

**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 5, 2007, in the Bluffs Middle School, Commons Area, 23rd & Broadway, Scottsbluff, with the following members present: Mark Lang, Tim Lordino, Kim Magana, Megan Massey and Michael Shedd. Absent: Bob Kinsey. Notice of meetings was given by publication of time and place thereof in the Star-Herald on February 3, 2007.

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

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

Dr. Shedd requested the January 8, 2007 minutes be removed from the consent agenda items for correction.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda to include the January 22, 2007 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and expenditures in the amount of \$2,230,018.04 as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Shedd, Lang, Lordino, Magana, Massey; No: None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried.

Dr. Shedd stated a correction to the January 8, 2007 minutes should reflect the record of voting on the election of President which should read Massey absent instead of Shedd.

Motion to approve the January 8, 2007 Regular Board Meeting minutes to reflect the record of voting on the election of President which should read Massey absent instead of Shedd, as amended, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Shedd, Massey, Lang, Magana, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried.

President Lordino reported the Public Hearing is required by Nebraska Statute §25-2504 for the purchase of real property. He noted the property being considered for acquisition is located at 1402 9th Avenue, Scottsbluff, NE. At the Public Hearing, §25-2504 requires the school district to explain to the public: the nature and necessity of the project for which it seeks to acquire the property. The explanation is that the school grounds for Roosevelt Elementary is limited in size and constrained by city streets on three sides. Additional property will provide the District with flexibility in meeting the building parking and playground needs for the school; the reason for selecting the particular property is that it is the best possible expansion of the Roosevelt school grounds is via acquisition of property located contiguous to the school property. President Lordino questioned if there was anyone in attendance who would like to speak to the Board about the acquisition. **There was no one from the community to address the Board.**

The Board recognized the following students: Longfellow HALS Students: Building Coordinators, Megan Burda and Tricia Parker; Grade 3-James Benitez, Kelli Magana, Jared Marr, Karen Russell, Craig Smith, Jonah Wright; Grade 4-Kimberly Hernandez, Jackson Hinze, Katie Hoffman, David Montoya, Od Purevsuren, Patrick Townsend, Kyra Willats; Grade 5-Colton Adams, Chantry Mann, Sarah Mercer-Smith, Brendan Taedter; and SHS State One Act – “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street” - Kara Rada, Director; Linda Meininger, Assistant Director; Sweeney Todd-Craig Mackie, Anthony Hope-Nicholas Goodwin, A Beggar Woman-Whitney Williams, Mrs. Lovett-Ashley Roussel, Beadle-David Stein, Tobias Ragg-Joseph Kozal, Alfredo Pirelli-Nathan Wilburn, Judge Turpin-Adam Vancil, Johanna-Tonya Carlson, Balding Man-Paul Foster, Jonas Fogg-Eric Scharf, Asylum Patient/Chorus: Staysha Adams, Torry Kisser, Angela Isabell, Bethanne Viessman; Cellar Dweller/Chorus: Aimie Adams, Hilary Krantz, Sandra Shedd, Megan Lehl; Chorus: Emma Bartels, Staysha Adams, Stefanee Brock, Stephanie Burmeister, Chloe Dittbenner, Zachary Durbin, Angelica Gonzalez, Rachel Harvey, Shelby Hinze, Faith Hovey, Nicholle Lang, Amy Maika, Cole Plummer, Ashley Saenz, Emily Schmidt, Amy Svitak, Heidi Belgum; Technical Crew: Katherine Briggs, Kyle Harris, Brooke Vogt.

The Board heard from a patron, Donna Koch, who expressed her concerns with regard to the option enrollment requests for her children. President Lordino requested she visit with Dr. Reynolds about her concerns and if she still felt the need to address the Board she could request to be on the next meetings agenda scheduled for February 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Kayla Jacobsen, Student Representative, reported the Nike Club, a girls community service club, will hold a Valentine’s bake sale with the proceeds going to the Panhandle Humane Society; Student Senate will meet with the senior citizens for lunch to proceed with their project; and DECA students were wrapping up their projects. There was no SEA report.

President Lordino requested representatives from the Board along with Dr. Reynolds to meet with the Student Senate to discuss the District Facilities Plan. Kayla stated she visited with the President of the Student Senate and she suggested meeting on Friday, February 9th during their lunch hour at 11:30 AM.

Megan Massey reported the Community Relations/Finance Committee met on Thursday, February 1 along with Gary Hall, from the community, Dr. Reynolds, and Mr. Knapper to review the qualifications submitted by the three firms interested in serving as fiscal agent for the District regarding the issue of bonds for construction and renovation of the district facilities. Those firms were A.G. Edwards, Ameritus Investment Corporation, and D.A. Davidson. The committee selected two firms were recommended for interviews with the full Board and these interviews took place today between 3:00-6:00 p.m. The firm of A.G. Edwards has considerable experience in issuing and marketing school bonds in the financial markets as well as having the lowest fee for their services.

