

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

A special 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 a.m., on Monday, June 4, 2007, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 2601 Broadway, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, with the following members present: Bob Kinsey, Mark Lang, Tim Lordino, Megan Massey, and Michael Shedd. Absent: Kim Magana. Notice of meeting was given by publication of time and place thereof in the Star-Herald on May 18, 2007.

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

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

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

President Lordino requested permission from the Board to allow Kayla Jacobsen, Student Representative, to run the remainder of the board meeting. **It was the consensus of the Board to allow Kayla to run the meeting from this point forward.** President Lordino turned the meeting over to Kayla Jacobsen.

**Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, as presented, passed with a motion by Kim Magana and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Magana, Shedd, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

The Board recognized and commended Kayla Jacobson, SHS Student Representative, for her service to the Board for the 2006-2007 school year and who 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Apparel & Accessories Marketing at Nebraska State Career Development Conference and received the Award of Excellence in Apparel & Accessories Marketing at the International DECA Career Development Conference; commended Jim Kozal & Greg Hinze, Co-Chairs of the "Neighbors for Better Education" Committee, for their excellence job and tremendous work on behalf of the students of the District; Jacque Neu, Julie Marshall, Sheryl Holscher, Margaret Hancock, and Barb Martinsen for their work with the "Neighbors for Better Education" Committee.

Jim Kozal stated it was the committee's intention to be on the positive side of the bond referendum and now the committee needs to go forth and figure out why they had 2,000 people vote "no" and hope that these people are willing to come forth and put a little effort forward to help the committee determine what they need to do and convince them that the District needs to make improvements with the school and without their help they will be at a stand still from any substantial improvement to the facilities in the District; therefore welcome the input from the 2,037 "no" votes as well as a little time commitment.

The Board recognized the Lake Minatare 2007 Federal Junior Duck Stamp recipients as follows: Kindergarten-Timmy Burnhardt, Jerrod Fulk, Yvette Garcia; 1<sup>st</sup>-Kara DeCrocker, Heston Gorr, Jeremy Peters, Megan Rudy; 3<sup>rd</sup>-Allie Schanaman, Kilie Zitterkopf; 4<sup>th</sup>-Jaime Carlson, Elisha Hedman, Chris Gaston, Seth Rudy; 5<sup>th</sup>-Trenton Applegate, Brandon Bernhardt, Hannah Lenhart, Gabe Lopez, Brooke Scott; 6<sup>th</sup>-Kayellyn Hall, Lauren Miller, Katey Myers, Chrissy Peters, Shania Schmaltz; 7<sup>th</sup>-Caleb Barel, Morgan Yost; 8<sup>th</sup>-Paxton Carrier, Miranda Lenhart, Tahlia Schmaltz; and Westmoor 2007 Federal Junior Duck Stamp recipient 5<sup>th</sup>-Jordan Brooks.

Mr. Bud Pieper, patron, echoed the comments about the bond issue and the need to get together and extended his willingness to help. Lonnie O'Bryan expressed his desire to be involved in the future building plans.

Kayla Jacobsen, Student Representative, indicated she did not have anything to report but asked the board if they had any questions for her on drug policy, block scheduling, etc. President Lordino requested her thoughts on block scheduling and the drug policy. Kayla reported when the first started block scheduling she wasn't enthusiastic about the change but at the beginning of the year she liked it because having 4 classes rather than 7 was a lot easier. As the year went along she got more involved in other activities so it became harder to keep up with block scheduling but for students who are in the classroom and not in a lot of activities is an intensive way to learn and with the new drug testing program she felt like the students were really concerned about the change at the beginning of the year, not because they were concerned about being caught, but more because their privacy was being invaded. Kayla reported she can honestly say that she heard students talk about not going to parties because they were afraid of being tested on Monday; therefore was a positive impact. She noted some of the same students were tested more than once and others who were not tested at all. President Lordino thanked Kayla for her honest comments and for all the feedback she provided to the Board during the school year. There was no SEA report.

