

**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 8:00 p.m., on Monday, March 7, 2011, in the Senior High School Meeting Room, 313 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff with the following members present: Bob Kinsey, Ruth Kozal, Michael Shedd and Paul Snyder. Absent: Mark Lang, Kim Magana. Notice of meeting was given by publication of time and place thereof in the Star-Herald on March 4, 2011.

President Kinsey called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Motion to excuse absent board member, Mark Lang, from the meeting, passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Ruth Kozal. Yes: Snyder, Kozal, Shedd, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Lang, Magana; Motion carried.

Motion to excuse absent board member, Kim Magana, from the meeting, passed with a motion by Ruth Kozal and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Kozal, Snyder, Shedd, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Lang, Magana; Motion carried.

Motion to approve the consent agenda items to include: adopt agenda; approve February 7, 2011- Regular Board Meeting Minutes; approve expenditures, in the amount of \$506,569.42; accepted Certified Staff Resignation(s)/Retirement(s) as follows: Matt Buchhammer, Longfellow Grade 1 Instructor, Resignation; Brandon Skocz, District-Wide Speech-Language Pathologist, Resignation; Gail Bruflat, Roosevelt Music Instructor, Retirement (35 Years of Service); Patricia Doll, Westmoor Grade 5 Instructor, Retirement (24 Years of Service); Jean Hilyard, Longfellow Music Instructor, Retirement (15 Years of Service); Deanna Keszler, Lincoln Heights Grade 5 Instructor, Retirement (26 Years of Service); Rojean Sweeney, Westmoor Grade 3 Instructor, Retirement (21 Years of Service); Susan Huber, Lincoln Heights SPED Resource Instructor Retirement (34 Years of Service); Elizabeth Lundgren, Lincoln Heights Grade 2 Instructor Retirement (4 Years of Service); and BMS 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip Request, as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Ruth Kozal. Yes: Shedd, Kozal, Snyder, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Lang, Magana; Motion carried.

President Kinsey, on behalf of the Board, thanked the retiring teachers for their years of service to the District.

The Board recognized the SHS Drill Team including Danni Becker, Chandler, Brill, Julie Burbach, Amanda Mentzel, Maria Torres, Abby Benson, Ali Chain Rachel Clemens, Alexis Cook, Maggie Hopp, Macy Martischewsky, Katie Reub, Kira Winters, and Kelsey York for their 1st place at the Nebraska State Dance Competition in Class A/B High Kick Division in Grand Island and SHS Wrestling Team who qualified and participated at the NSAA state

tournament including: Colton Adams, Terrance Hessler, Tyler Nation, Chris Brening, Jed Weis, Willie Schwarzkopf, Kolby Aulick, and Avery Montanez.

There was no one from the community to address the Board. Grant Lacey, Student Representative, reported the money campaign for children's cancer organization has raised \$1,100 dollars, Speech District will be on Saturday, March 12th in Kearney, girls and boys basketball teams won district and will be competing at state, DECA will be going to Lincoln for state competition on March 16th; and the drill team won high kick division at state and will be competing at nationals in Florida on March 10th.

Lavon Hood, Director of Finance, provided a financial update for the District noting overall the expenses are at 46% of budget and that there were a couple of areas that they will be watching. Substitute and overtime costs are a little high and will monitor as the year goes on but expect it to come in on track. There have be a couple of water expenses but noted Larry Davis is working with the City of Scottsbluff to determine if there are any issues that need to be addressed. Also, bus maintenance expense are high which are due to a high number of incidents that occurred earlier in the year but she feel the District will be on target going forth. Revenue overall receipts are at 42% of budget, the state fiscal stabilization funds have been fully received, the job dollars are on target for receipts soon, certifiable receipts won't come in until later in the school year (i.e., safe and drug free schools, native American grant, and other AARA dollars); therefore pretty much on target for receipts of revenue projections. We do not anticipate receiving a 100% of the revenue because there was some carryover of Title dollars which will amount to approximately \$140,000 but again pretty much on target with revenue. Mrs. Hood reported the cafeteria fund is in really good shape this year and anticipated to be in the black at year-end. Additional programs such as the after-school program and pre-school are also showing an improvement over last year numbers.

Wendy Kemling, Director of Student Services, provided an overview of the kindergarten entrance age changes, noting the changes will take affect 2012-2013 as a result of LB 1006, which mandated the eligibility changes. For 2012-13 school year students will need to turn five years of age before July 31st. For 2011-2012, the deadline will remain October 15. There is a possibility that some students will be able to actually attend pre-school for two years in a row if the students have birthdates between July 31st and October 15th which will affect the preschools numbers. Dr. Shedd questioned if there were any statutory requirements when a student must be enrolled. Mrs. Kemling noted students must be enrolled in school if the student is six by January 1st of the current school year.

