

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Alma Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, October 9, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Alma Public Schools, 515 N Jewell St, Alma, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent: Present: Jim Miller, Lavon Olson, Scott Prickett, Crale Bauer, Don Ehrke.

Absent: Roxanne tenBensel

Also in attendance were: Supt. Don Ferguson, Prin. Paul Joseph, Ginger Jensen, Dianna Melton, Ben Ellis, Kathy Godeken, Brittney Biskup, Peggy and Curtis Malzacher, Galen Kronhofman, Marcy Johnson, and David Fleischmann.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

I. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was duly called to order at 6:00 p.m..

II. Verification of Notice. All members present acknowledged receipt of notice.

III. Approval of Agenda. Motion was made by Bauer and seconded by Ehrke to approve the agenda as provided. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Bauer, Prickett, Ehrke, Miller, Olson.

Voting against: None.

Not Voting: tenBensel. The motion carried.

IV. Reading and approval of minutes. Motion was made by Olson and seconded by Ehrke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, the Annual Budget Hearing, and the Tax Request Hearing of the Board of Education held on September 11, 2006, as provided. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Bauer, Ehrke, Miller, Olson, Prickett.

Voting against: None.

Not Voting: tenBensel. The motion carried.

V. Reading and approval of board bills. Motion was made by Ehrke and seconded by Bauer to approve the receipts, expenditures, and payment of bills as submitted by the administration to the Board. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Ehrke, Miller, Olson, Prickett, Bauer.

Voting against: None.

Not Voting: tenBensel. The motion carried.

VI. Treasurer's Report. Motion was made by Ehrke and seconded by Prickett to approve the Financial Report. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Miller, Olson, Prickett, Bauer, Ehrke.

Voting against: None.

Not Voting: tenBensel. The motion carried.

VII. Requests to address the board. – Galen Kronhofman briefly reviewed some conference changes, due to the conference merger. Malzachers' wished to address the board concerning board policy #5415 so it was decided to go into executive session, later in the meeting, to visit this issue. David Fleischmann addressed the board regarding the 2007 Technology Plan. The plan was reviewed and briefly discussed.

VIII. Principal's Report. – Principal Joseph reviewed the participation at the Fall Parent Teacher Conferences; 95% of elementary parents participated and 65% of secondary parents participated. We will have an on-site visit October 31st to assure that testing criteria and test results for the reading assessment

are reliable. Mr. Joseph and the teachers involved will attend several meetings prior to this. These on-site visits will occur in all schools across the state. He also reported on the progress of three individuals in the process of acquiring a license to drive school buses.

IX. Old Business

A. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Prickett, to hire Scott Johnson as a bus driver. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Olson, Prickett, Bauer, Ehrke, Miller.

Voting against: None.

Not Voting. tenBensel-absent. The motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Olson, to appoint Isaac Frecks as assistant boys basketball coach. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Prickett, Bauer, Ehrke, Miller, Olson.

Voting against: None.

Not Voting. tenBensel-absent. The motion carried.

X. New Business

A. The annual multicultural report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Ehrke, to approve the Annual Status Report, as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Ehrke, Miller, Olson, Prickett, Bauer.

Voting against: None.

Not Voting. tenBensel-absent. The motion carried.

B. Motion was made by Ehrke, seconded by Olson, to approve the updated technology plan. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Miller, Olson, Prickett, Bauer, Ehrke.

Voting against: None.

Not Voting. tenBensel-absent. The motion carried.

C. Supt. Ferguson presented a Voluntary Termination Plan and briefly outlined the affect it could have on the district budget and levy limitations. This discussion was tabled until November when more information can be gathered.

XI. At 6:30 p.m. a motion was made by Ehrke, seconded by Prickett, to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

Voting for: Bauer, Ehrke, Miller, Olson, Prickett.

Voting against: None.

Not Voting: tenBensel. The motion carried.

At 7:57 p.m. a motion was made by Olson, seconded by Ehrke, to end the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting.

Voting for: Ehrke, Miller, Olson, Prickett, Bauer.

Voting against: None.

Not Voting: tenBensel. The motion carried.

XII. Motion to Adjourn. At 8:03 p.m. President Miller declared the meeting adjourned.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #,  
a/k/a ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

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Secretary