Dr. Shedd reported he had the opportunity to attend the choir concerts at BMS and SHS and the band concert at BMS which were excellent performances. Mrs. Massey reported the Finance/Community Relations committee was pretty active during the bond process and the Finance Committee hasn't met.

Bill Knapper, Director of Business Services, reported approximately 40 volunteers put down nearly 30,000 square feet of sod between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2007 on the north softball field behind the Senior High School. The irrigation system was turned on at 11:00 a.m. to water the field. Kayla thanked the volunteers who put down all the sod.

Dr. Reynolds reminded the Board of the SEA breakfast was scheduled for Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. and questioned who would be attending. Dr. Shedd and Mrs. Magana indicated they would attend the SEA breakfast.

School Site Council reports from the Senior High School and Roosevelt Elementary were provided to the Board and are on file for review.

President Lordino stated due to the absence of two board members the Board needs to set some time to sit down and have an in depth discussion about the reason why the recent bond failed with board members and administrators and encouraged anyone else to participate in this discussion; therefore noted the date and time will be set and advertised in the next month or so for a board retreat.

Linda Pilkington, patron and mother of four, addressed the Board and stated she would like to see unity with the community over the bond referendum and felt there was so much dissention which affected the children in the schools as well. She stated the Board worked hard on the bond and commended them but everyone needs to stand together as a community because if we don't we will wreck education and the purpose is to administer to the children and their needs first and foremost; therefore challenged the Board to pull together and strive for unity so there is no more division.

Lonnie O'Bryan, patron, questioned if the meetings would be held in the evenings for working people to attend? President Lordino stated the meetings would most likely be in the evenings or on a weekend but the Board will discuss at the next board meeting and set a date and then advertise.

**Motion to accept the certified staff resignation from Wade Kniss, BMS Alternative Program Instructor, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year, passed with a motion by Kim Magana and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Magana, Massey, Shedd, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

President Lordino and Kayla Jacobson thanked all the certified staff resigning for their years of service to the District.

**Motion to accept the certified staff resignation from Paul Votruba, BMS In-School Suspension Instructor, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Massey, Magana, Shedd, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

**Motion to accept the certified staff resignation from Chadwick Libsack, Lincoln Heights Physical Education Instructor, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year, passed with a motion by Kim Magana and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Magana, Shedd, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

**Motion to accept the certified staff resignation from Lorie Zimmerer, SHS Family and Consumer Science Instructor, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Massey, Magana, Shedd, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the certified staff election of Sara Luehrs, Westmoor Elementary Counselor for the 2007-2008 school year, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Shedd, Magana, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the certified staff election of Brianna Thyfault, SHS Spanish Instructor for the 2007-2008 school year, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Massey, Shedd, Magana, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

Mr. Knapper reported the current software utilized for student accounting is a product that was designed back in the early 1980's and is a system that can only display numbers and letters, not graphical product with diagrams, colors or pictures of students and noted at this point in time this product was at end of life. The company that has marketed, trained, and supported this product for the last twenty years has actually sold it to another company and the intention of that company is to take it to end of life. Mr. Knapper noted the real issue is that this product is at end of life and doesn't have features the new software has; therefore the recommendation is to go with a product known as Infinite Campus and is a product that is finding great favor in the market place and noted there were schools in the Nebraska and Colorado area that utilize this system. Mr. Knapper noted the system works in the windows platform, will be graphical, and will show student pictures in color. Mr. Knapper noted the District has currently hired two teachers with training on this product which will help facilitate the conversion to Infinite Campus. The purchase of this system is a little different style of acquiring as follows: the 1st year cost would be approximately \$60,000 and a little higher annual ongoing support of subscription and expense of approximately \$29,000; current subscription and support fees is \$22,000 per year. Mr. Knapper noted the administrators have viewed this product at other school districts and had a representative from the company on site to provide a demonstration to a number of the staff members. This product will be an improvement over the current system in that it will be a comprehensive system and will be sole support from one company. President Lordino stated the recommendation of the Finance Committee was to approve this acquisition. Mrs. Massey stated she provided a report to the Board at the meeting held at the Lake Minatare School and noted there will be an enormous amount of time saved by the staff inputting the information. Mr. Knapper noted the same presentation was made to the Curriculum & Technology Committee with regard to curriculum and assessment side. Dr. Shedd stated it was also the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to proceed with the acquisition of Infinite Campus software.