Sandy Porter, Director of Curriculum/Technology, provided an overview on the "National Scene: Top 5 Education Issues" including: 1) standards, assessments and accountability, 2) college and career readiness through effective high school completion, 3) closing the achievement gap among racial and ethical groups, 4) teacher preparation and quality, including useful professional development, and 5) public education funding without federal "bailout"; reviewed Nebraska Schools demographics changes over 21 years relating to total enrollment, total minority, free and reduced lunches, English limited language, and

special education; and reviewed the NeSA-Reading 11th grade student poverty, ELL , and mobility percentages.

Rick Myles, Superintendent, stated it was an amazing month for the students of Scottsbluff Public Schools which is a real sense of pride and joy to the community. The recognitions have raised attention around the state with the accomplishments not only in athletics but also academically. The teachers are also participating prominently not only at the district level but with their involvement outside of the district as well. Mr. Myles noted it was nice to see the high aspirations that everyone has and everyone expects the best not only for themselves but from each other. The District has been spending a lot of hours working on curriculum standards with what the students need to know and what they need to be able to do in the classrooms. Dialogue has been started with WNCC on how the District can enhance the career arena for students and what can be accomplished while the students are still in high school and as they look ahead for potential careers. Staff had the opportunity to attend the professional development inservice day hosted by ESU 13 which ranged from very specific content curriculum work to sessions on instructional strategies regarding how to keep students active in classes. Budget meetings have been held at six of the seven of the buildings for staff members and will hold two public forums on April 26th for staff and community members on the budget with a formal presentation and allow for questions and comments.

Jackie Lebo, Communication Specialist, provide a presentation on the research and work she has done with the development of a new website design that will be implemented this summer which will make it more user friendly for students, staff, parents, media and community members and provide information to showcase the District. The company that she will be working with is ThinkEd -School Center.

Ruth Kozal reported they will not been able to contact the representative from Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad on their grant application until next week as well as will be meeting to work on the USTA application requirements need to complete their process. Mr. Snyder questioned what the window was for the timeline in awarding the bid. Larry Davis, Maintenance Supervisor, reported he spoke with Renner Sports representative and was informed the District has until May 2nd; however he was anticipating beginning the project before May because of the water table and the need to complete the project by August as well as a certain amount of time for curing prior to putting the finishing coat on the tennis surface; therefore timeline will be critical. Mr. Snyder questioned if there would be an issues with tabling action on awarding the bid until the April board meeting to allow individuals to work on the grants and hypothetically award the bid in April would it give the bidder enough time to give notice and start the project in April. Mr. Davis stated the bidder would need a week to mobilize so he felt awarding the bid in April should provide enough time to begin this project. The prices that were extended will cover all costs except for steel and fuel costs.

Motion to table action on the Tennis Court Renovation Project bid, to give more opportunity to get results and obtain grant dollars, until the April board meeting or if information is obtained prior to the regular meeting date a special meeting may be

held to take action, passed with a motion by Ruth Kozal and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Kozal, Snyder, Shedd, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Lang, Magana; Motion carried.

Language Arts Co-chairs, Carolyn Escamilla, Todd Menghini, Trudy Schnell and Math Co-chairs, Language Arts Co-chairs, provided overviews of their committee work on the development of K-12 pacing guides for each content areas.

Motion to award the Carpet Replacement Bid to Don Schmidt, in the amount of \$25,532.00, as presented, passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Snyder, Shedd, Kozal, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Lang, Magana; Motion carried.

Motion to award the Security Services bid to SOS Security Incorporated for services to begin March 2011 and continue for a period of one year with two one-year renewal options, in the amount estimated at \$60,000 including extra events and any potential overtime, as presented, passed with a motion by Ruth Kozal and a second by Paul Snyder. Yes: Kozal, Snyder, Shedd, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Lang, Magana; Motion carried.

President Kinsey reported he received comments from the board members and compiled the superintendent's evaluation document for Rick Myles. The conclusions of the evaluation were based on identified goals and outlined activities. The board was asked to address various parts of the performance attributes and utilized a standard format provided by the Nebraska School Board Association. Comments received were very positive that Mr. Myles has met all of the goals and expectations of the board; therefore President Kinsey, on behalf of the Board, will sign the evaluation and direct Dick Douglas, School Attorney, to proceed with developing a roll-over contract for Mr. Myles. Ruth Kozal stated as a new member to the board she thanked Mr. Myles for not only embracing the school district but trying to figure out how Nebraska does things.

President Kinsey read future meetings and dates.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m., passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Ruth Kozal. Yes: Shedd, Kozal, Snyder, Kinsey; No: None; Absent: Lang, Magana; Motion carried.

Katherine A. Reyes, Secretary
Board of Education