

**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, March 5, 2007, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 2601 Broadway, Scottsbluff, with the following members present: Robert Kinsey Mark Lang, Tim Lordino, Kim Magana, and Michael Shedd. Absent: Megan Massey. Notice of meetings was given by publication of time and place thereof in the Star-Herald on March 2, 2007.

President Lordino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to excuse Megan Massey from this meeting passed with a motion by Robert Kinsey and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Kinsey, Magana, Lang, Shedd, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Massey; Motion carried.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda items to include: February 5, 2007-Special Board Meeting minutes; February 5, 2007-Regular Board Meeting minutes; February 19, 2007-Regular Board Meeting minutes; and approve the expenditures, in the amount of \$2,291,713.67, as presented, passed with a motion by Kim Magana and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Magana, Shedd, Kinsey, Lang, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Massey; Motion carried.

There was no one from the community to address the Board.

Kayla Jacobsen, Student Representative, reported on the following student activities: Drill Team placed 9th at nationals; National Honor Society Induction will be on Tuesday, March 6th in the SHS Auditorium, SHS Boys will participate at state basketball tournament in Lincoln; 8 students qualified for state Speech meet on March 15th; State DECA is March 14-17; 3 teams will compete at the ProStart Competition-UNO on March 16; musical practices have begun for the April 12-14 performances; expressed appreciation to the Board for recognizing Jake Friedlan, National Merit semifinalist, at the recent basketball game; and spring activities have started.

President Lordino stated Dr. Reynolds, Greg Hinze and Mark Lang visited with the Student Senate and questioned if Kayla had heard any feedback from the students. Kayla reported she felt this was a real good idea and has heard student talking about the bond issue and noted the majority of the students are in support of the bond. Dr. Reynolds noted he was recently interviewed for the Echoes. Mrs. Magana encouraged students who will be 18 year of age to register to vote. There was no SEA report

Vice President Kinsey reported at the recent VALTS Board meeting members discussed the possible move of the VALTS program from the Carpenter Center to the new addition at the WNCC-Harm Technology Center. WNCC and Educational Service Unit #13 have collaboratively worked together to build an addition to Harms Technology Center that will

house the VALTS program and the new proposed Virtual High School (Colorado On-line) program which will offer AP courses to various foreign languages. The cost to VALTS will be the same amount that is currently being expended for the Carpenter Center. It was noted that these classrooms would be very high-tech. Vice President Kinsey also reported an email was received from the Carpenter Center that indicates effective June 2, 2007 the Carpenter Center will increase the rent for VALTS from \$1,460 per month to \$2,596 per month or a \$1,136 monthly increase. President Lordino requested the administration contact Mr. Begley or the Carpenter Center for an explanation on the proposed increase.

Mrs. Magana reported she visited Lake Minatare Elementary and was very impressed with what they are doing. Dr. Shedd reported he would be visiting Lake Minatare Elementary on Tuesday, March 6th.

President Lordino read a thank you note from Dr. and Mrs. Tim Friedlan for recognition of their son, Jake Friedlan, at a recent basketball game. President Lordino stated Mr. Nighswonger should be given a lot of the credit for promoting this recognition.

Vice President Kinsey reported the Facilities Committee met and discussed the potential 2007-2008 budget and were made aware of possible facilities projects/costs in the future.

President Lordino reported that in the next week or so the new website will be up and running and there is training being done currently which will be very advantages to the classroom teachers and building principals. President Lordino stated he was excited to get the new website up and running.

Dr. Reynolds provided members with a copy of a thank you note he received from Mrs. Friedlan in regard to her son Jacob and requested members of the Board to sign a letter he was sending to Larry Ross, Superintendent of Alliance, congratulating them for their girl's basketball state championship.