**Motion to approve the acquisition of Infinite Campus product from Computer Information Concepts, in the amount of \$59,540.00 plus reimbursable travel expenses and the annual ongoing support and subscription expenses anticipated at \$29,840.00, as presented passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Shedd, Magana, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

Mr. Knapper noted the SHS West Entry Project was before the Board for discussion and consideration and noted this was a project that speaks to efficiency and security at the high school. He noted there was an addition added to the project for additional storage (Alternate 1) based on conversation of the architect and the SHS administration. Mr. Nighswonger stated one of the things SHS has tried to do is run a school store through a classroom for years which has developed into a spot that has been difficult for students to get through the hallways; therefore would like to utilizing some of the dead space in the proposed lobby area to have the DECA store with room to display items to be sold and still have storage room behind this area which would be beneficial for the students and office staff. President Lordino questioned the timeline for construction. Mr. Knapper noted the project was never intended to be completed during the summer months but the original project was to begin in the summer and end around Thanksgiving but have delayed the bid to ensure the District obtained adequate contractor interest; therefore the bid was delayed a month and at this time the anticipated project would kick off within days of the award and conclude prior to the second semester.

President Lordino stated one of his concerns is with the cost of the project (1 million dollars) which would come out of the Building Fund. Mr. Knapper noted there would be some flexibility with the Building Fund and/or Depreciation Fund depending on how the Board would like to fund this project as they look to their future facility plan. President Lordino stated he was absent at the meeting when the project was originally discussed and as a result of two board members being absent from this meeting requested tabling any action on this item until the next meeting which all ties into what the Board will do with the Building Fund and spending 1 million dollars. President Lordino's concern was not with the offices being moved to the west side but with the commons area space. Also, the Board will need to determine the scope of the bid, if it will be for the commons area only or commons area with extra storage space in order to take action on the original bid and/or alternate. Mrs. Massey stated the project was being proposed to obviously increase safety and security and provide addition classroom space which is a big need at the high school and is something that continually is being tabled; therefore there was need to take action on it. Dr. Shedd stated he agrees with the safety and security but doesn't feel like the Board can utilize 1 million dollars from limited funds at this point and feels if the bond issue would have passed it wouldn't have been a problem but feels the Board is now in a position where they have to prioritize and decide what is really important; therefore is not as enthusiastic about proceeding and would like to hear what the other two board members who are not in attendance have to say and that it would be good to have the entire Board in agreement on this. Mrs. Magana stated she agreed with Dr. Shedd and feels this agenda item needs to be table until the other two board members are present and in light of the bond not passing will limit what the Board can spend money on; therefore suggested table any action on this item. **President Lordino noted it was the consensus of the Board to table any action on this item.**

President Lordino noted the comments by Mrs. Massey with regard to safety at the high school are valid but felt it was important since this is a fairly large project to discuss this with the entire Board present. President Lordino questioned how long it would put the project back if it were approved on June 11th and how long the bids were good for. Mr.

Knapper stated he would hate to speculate but it could be another month or it could be two months and that the bids are normally good for 45 days with Baker & Associates and would need to check with Schemmer & Associates.

