

**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, April 7, 2008, in the Meeting Room of the Senior High School, 313 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff with the following members present: Bob Kinsey, Mark Lang, Megan Massey, Paul Snyder, and Michael Shedd. Absent: Kim Magana. Notice of meeting was given by publication of time and place thereof in the Star-Herald on April 4, 2008.

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

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

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items including: adopt agenda; expenditures in the amount of \$6,741,699.20; and approve minutes as follows: March 10, 2008: Regular Meeting and March 27, 2008: Regular Meeting, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Shedd, Snyder, Lang, Massey, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana; Motion carried.

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

Vice President Shedd congratulated the students, and thanked Mr. Ronne, Mr. Ibero and Mrs. Rada for the high quality performance of "Beauty & the Beast ". Mrs. Massey and President Kinsey agreed that the SHS musical was wonderful and they really enjoyed the performance. President Kinsey expressed thanks to Bill Snocker who constructed and painted the sets for the musical which were spectacular. President Kinsey also reported he attended the NSBA National Conference in Florida and attended sessions on managing school crisis, HVAC systems, building a better relationship with teacher unions and data-driven decision making as well as heard guest speakers Chief Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Sidney Poitier, and Garrison Keillor.

Mrs. Massey reminded the board of the media luncheon scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at 12:30 p.m. and the Finance Committee met on March 26th and reviewed district finance and school enrollment.

Mindy Burbach, Communications Specialist, reiterated Mrs. Massey reminder of the media luncheon on Thursday, April 10th noting Mrs. Kemling and her staff will provide a presentation on the Autism grant/program and invited the members to attend.

Bill Knapper, Director of Business Services, provided an update to the Board on the state aid and budget factor. Mr. Knapper stated with the legislative passage of LB 988 last

week the work of state department is to model what the state aid should be next year for districts throughout the state and noted Scottsbluff would receive \$1,715,580 or approximately 20.8% increase. Mr. Knapper put this amount into perspective, the District has the following possible/probable requirements for the 2008-2009 budget; state aid levy exclusion of \$271,000; 2.5% budget increase of \$505,456; current budget deficit of \$786,302; and restore facility maintenance funding cuts of \$400,000. Also, in LB 988 the Legislature changed the calculation concerning the budget lids and will hope to have this information for the Board at the last meeting in April and if not at this meeting he will certainly have the information by the last meeting in May since he will be out of town for the May 5th meeting. Vice President Shedd questioned if the 1.7 million a firm number for the schools share? Mr. Knapper stated the LB 988 passed and providing there aren't any emergency clauses the Department of Education can complete the certification of the state aid numbers and noted these were pretty firm number unless when the State reviews their computer programming they find that their program doesn't divide the money as the Legislature intended it to be distributed.

Wendy Kemling, Director of Student Services, provided members with a copy of the flyer for the Child Development Screening that will be held at Monument Mall on Monday, April 14th for children birth to 3 years of age. Mindy Burbach reported there were newspaper advertisements; radio ads on KNEB, KOZY and KMOR; flyers have been distributed to every fast food restaurant, library, post office; grocery stuffers at Walmart and Panhandle Coop; and declarations would be signed by Mayors of the Scottsbluff and Banner Counties.

Sandy Porter, Director of Curriculum/Technology, provided the Board with an assessment and reporting schedule of events for the next four years. She noted that LB 1157 was passed by the Legislature which means there will be a state test on reading and pilot program for 2008-2009 school year and then piloting math and science programs. The District will need to find a new NRT to replace the math test which will no longer qualify for STARS or accepted by the state department. Also, Mrs. Porter reported there was a team from the Nebraska Department of Education who came and assessed the math curriculum and Scottsbluff received an exemplary rating. Vice President Shedd questioned if the state test was going to be one shot deal or if they would be taking place throughout the year? Mrs. Porter stated it was her understanding that it would be a one shot assessment. Mrs. Massey questioned if the test would be a standardized test across the country? Mrs. Porter stated the test would be standardized across the State of Nebraska and the only test that is compared across the country is the ACT test.

Andrew McKay, Student Representative, reported on the student activities, provided photographs of the restrooms/shower area in the west stadium locker room and requested the Board to consider investing funds to restore the locker room under the west stadium for activity use with lockers. **It was the consensus of the Board to direct the Facilities Committee to review this request.**

Charlotte Browning, Westmoor Principal, provided board members with a copy of the 2007-2008 Westmoor 5th Graders published book entitled, "Learning the Rules with Wildcat Wyler and Whiskers", under the direction of Stephanie Morse, Tracie Barrett, and Tammie Sessions, a class project which aligned with the building goals on how students should play on the playground with illustrations and rules.

School Site Council reports from Senior High School and Lake Minatare School were provided in writing and are on file for review.

Motion to accept the certified staff election of Wendee Powell, Grade 1 Instructor, Westmoor Elementary, for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented, passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Snyder, Massey, Shedd, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana; Motion carried.

Motion to accept the certified staff election of Jeremy Behnke. Grade 1 Instructor, Lincoln Heights, for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented, passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Snyder, Massey, Lang, Shedd, Kinsey; No; None; Absent: Magana; Motion carried.

Motion to accept the certified staff resignation from Dale Kavan, Physical Education Instructor, Roosevelt Elementary, as presented. Mrs. Massey amended the motion which was seconded by Dr. Shedd to accept the certified staff resignation from Dale Kavan, Physical Education Instructor, Roosevelt Elementary, contingent upon finding a suitable replacement, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Massey, Shedd, Snyder, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana; Motion carried.

Motion to recognize the SSCA (Scottsbluff Schools Classified Association) as the Bargaining Agent for Terms of Employment, as presented, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Massey, Lang, Shedd, Snyder, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana; Motion carried.

President Kinsey read future meetings and dates.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Massey, Shedd, Snyder, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana; Motion carried.

Katherine A. Reyes, Secretary
Board of Education