

**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, February 9, 2009, in the Senior High School Meeting Room, 313 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff with the following members present: Bob Kinsey, Mark Lang, Kim Magana, Megan Massey, Michael Shedd and Paul Snyder. Notice of meetings was given by publication of time and place thereof in the Star-Herald on February 6, 2009.

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

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda to include: adopt agenda, approve minutes for January 12, 2009, and approve the expenditures, in the amount of \$3,561,178.38, as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Shedd, Snyder, Lang, Magana, Massey, Kinsey; No; None; Motion carried.

The Board recognized the SHS Orchestra and Lake Alice students. There was no one from the community to address the Board. There were no student or SEA reports.

Megan Massey reported the Finance Committee met and discussed the various spread sheets from Lavon to better understand the budget, Bruce Lefler with Ameritas provided information on the sale of bonds process, and reviewed information on a new software proposal that will be addressed later in the meeting.

Kelly Reisig, Communications Director, reported she has made more updates to website for the After School and Pre-School tabs and continues to make updates and changes to the website. President Kinsey complimented Kelly on the great job she is doing on the website keeping it updated and providing valued resources for the public.

Wendy Kemling, Director of Student Services, reported the 21st Century After School Grant has been submitted and is also available for public review at the Administration Office, two teams of Special Olympics students from the surrounding districts participated in Greeley, Colorado which placed 2nd in the tournament; and noted Jack Massey was selected to the State Youth Leadership Council of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department, consisting of 10-15 students with disabilities from across the state, and noted Jack was the only student who was in a transition program who was selected to the Council.

Sandy Porter, Director of Curriculum/Technology provided members with an overview of the characteristics including poverty, English Language Learners, Special Education, mobility, graduation rate, enrollment, and high school teacher endorsed; STARS results; norm-reference test results for reading/mathematics; and ACT results compared with

Kearney Norfolk, North Platte, and Gering. Mrs. Porter noted the summary statement indicates that Scottsbluff Schools is doing very well do of this information shows that Scottsbluff students are doing very well and the District should be proud of the results.

Dr. Reynolds, Karen Johnson, and Matt Huck thanked the Board for the opportunity to travel to China and provided a slide show on their trip that was sponsored by the University of Nebraska Confucius Institute.

President Kinsey reported the School Site Council Reports from Roosevelt Elementary and Westmoor Elementary were on file for review.

Rhonda Pierce, Twin City Development Director, stated she has been working with Galen Nighswonger and Gary Steinbrecher, Construction Class Instructor, on a partnership to help renovate the Summit building in Gering into 16 apartment units which this class has framed one of the floors through grant funds and wanted to present a proposal to the Board for another partnership with Scottsbluff Schools to construct 3 houses, the next three years, on property purchased by Twin City Development at the corner of 20th Street & 12th Avenue in Scottsbluff and noted they will be paying for all of the expenses with no risk to the School District. TCD will pay the District \$3,000 up front and provide additional basic equipment. Also, the SHS may want to include other classes in this project, i.e., drafting, landscaping, interior design, etc. The estimated sale cost of the houses when completed will be approximately \$90,000-\$105,000. Through these efforts the construction students will gain on hands experiences with professional construction. Mrs. Pierce invited the Board to tour the Summit apartments to see what the construction class has done.

Gary Steinbrecher, SHS Construction Class Instructor, reported the partnership with Twin City Development has been really smooth for students when working on the Summit project. There has been very good communication from TCD and when the students need supplies or tools they have been accommodated. The students have enjoyed the project and it has been a real holistic and real life experience and opportunity. The students have been able to job shadow different construction trades and gained good work ethics and confidence through this positive and great opportunity. Mr. Steinbrecher noted the principals and counselors are working on schedules to provide student's more class time for this construction class.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Senior High construction class to proceed with the Twin city Development construction project partnership.

Mike Fisher, Sponsor, requested permission from the Board to take BMS 8th grade students on the annual Washington D.C. trip scheduled for May 26-29, 2009. This year there are 36 registered and noted the cost would be \$1,531 per person and they will tour museums/memorials and noted it is a great experiences for the students.

Motion to approve the BMS 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip on May 26-29, 2009, as presented, passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Snyder, Massey, Shedd, Lang, Magana, Kinsey; No: None; Motion carried.

Dr. Reynolds noted the District Organizational Chart has been revised as directed by the Board. President Kinsey noted the update was requested so the Board and employees would know the chain of command and who they reported to.

Motion to approve the revised District Organizational Chart, as presented, passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Snyder, Magana, Lang, Massey, Shedd, Kinsey; No: None; Motion carried. (A copy of the District Organizational Chart is attached to and made part of the official minutes.)