Galen Nighswonger, SHS Principal, reviewed the January 2006 SHS parent survey results. It was noted 901 surveys were mailed and 169 were returned or 19%. Thirteen questions were asked and included: how well informed are you about programs and activities-an area that needs to be improved; do you have computer at home- this is basically the same group of people who attend P/T conference; do you use a land line/cell phone- was not a good question but his intent was to find out who has a regular telephone at home or if primary phone was a cell phone; do you attend parent/teacher conference-148 say they usually attend; does your child feel safe at the high school-in general the majority indicated yes; do you feel there is a drug problem-69% said yes and 30% said no; do you believe the random drug policy working and have a positive effect-91% saying it is doing some good; what is the effect of block scheduling on their child's education and learning opportunity-approximately 81% say its okay; believe administrators are concerned with student success-want to move some of the rarely people to a higher percentage on future surveys; are teachers concern with student success-better percentage but still see areas of improvement; are counselors concerned

about student success-better percentages; do you feel comfortable visiting with administrators, counselors, teachers about concerns-in general most of them said "yes"; believe their child is making good progress toward educational goals-again was positive response; and the grade for overall performance was A=18, B=83, and C=43. The overall goal is to have everything sliding up to the "A" category and see a vast improvement in some of the areas. Mr. Nighswonger stated one of the things the Site Council recommended was to use parent/teacher conferences for future surveys which would be quick, easy and cost effective. President Lordino stated one other way the Senior High School could obtain feedback would be to conduct the surveys on the new webpage.

Dr. Reynolds reported a revised Resolution on the Option Enrollment was presented to the Board for consideration. He noted each year the Board has an opportunity to adopt a resolution, which is directed by statute, to determine how the district will address option enrollment students and whether or not the district would allow them to come into the school district. In 2000-2001, the resolution only stated no grade level would exceed 250 students and there was only one class that met this requirement so he reviewed and looked at what the optimum enrollment should be in each grade and added special education numbers because this has a large impact on whether or not the district will accept students. Again, by statute, the Board must adopt a resolution. Information was provided on the current SPED caseloads, Board Policy 502.02, Nonresident students, which is the specifically addresses option enrollment, and Board Policy 502.05, Student Transfer In, address nonresident student meeting the requirements of the open enrollment laws. Dr. Reynolds recommended rolling the adopted Resolution into Board Policy 502.02. Dr. Reynolds stated the desire is not to limit the option enrollments but to make sure the classroom, particularly at the elementary level, are not overloaded.

President Lordino questioned if the board approves the resolution would there be an affect on the number of employees. Dr. Reynolds stated it was not the intent but that in some cases the caseloads are currently over the threshold but the intent is not to increase staff for next year and noted if a student resides in the district we are required to serve them and noted this is why the district will not take anymore nonresident students that are over the caseload numbers.

President Lordino reported by statute the Board needs to adopt a resolution but also suggested adding the Resolution to Board Policy #502.02, Nonresident Students, for future reference.

Motion to adopt the Option Enrollment Resolution and amend Board Policy #502.02, Nonresident Students, to reflect the maximum number of students per grade level as described in the Resolution, as presented, passed with a motion by Robert Kinsey and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Kinsey, Lang, Magana, Shedd, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Massey; Motion carried. (A copy of the Resolution is attached to and made a part of the official minutes and an amendment to Board Policy #502.02, Nonresident Students).

Motion to accept certified staff retirement for Gary Hartman, Health/Physical Education Instructor, as presented, passed with a motion by Kim Magana and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Magana, Shedd, Kinsey, Lang, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Massey; Motion carried.

Vice President Kinsey wished Mr. Hartman the best of luck on his retirement and noted he did a great job for the district. President Lordino, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Hartman for his 22 years of service to the district.

Motion to accept the certified staff retirement for Randy Thruston, SHS Resource Instructor, passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Lang, Magana, Kinsey, Shedd, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Massey; Motion carried.

President Lordino, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Thruston for his 30 years of service to the district.

President Lordino read future meetings and dates. **It was the consensus of the Board to meet at 7:00 a.m. on March 12th to take action on the appointment of Construction Manager for Constructor and to schedule the April 10th board meeting at Lake Minatare gymnasium to visit with both Lake Minatare and Lake Alice patrons.**

Motion to move into executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss SSCA collective bargaining passed with a motion by Kim Magana and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Magana, Shedd, Kinsey, Lang, Lordino; No: None; Motion carried.

Motion to reconvene into open session passed with a motion by Mark Lang and seconded by Robert Kinsey. Yes: Lang, Kinsey, Magana, Shedd, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Massey; Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. passed with a motion by Kim Magana and seconded by Michael Shedd. Yes: Magana, Shedd, Lang, Kinsey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Massey; Motion carried.

Katherine A. Reyes, Secretary
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