Mr. Knapper noted the District received only one bid for the purchase of 150 Pentium D 3.40 Ghz Desktop PC computers but normally receive two bids and noted from his investigation that Dell had a change of personnel that handles the Nebraska school accounts and didn't get the bid to Scottsbluff. So the decision before the Board is if they would like to award the bid to Gateway or rather have at least a second competitive bid. Mrs. Massey questioned how long it would take to re-bid. Mr. Knapper noted the bid would be received by the next board meeting. He noted the technicians really like Dell computers but Dell has flubbed up on the District in the past and would take Gateways if that was what the Board decided but is a concern this was not a competitive bid. **It was the consensus of the Board to re-bid the Desktop PC computers.**

**Motion to reject the bid from Gateway, in the amount of \$127,498.50, and re-bid the Desktop PC Bid with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Shedd, Magana, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

Kayla reported Dr. Reynolds requested the agenda item #9j, action on modifications to mandatory drug testing policies, Board Policies 504.15.1 and 504.15.2, be moved prior to 9f, SHS Student Handbook. Dr. Reynolds noted there are two policies for consideration, one for the high school and one for middle school on a random student drug testing modification. The modification is as a result of Mr. Nighswonger attending a recent drug meeting. Mr. Nighswonger reported he attend a recent drug meeting held in Gering Civic Center where Bill Judge spoke on random drug testing and noted that the policies would ask for a person who tested positive to test clean before they return to an activity and noted as a committee didn't remember addressing this issue but after visiting with Bill Judge and Dick Douglas the consensus was to go ahead and add the specific language that was given on the recommended changes to the drug policies so that sections 1, 2, and 3 for positive test would read, ***"a negative test must be provided before the student may return to the activity"***.

Dr. Shedd questioned the timing of the follow-up test. Mr. Nighswonger stated since this when a student returns they would be looking at a time period, based on a first offense, the student would be out for a period of 5 days before they can return to practice and a total of 14 calendar days so they would be looking at some where before the end of the 5th day would be expected to test clean in order to return to the activity. Dr. Shedd questioned if any of the drugs being tested for would show persistence in the body to last long enough if the student is tested again in 5 days would they still be positive even if the student hasn't abuse again in the mean time. Mr. Nighswonger stated if a student is a habitual user of marijuana then he would test positive after 5 days and could go up to 30 days but traditionally a student should be clean in 5 days period. Dr. Shedd stated a student could have a positive test even though they haven't used in the interim. Mr. Nighswonger stated theoretically it is possible but if a student is to test positive, again the

intent is to try to make sure the student can perform safely and would ask the student to turn around and test again the very next day just to see that they were clean. Dr. Shedd questioned if the tests being provided would be the same test being utilized and couldn't come in with a test from their local physician. Mr. Nighswonger stated the tests will be exactly the same administered by the District. Dr. Shedd expressed the language in the policy doesn't mention a school negative test, a school provided negative test or a district provided negative test. Mr. Nighswonger stated the basic language for the policy came from both Dick Douglas and Bill Judge and if the Board feels the reference to the school provided test is included in the policy they would have no objections. Mrs. Magana stated the only test the District is using is the only one that is valid, therefore shouldn't be an issue. Dr. Shedd stated for the sake of explicitness he amended the original motion just to say in between the words "a negative", in every instance, "a district administered negative test must be provided before the student may return to the activity".

**Motion to approve the modification of Board Policies 504.15.1 and 504.15.2, as presented, passed with a motion by Kim Magana and a second by Megan Massey.**

Dr. Shedd stated for the sake of explicitness he amended the original motion and requested a modification to the words "a negative", in every instance, "a **district administered** negative test must be provided before the student may return to the activity".