Dr. Reynolds provided members with an update, in chronological order, of the scheduled events with regard to the Facilities Bond Referendum and will continue to provide this

update at board meetings or weekly.

Galen Nighswonger, Senior High Principal, provided members with an update on the SHS block scheduling. He noted the SHS had experienced lower tardies due to having only two passing periods; number of absences and trancies are down; still working in the area of trying to improve relationships between staff and students and are looking at different things such as remodeling, changing approaches and have had more phones made available for teacher/parent contacts; offering 8 periods instead of 7 periods which increases the number of classes for students to take; increased course offerings; still working on improving student performance and noted there were way too many "F's" at the end of the first semester and actual test scores will come out in March and will know from the test scores a little more accurate picture on how the students performed; had a paradigm shift in part of the essential things and will take a hard look at what essential things that everyone should know; had major changes in the area of homework/makeup work; and have heard very positive comments from the students.

Mrs. Massey questioned if the phones made available were in classroom? Mr. Nighswonger stated there were some phones in the classrooms/work areas and has placed phones with a dedicated line in the teacher's lounge and faculty eating area. Dr. Reynolds questioned under student input it was noted that block schedule is better in some classes than others if that was due to some teachers still lecturing for 95 minutes. Mr. Nighswonger stated that at the begin of the implementation of block schedule there were teachers who were going the direction of lecturing for 95 minutes and noted this is part of the paradigm shift being seen and have been visiting with teachers and making improvements to allow for transitions to take place. Dr. Shedd questioned if the percentage of total number of courses taken the number of "F's" gone down or up with block scheduling? Mr. Nighswonger stated the number of "F's" for first semester are higher than at this point last year and where the "F's" are located are primarily in freshman class as well have upped the F's are capable due to having 8 class periods instead of 7 periods.

President Lordino reported site council reports for the Senior High, Bluffs Middle School, Longfellow and Lincoln Heights were on file for review. Dr. Shedd questioned the SHS site council minutes with regard to the renovations of the high school would be funded 3.3 million in district funds would be assuming the bond goes through. Mr. Nighswonger stated during the course of this discussion they pointed out that there was nothing locked at this point. Mrs. Massey questioned the number of parents on BMS site council noting the attendance was low. Dr. Schmucker stated he was recruiting more members.

President Lordino questioned Dr. Reynolds on the funding for the Technology Program. Dr. Reynolds stated the administration hasn't gotten into funding because his conversations with Sandy and Bill they were not sure what the Scottsbluff Foundation was going to do or what the Erate will be and that as they build the budget for 2007-08 this will be addressed. Dr. Reynolds stated the request was to approve the vision for technology and where the District aspires to be in the near future and when they begin to look at priorities and setting a budget will be brought back to Board for consideration.

Motion to approve the District Technology Plan as presented, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Yes: Shedd, Magana, Lang, Lordino, Massey; No: None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried.

Motion to accept the certified staff retirement resignation of Ron Wegelin, BMS Guidance Counselor, 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, Lang, Shedd, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried.

President Lordino, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Wegelin for his 29 years of service to the District.

Motion to approve the certified staff retirement of Rod Ehler, BMS Physical Education Instructor/Assistant Athletic Director, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Shedd, Lang, Lordino, Magana, Massey; No: None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried.

President Lordino, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Ehler for his 36 years of service to the District.

Mrs. Magana expressed her thanks and appreciation to the teachers who have submitting their resignation early and prior to the deadline date which she feels shows a tremendous amount of professionalism.

Motion to approve the Master Facility Project Resolution, as presented, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and seconded by Michael Shedd. Mrs. Massey read the Master Facility Project Resolution as follows:

The Board of Education of Scottsbluff Public Schools herewith adopts as a Master Facility Plan the following project scope:

- 1. Construct a middle school on the ground of the present middle school and demolish the existing middle school**
- 2. Renovations to Lincoln Heights, Longfellow, Roosevelt and Westmoor elementary buildings.**
- 3. Construct a gymnasium for the Senior High School.**

This project set will be the basis for selecting a fiscal agent, construction manager and holding a special election, as well as other tasks associated with the completing the Master Facility Plan.