Dr. Reynolds reported the proposed 2009-2010 school calendars for SHS and BMS/Elementary Schools are a mirror of this year's school calendar with the same student contact and teacher contract days.

Motion to approve the 2009-2010 School Calendars for SHS & BMS/Elementary, as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Shedd, Lang, Magana, Massey, Snyder, Kinsey; No: None; Motion carried. (A copy of the 2009-2010 School Calendars for SHS & BMS/Elementary are attached to and made a part of the official minutes.)

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

Motion to accept the low bid from Fisher Tracks, in the amount of \$48,831.00, for Bearcat Track Resurfacing project, as presented, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Massey, Lang, Magana, Shedd, Snyder, Kinsey; No: None; Motion carried.

Motion to accept the low bid from Paul Reed Construction, in the amount of \$64,985.29, for the SHS Practice Field Drainage project, as presented, passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Lang, Massey, Shedd, Snyder, Magana, Kinsey; No: None; Motion carried.

Motion to accept the responsible bid from Paul Reed Construction, in the amount of \$152,243.47 for the Westmoor Playground project, as presented, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Massey, Magana, Lang, Shedd, Snyder, Kinsey; No: None; Motion carried.

Motion to accept the low bid from Dell Computer, in the amount of \$59,393.98, for the Server Virtualization Project, for 3 rack mount servers, SAN hardware and software, as presented, passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Kim

Magana. Yes: Snyder, Magana, Massey, Shedd, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Motion carried.

Motion to accept the bid from Reganis Auto Center, in the amount of \$14,495.00, for a ½ Ton Work Van, as presented, passed with a motion by Kim Magana and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Magana, Lang, Massey, Shedd, Snyder, Kinsey; No: None; Motion carried.

Sandy Porter, Director of Curriculum/Technology, reported for the past 15-16 years Scottsbluff Schools has used Follett Library Solution that is comprised of six individual databases and each year the District pays up to \$6,000 for support for these databases and to add Lake Alice and Lake Minatare it would be an additional \$6,000 for each school. It was noted the support for Library Solution is going away. Mrs. Porter reported it was the Curriculum/Technology Committee's recommendation to approve the purchase of the Follett Library Destiny, for the entire District, a single database library to streamline the library services. Also, Library Destiny will be the textbook manager for SHS and will hold the inventory of all the media across the District.

Motion to purchase from Follett Software Company, in the amount of \$26,819.64, for the Follett Destiny Library Solution, as presented, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Massey, Magana, Shedd, Snyder, Lang, Kinsey; No: None; Motion carried.

Dr. Jim Schmucker, SHS Assistant Principal, reported on the proposed changes to the SHS curriculum for 2009-2010 school year as follows: 3.5 years requirement of Social Studies: 1) Geography/Current Events (two semesters) for all Freshman, 2) World History (two semester) for all Sophomores, 3) U.S. History (two semesters) for all Juniors, and 4) American Government (one semester) for all Seniors, noting these would provide a balanced educational opportunity for the students to acquire a broad-based look at national and international history and cultures and Business Department changes would include: 1) remove requirement of Computer Concepts 1 from graduation requirement, and 2) add a requirement of Personal Finance (one semester), due to Computer Concepts 1 being redundant for most of the students who come to SHS with good computer knowledge and skills and would like to replace this with a Personal Finance requirement that should help students in their lives as they become independent consumers.

The Board discussed how the 3.5 year requirement would impact seniors and if they could be grandfathered, questioned if the staff was knowledgeable and on board with this recommendation, and questioned what period would be covered in U.S. History and the grade level sequence.

Motion to table action on the proposed SHS curriculum changes until the March meeting with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Snyder, Massey, Lang; No: Magana, Shedd, Kinsey; Motion failed for a lack of a majority.

Mrs. Massey stated she appreciated all of the work the Committee has done and feels they have worked hard to make students more well-rounded in their education and feels there hasn't been good communication through the process and feels the social studies instructors and committee members need to meet and discuss the details of the middle school and high school staff to be more clear.

Motion to adopt the SHS curriculum recommendations of: 1 year of Geography/Current Events, 1 year of World History, 1 year of U.S. History, and 1 semester of American Government and directed the administration to work out the details on how it will be implement, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Shedd, Magana, Lang, Massey, Kinsey; No: Snyder; Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Business requirements as follows: remove the requirement of Computer Concepts 1 from the graduation requirements and add the requirement of one semester of Personal Finance, as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Shedd, Magana, Snyder, Lang, Massey, Kinsey; No: None; Motion carried.

President Kinsey read future meetings and dates.

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

Katherine A. Reyes, Secretary
Board of Education