**Motion to amend the original motion to approve the modification of Board Policies 504.15.1 and 504.15.2, to read as follows: "a district administered negative test must be provided before the student may return to the activity" in each instance, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Shedd, Magana, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

Matt Huck, SHS Assistant Principal, reviewed the proposed SHS Student Handbook changes for the 2007-2008 school year: page 3, add email address to emergency contact; page 9, incorporates new bell schedule for a home room (20 minutes/teacher) with established advisers; page 12, new dates for testing and noted there will not be the September 15 for ACT; page 13, added a statement on display of public affection to conduct in the building; page 15, inserted wording to dance on "personal identification will be required to enter" to dance; page 15, new cell phone policy based on the advisement of the different groups/local law enforcement/school attorney this policy which addresses use and consequences such as a simple formal warning/phone call to parent for first offense and all subsequent offenses will follow the discipline chart on page 19 with 2nd offense being a 2 day out-of-school suspension, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense would be a 5 day out-of-school suspension, 4<sup>th</sup> offense would be a 10 day out-of-school suspension, and if they continue to abuse the policy it would be a recommendation for expulsion as well as due to the capability during testing the student would not only have their phone confiscated but could receive a grade of "zero" and added a disclaimer regarding no investigation time will be used for lost or stolen cell phones/devices; page 18, added, potential to receive full credit for all makeup work turned in; page 19, added cell phone consequences; page 21, redefined excused absence; page 22, defined truancy if not present in class without

notification from parent/guardian or activity sponsor; page 22, tardy policy requires students to be in class every day and arrive on time and tardy is when students is not in their seats when the bell rings and trancies is recorded when a student is greater than 20 minutes late to class and added patterns of tardies; page 23, due to block schedule changed to 7 classes; page 24, attendance/activities participation change due to block schedule and if a student must attend class 2 period prior to departure they may not practice, participate or travel to an activity; page 25, academic policy, if a student does not attend study hall may result in not being allowed to perform at the next public performance after the student becomes eligible; page 27, activity trips, added wording "when providing in advance by the teacher, all work missed due to trips should be made up before the student leaves; page 31, added Environmental Club and Math Club; page 42, additional SHS fees waiver items; and the recommendation to the drug policies will also be added to the handbook.

Dr. Shedd requested "emergency" on page 3 is spelled correctly. President Lordino questioned it there would be problems with added tardies due to the passing time being cut down. Mr. Huck stated the passing times were 10 minutes except for time between the home room class and the next class of 5 minutes.

Dr. Shedd questioned what the home room was and noted 5 minutes has been taken away from every class to develop this home room. Mr. Nighswonger stated discussion was held 2-3 years ago about creating "home court advantage" and noted Julie Pengelly has been an advocate of this program. What the high school would like to do is to provide opportunities for students in continual daily basis to have daily contact with one teacher, who could be their advocate or mentor, with a smaller group of students who meet in the morning. The overall structure of what is currently used is not conducive with the schedule currently used to dedicate time to pull students out of class and not affect core or elective classes.

Dr. Shedd questioned the experience and data of other schools with this type of program in terms of improving student performance and stated he wasn't thrilled with taking students out of academic setting for 20 minutes. Mr. Nighswonger stated presently in the GNAC this program is a common practice being utilized and noted one of the leading schools is Grand Island who has been utilizing this kind of a program to stimulate and help their students and noted their student body was very similar to Scottsbluff and they are seeing positive results and believes it encourages and helping the students. Dr. Shedd again questioned if there was data on this program and stated before 20 minutes of classroom time is deleted he would like to be convinced that this program will make a difference. Dr. Reynolds stated Mr. Nighswonger has the information from all of the meeting they have gone to about improving high schools and didn't think it would be too obtain for the board and noted one of the most important things schools are getting better at is with the relationship of staff and students. "Rethinking the High School Experience" is a big push by Dr. Christensen from Nebraska Department of Education and is something that will be in line with what he is encouraging. Dr. Shedd stated the Board had some long discussions about block scheduling and how long the classes were going to be and the some of teachers had spreadsheets showing there was going to be a lot of