Dr. Shedd stated the Board had a long meeting recently regarding the Frank Park property, which the City of Scottsbluff will be discussing at their next meeting, and noted one of the issue is how this would fit in with the Master Facility Plan. Since this is still up in the air and since one of the topics of discussion was if it would be reasonable or rationale to put a

middle school on the Frank Park ground rather than the current middle school he preferred to change item #1 to read, "construct a middle school" period and leave out the rest with location and state of the current middle school to be determine later depending on the result of the Board's discussion with the City on the destiny of Frank Park. Dr. Reynolds stated through the discussion he thought the Board decided not to consider Frank Park as a location for the middle school due to the traffic issues. Dr. Shedd stated it wasn't his impression that this was solidified. Mrs. Massey stated it was her understanding that this was an option because of the ownership of land and terms with the City of Scottsbluff. Dr. Shedd questioned if deleting the second clause change the scope of the project.

Mr. Knapper stated the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMC) specifications expect this project as set and is one of the reasons the Board is adopting the Resolution that everyone is in agreement of what the projects are and is the basis on the size of the bond to hire the CMC. President Lordino questioned when the selection of Construction Manager will be done. Mr. Knapper stated the selection is scheduled for March 5th. Mrs. Massey stated it was her opinion that the discussion was done and the Board made the decision to build the middle school on middle school grounds and has been whole work of the bond committee. Dr. Shedd stated he wasn't quite as convinced that the middle school was set and especially with the Frank Park still being up in the air he felt a lot of what the Board does is contingent upon what the City of Scottsbluff does with Frank Park. Mrs. Magana stated she disagreed and doesn't feel the Board is waiting for the City to do anything and the District will move ahead with or without the City of Scottsbluff and if they don't sell Frank Park then the gym project will be constructed on another piece of land.

Motion made by Shedd to amend the original motion on item #1 to read, "construct a middle school". Motion died for a lack of a second.

Vote on the original motion to approve the Master Facility Project Resolution, as presented. Yes: Massey, Shedd, Lang, Magana, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried.

Motion by Michael Shedd and seconded by Kim Magana, subsequent to the public hearing held pursuant to §25-2503, that the Board of Education for Scotts Bluff County School District #32, a/k/a Scottsbluff Public Schools, purchase the following described real estate from Christian Mission International, Inc. for the agreed consideration of \$32,500.00:

Tax Lot Ten (10), situated in the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Fifty-five (55) West of the 6th P.M., Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot Five (5), Block Two (2), ASSOCIATION HEIGHTS ADDITION to the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska; thence South along the East line of such Lot 5 extended, a distance of 50 feet; thence West and parallel with the South Line of such Lot 5, a distance of 156 feet to a point on the West line of such Lot 5 extended South; thence North parallel to the East line of such Lot 5, a distance of 50 feet to the Southwest corner of such Lot 5; thence East along the South line of such Lot 5, a distance of 156 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Motion to approve to Select Construction Manager as Constructor Construction Method for the Proposed Construction of renovations of the elementary schools, a new middle school building and demolition of the existing Scottsbluff Middle School building, and additions to the Scottsbluff High School building, as presented, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Massey, Lang, Lordino, Magana, Shedd; No; None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried. (A copy of the Resolution is attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

Mrs. Massey reported that based on the materials presented and the interviews conducted she recommended the appointment of A.G. Edwards as Senior Managing Underwriter for Fiscal Services for the District.

Motion to approve the appointment of A.G. Edwards as Fiscal Agent for the District, passed with a motion by Megan Massey and a second by Mark Lang. Yes: Massey, Lang, Magana, Shedd, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried.

Mike Fisher, BMS Social Studies Instructor, requested the Board's permission to allow the BMS 8th graders trip to Washington, D.C. He reported that every year since 1988 sponsors have been taking a group of 8th graders to Washington, D.C. They will be using World Strides Tour one of the largest nation wide tour agencies. Currently there are 62 people registered for the trip with the current cost at \$1,337 per person, due to increased aviation fuel, from May 30-June 2, 2007. The students will tour various sites and will be a very educational experience. Mrs. Massey expressed her appreciation for the excellent job Mr. Fisher does arranging this trip and noted it was very well-structured and organized. Dr. Shedd questioned if there was anything new on the agenda. Mr. Fisher reported the students would be touring the new Air Force Memorial and will be having breakfast with Congressman Adrian Smith.

Motion to approve the BMS 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C., from May 30-June 2, 2007, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Kim Magana. Shedd, Magana, Lang, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried.

Motion to approve NASB Membership Dues, in the amount of \$6,191.00, passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Lang, Shedd, Magana, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried.

Motion to approve the certified staff election of Jodi Markheim, School Nurse, effective April 4, 2007, passed with a motion by Michael Shedd and a second by Megan Massey. Yes: Shedd, Massey, Lang, Magana, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried.

President Lordino read the future meetings and dates.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. passed with a motion by Kim Magana and a second by Michael Shedd. Yes: Magana, Shedd, Lang, Massey, Lordino; No: None; Absent: Kinsey; Motion carried.

Katherine A. Reyes, Secretary
Board of Education