session and adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Shedd, Snyder, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana, Massey; Motion carried.

Katherine A. Reyes, Secretary
Board of Education