class time deleted and now talking about deleting another 20 minutes. One of the arguments that he made was that there was 96 minute classes instead of 90 minutes and 6 minutes over a course of a year equates to several hours of any given class. Mrs. Massey stated the home room would allow for students to settle in, get ready for their day, and have a relationship with another academic instructor. It may not be increasing their intelligence but may help the students to better process or problem solve and deal with things that are happening to them during the day; therefore see this as a positive thing. Students will be able to do homework, obtain help, positive mentoring, and a lot of social skills training, study skills, etc. Mrs. Magana stated she has seen this type of a program work and the result is very positive and noted this is one of the things we are missing at the high school is the relationship between students and how they treat each other and also the relationship with teachers and getting them down to smaller group for a block of time. President Lordino stated he agreed with Dr. Shedd with the issue of class time but questioned why this home room isn't utilized during the first period instead of in middle of the day. Mr. Nighswonger stated the biggest benefit would go to the students who are struggling and maybe able to have preparation for one class but some of them are not capable to organize for the rest of the day and this would be an opportunity for them to get help that they need. President Lordino noted that if a student needs the help he felt they would need it in the morning during the first period or last period of the day. Mr. Nighswonger stated one of the concerns as he visited with other schools is that they worry about whether student will show up for home room if it were first period. Dr. Shedd stated this is 60 hours of class time that is being deleted by adding the home room and personally does not believe this is worth deleting the class time.

President Lordino questioned why a student who attends VALTS is not allowed to attend the prom dance at the end of the year and requested the administration to review and bring back to June 11th meeting. Dr. Reynolds noted the Superintendents has a meeting with VALTS administrator and will review.

Dr. Shedd thanked the administration for reviewing and modifying the cell phone policy but noted his only concern is with regard to the out-of school suspension for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense seems a little bit harsh especially when someone else is dialing the student from outside the district and their phone happens to go off that will account as one offense according to the policy. Mrs. Magana stated she felt the point was that students could have cell phones with them but they had to be off and feels the policy has been modified to give the students the benefit of the doubt and asking them to be responsible and should be willing to pay the consequence if they have a cell phone. Dr. Shedd stated he felt it was a little harsh and if someone is dialing the student and the phone happens to ring because they forgot to turn it off and this happens twice then they are out-of-school suspension for two days. President Lordino stated he agreed with Dr. Shedd and thought a student should have one warning, then maybe an in-school suspension, and the third time you kick the student out for a day but going from one warning to out-of-school suspension is harsh. Dr. Reynolds stated cell phones take so much of the administrator's time away from instruction and dealing with true disciplinary issues and noted cell phones are the worst things that happened to schools because students will continue to bring them to school and have them on and does not benefit instruction or the times of administration or

instructors. Mr. Huck stated as of May 3<sup>rd</sup> there were a total of 237 incidents with 12 two day out-of-school suspensions and 2 three day out-of-school suspensions for cell phones so if you look at the grand scheme when the consequence got severe enough the students remembered to turn their cell phones off.

Mrs. Massey stated she personally didn't think the policy was too strict, the students are in school to learn and not to be on cell phones. **Sheryl** Holscher, SHS volunteer and parent, stated she see the time the administration spend dealing with cell phones and noted the SHS Site Council parents felt the students need to smash their cell phones so she thinks this is a pretty good policy and know that students are going to have phones but the phones need to be off between 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Dr. Shedd felt everyone need to remember the reason we wanted to change the policy is because everyone was ignoring the current policy and when 90% of the students are ignoring the policy it is putting the Board in a bad position especially if the teachers aren't enforcing the policy; therefore wanted a policy that would be enforceable and feels a student can easily be a victim if someone dials his number. Mrs. Massey expressed if the cell phones are off then the student is not a victim.

