

**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, December 8, 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, Michael Shedd and Paul Snyder. Absent: Kim Magana. Notice of meeting was given by publication of time and place thereof in the Star-Herald on December 5, 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 accept the Consent Agenda items to include: approve minutes of November 10, 2008-Regular Meeting; December 2, 2008-Special Work Session; and approve expenditures, in the amount of \$2,806,382.02, as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Shedd, Massey, Snyder, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana; Motion carried.

Marg Dredla, ESU #13 Special Education Director, provided an overview of the programs and services that Educational Service Unit #13 offers to the 21 area districts.

The Board recognized the following student groups: DECA-Greater Nebraska Conference participants; Roosevelt Elementary-Mall Trivia Contestant winners; and BMS Honors Band. There was no one from the community to address the Board. There were no student or SEA reports.

Mark Lang, reported he attended the one-act district competition in North Platte and noted Scottsbluff placed 2nd in the competition, noting the students did a great job. President Kinsey encouraged members to attend the ESU #13 open house at the Harm Center to see the state-of-the-art classrooms.

Dr. Shedd reported the Curriculum/Technology Committee met and discussed graduation requirements but had no recommendations at this time and will be bringing to the Board a Social Studies proposal for consideration in the near future.

Mr. Snyder reported the Finance Committee met with the auditors to review the audit and financial statement for 2008 and noted the District received a clean bill of health.

Kelly Reisig, Communications Director, reported she has made enhancements to the website and invited the Board to review.

Lavon Hood, Director of Business Services, reported Scottsbluff Public Schools was recognized by NASB as one of the top performing school districts in the Alicap Pool this

year and wanted to make the Board aware that there was a traffic accident, which caused a little bit of damage, at the Longfellow School and noted Mr. Davis, Director of Maintenance, was aware of the accident and noted the damage will be taken care of.

Sandy Porter, Director of Curriculum/Technology, reported information on graduates study is attached to the agenda and available for the Board to review.

Gary Reynolds, Superintendent, reminded the Board there will be a Pre-Legislative Forum at the Gering Civic Center on Tuesday, December 9th and that the Legislative process will begin in January; therefore will be traveling to Lincoln to meet with our Senators and discuss legislative issues and how they will impact the school districts.

Tim Friedlein requested the approval of the Board to accept his donation for a new 44-foot flagpole and 8 x 12 flag for the Bearcat Stadium. He noted the current flagpole and flag are more appropriate for residential property; therefore would like to donate and erect a more appropriate size of flagpole and flag for the football stadium and would also like to install a small granite stone plaque at the bottom and engrave *"In appreciation of Scottsbluff High School graduates who have served in the United States Armed Forces"*.

President Kinsey noted that since the value of this donation was more than \$1,000 it was necessary to have this donation approved by the Board of Education.

Motion to accept Tim Friedlein's donation of a 44-foot Flagpole, 8 x 12 Flag, and granite stone plaque for the Senior High School Bearcat Stadium, 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.

President Kinsey, on behalf of the Board, thanked Dr. Friedlein for his donation and felt this was a great idea, was needed, and appreciated the recognition of the people who defend our country. President Kinsey noted the discussion on the swing space for the BMS renovation project would be moved to 9f, under new business.

Bruce Lefler, Ameritas Investment Corporation, from Omaha congratulated the Board and Children First Committee for their successful bond referendum for the Bluffs Middle School renovation project. He noted the campaign was very well run and the committee worked very hard to make sure the message got out to the public. Mr. Lefler reviewed the timeline and steps that the District would be working on to get the actual financing for the BMS Renovation Project. Ameritas will be working with the architect and administration over the next 30-60 days to obtain a tentative timetable for the projects, the need for the funds, how the needs will affect the necessity of having the bond proceeds in place, and putting together, in the interim, various scenarios on how the financing plan will be put into place which are decisions that will be made down the road by the Board. In the near future, Ameritas will be putting together the necessary documentation which will essentially be the official statement that will go to the investors for their review and to see if they have interest in purchasing bonds from the school district. Ameritas would like to position themselves to have the flexibility to move in the market place as they choose and prepare the District to place the financing in place when it is appropriate to do. Dr. Reynolds reported the plans was to have Ameritas come in mid-January to meet with the Finance Committee and review the various options available, pros and cons of the options and how they will work.

President Kinsey, on behalf of the Board, thanked Ameritas for their support during the bond referendum process.

President Kinsey reported it was the consensus of the Finance Committee to move forward with developing Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Manager At Risk for the BMS Renovation Project.

Motion to proceed with developing RFQ's for Construction Manager At Risk, 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.

Motion to accept the low bid from Lenovo, in the amount of \$16,059.56, for 19 ThinkPad R500 laptop computers, as presented, passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Lang, Shedd, Snyder, Kinsey, Massey; No: None; Absent: Magana; Motion carried.

President Kinsey read future meetings and dates.

President Kinsey noted Mayor Randy Meininger, Rick Kuckkahan, Dr. Bill Zitterkopf from the City of Scottsbluff were in attendance to discuss options available for the use of the former Aurora Service building to house BMS students during the BMS renovation process. Mayor Meininger applauded the Board for the opportunity to be able to come before the Board to look at a project and entertain the idea of working together on this process. There are details that need to be addressed but noted the City of Scottsbluff is willing to work together to make the community stronger and requested going into executive session to work out the details.

Motion to move into executive session to discuss a real estate transaction at 7:51 p.m., passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Snyder, Massey, Lang, Shedd, Kinsey; No: None; Motion carried.

Motion to reconvene into open session at 8:50 p.m., passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Shedd, Massey, Lang, Snyder, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana; Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m., passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Shedd, Snyder, Massey, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Magana; Motion carried.

**Katherine A. Reyes, Secretary
Board of Education**