

**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, July 23, 2007, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 2601 Broadway, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, with the following members present: Bob Kinsey, Mark Lang, Kim Magana, Megan Massey, and Michael Shedd. Absent: Tim Lordino. Notice of meeting was given by publication of time and place thereof in the Star-Herald on July 20, 2007.

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

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

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda which includes adoption of the agenda and the Superintendent's Compensation of 4.75% increase, the same percentage increase as the certified staff, for the 2007-2008 school year, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Yes, Shedd, Magana, Kinsey, Lang, Massey; No: None; Absent: Lordino; Motion carried.

Lonnie O'Bryan thanked the two board members, Megan Massey and Tim Lordino, for attending the "Save Bluffs Middle School" meeting recently.

Mr. Lang reported the Facilities Committee met to discuss the updates on the softball, press box, and Longfellow bus cut-out projects and noted these projects were progressing.

Mrs. Massey reported the Community Relations Committee met with the Scottsbluff Booster Club regarding the high school marquee and discussing concerns and noted Mindy developed guidelines, request forms for teachers and coaches, general public request must go through the Booster Club but the noted all the decisions will be made by the administrators with regard to what is published on the marquee and noted the Finance Committee has been meeting diligently with the building principals and activities director on the 2007-08 budget. Mr. Lang questioned when the 2007-2008 budget needs to be approved. Mr. Knapper noted the budget must be submitted to the County Clerk by September 20th. Dr. Shedd questioned how many things can be scrolled on the SHS marquee or was it unlimited. Mrs. Burbach reported the marquee was had the availability of unlimited information. Dr. Reynolds noted the marquee will runs 24 hours a day and can have unlimited messages.

Mindy Burbach, Communications Specialist, reported every other week in the Wednesday section of the Star-Herald the District will have articles on various topics such as changes to the Middle School and the next article will be on the new BMS Achievement Center. Dr. Shedd questioned when the individual schools website pages would be developed and

who were the individuals actually developing these web pages. Mrs. Burbach indicated the schools were working on their web pages currently and noted the staff were as follows: Westmoor/Roosevelt - Tammy Sessions; Lincoln Heights – Deanna Keszler; Longfellow – Tricia Parker and then eventually all the teachers will be trained so they will be able to develop their own web pages. Mrs. Magana questioned if staff pictures would be on website and stated she felt this would be helpful and should be a requirement. Mrs. Burbach stated the staff pictures can be added but noted she has left the buildings to develop their own web pages. Vice President Kinsey stated he thought the staff pictures on the website would be a good idea for people to know who are in the buildings and suggested providing a little bit of biography on each individual. Dr. Shedd questioned if the new student accounting software, Infinite Campus, was up and running and if the parents would access this information through the website. Mr. Knapper reported training on Infinite Campus was held all last week, today there was training for elementary trainers who will train at their respective buildings, and Friday there will be training for the MS/SHS trainers. Mrs. Burbach stated she visited with Angie McGrew, Information System Technician, about developing an Infinite Campus video for parent to learn how to use the system and run it on the website and access channel.

Mr. Knapper reported the Board, at their June 25th meeting, approved funding for a 10 foot bus cut-out as part of the City of Scottsbluff's 5th Avenue street project and noted M.C. Schaff, engineer for the City, obtained a firm cost amount for the work from the contractor, Paul Reed Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$15,287.00 and noted this amount was consistent with the engineer's estimate of \$16,000. Pictures of the Longfellow bus cut-out were viewed for reference. Vice President Kinsey provided a review of the Longfellow bus cut-out project for the public.

Dr. Reynolds reported Dr. Shedd and Mrs. Magana met with Dr. Schmucker and himself to review the SHS Textbook Adoptions for the 2007-2008 school year. The recommendation is to adopt new textbooks for Theatre, Biology, Geometry, Life Skills Science, and Life Skills Social Studies. Dr. Reynolds noted the committee is not looking for approval on the SHS World History as they are working and reviewing other textbooks since they did not look favorable upon the option that was being presented. Mrs. Magana reported the World History textbooks will be reviewed at the July 26th committee meeting and will bring back a recommendation for the Board.

Motion to approve the SHS Textbook adoptions as follows: Theatre-\$1,508.45; Biology - \$15,901.92; Geometry-\$6,695.20; Life Skills Science-\$1,109.97; and Life Skills Social Studies-\$881.48, as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Shedd, Magana, Massey, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Lordino; Motion carried.

Motion to accept the certified staff resignation from passed Georgia Childress, Westmoor Grade 5 Instructor, effective immediately, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Massey, Magana, Lang, Shedd, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Lordino; Motion carried.

Motion to approve the certified staff election of Becky Martin, Lake Minatare Grade 1-2 Instructor for the 2007-2008 school year, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Massey, Lang, Magana, Shedd, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Lordino; Motion carried.

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

Vice President Kinsey read future meetings and dates. It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the Board Retreat on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. with the location to be determined. Dr. Reynolds reminded the Board the All Staff Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th, 11:30 a.m., at Frank Park. Dr. Shedd noted for the record the meeting lasted only 20 minutes.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., passed with a motion by Kim Magana and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Magana, Shedd, Lang, Massey, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Lordino; Motion carried.

Katherine A. Reyes, Secretary
Board of Education

Bob Kinsey, Vice President
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