Dr. Shedd questioned how reliable the activities directors and teachers were letting the administrators know that a student is out on an activity because he has received a call two or three times this spring when his son was at a track meet that he was truant. Mr. Huck reported every effort is made to the best of their ability and noted there is only one attendance secretary she has noted the simple wording change will add 3 hours to her day. Mrs. Magana questioned if the new Infinite Campus would address some this. Mr. Huck stated he hasn't look at the attendance piece but knows there are some programs that can be tied directly to the call system. President Lordino noted the only questions the Board has regarding the SHS Student Handbook relates to the bell schedule and the VALTS student attendance at prom and requested information be brought back to the Board at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion to approve the SHS Student Handbook, as presented, with the exclusion of the bell schedule on VALT students being allowed to attend prom questions, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Shedd, Massey, Magana, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

Mrs. Magana reported the negotiations process between the Board and Scottsbluff Schools Classified Association was extremely pleasant and recommended approval of the negotiated agreement as presented.

**Motion to approve the Board/SSCA Negotiated Agreement dated April 30, 2007, as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Shedd, Magana, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

Dr. Reynolds requested modification to the 2007-2008 School Calendar with regard to the spring break days. The dates should be April 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> instead of April 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to modify the 2007-2008 school calendar, as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Shedd, Magana, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

Brian DeBrie, SHS Booster Club President, reported 2 years ago the Booster Club started the New Year's Eve fundraiser with a reverse raffle and noted the first year they raise approximately \$14,000. With the proceeds they purchased, along with the Scottsbluff Schools, the marquee on 27<sup>th</sup> Street and this year the Booster Club raised approximately \$20,000 at the reverse raffle and also had other funds available and are proposing a new football scoreboard at Bearcat Stadium. Instead of the traditional scoreboard they are going with a matrix screen that will project the scoreboard and will be able to advertise, honor people, and will be able to sell ads to help fund other projects the Scottsbluff Booster Club involved in. The Booster Club was requesting from the Board, noting the marquee will cost around \$100,000, the Booster Club has \$27,500; district fund \$27,500 and will be going to public to pay for this scoreboard. Also, the Booster Club is requesting permission to sell ads and the proceeds would go to the Booster Club and they will turn around and fund other activities.

President Lordino questioned if the current scoreboard was replaced what it would cost. Mr. Knapper noted with the same type technology the scoreboard would cost approximately \$30,000. President Lordino noted the investment would be about the same if the District would have to replace. President Lordino noted he had the opportunity to look at the scoreboard the Booster Club was looking at and was very impressed with the project to replace the scoreboard at Bearcat Stadium. This scoreboard will greatly enhance what is being done, not only during football and track season, but at senior graduation and noted the District has had a very good relationship with the Booster Club and thanked them for everything they have done in the past for Scottsbluff Public Schools. President Lordino noted this would be a good project for Scottsbluff Schools to embark on. Mrs. Massey echoed President Lordino's comments and noted the Booster Club members have been great ambassadors and does wonderful things for the District. Mr. DeBrie noted they anticipate having a live camera that can view special events such as graduation speeches or national anthem singers. President Lordino reported he received an email from Mr. Knapper to setup a meeting with Mr. Douglas, School Attorney, to review and draft an agreement but the Board can make a motion to commit to the \$27,500 toward this project. Dr. Shedd questioned if the finances of the project contingent upon the results of the meeting. Mr. DeBrie stated the Booster Club feels they have the public support enough that the scoreboard can be paid for and they will sell the ads. President Lordino noted he wanted to make sure the cooperation of the Booster Club and the School District is done the right way so with Mr. Douglas on board an agreement can be drafted.

Lonnie O'Bryan, patron, stated as a result of the bond issue failing he sees a need for alternative funding, besides a bond issue, for the extremely large purchases and would like to see the Booster Club involved in some of the needs.

**Motion for Scottsbluff Public Schools to fund \$27,500, 25% cost of the scoreboard, contingent upon the agreement between the Scottsbluff Booster Club and Scottsbluff School District, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Massey, Shedd, Magana, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Shedd, Magana, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey, Lang; Motion carried.**

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