

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 8, 2007, at 8:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Alma Public Schools, 515 Jewell Street, Alma, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Jim Miller, Lavon Olson, Scott Prickett, Roxanne tenBensel, Don Ehrke,.

Absent: Marcy Johnson.

Also in attendance were: Superintendent-Jon Davis, Principal-Galen Kronhofman, Ben Ellis, Ginger Jensen, Pat Underwood, Joyce Wunibald, Mary Jo Radil, and Dianna Melton.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posted 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.

A. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was duly called to order at 8:00 p.m..

B. Approval of Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Prickett and seconded by Ehrke to approve the consent agenda. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Voting against: None.

Not Voting: Johnson. The motion carried.

C. Reading and Approval of Claims. Motion was made by Ehrke and seconded by tenBensel 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: Prickett, tenBensel, Johnson, Ehrke, Miller, Olson.

Voting Against: None.

Not Voting: Johnson. Marcy Johnson arrived after the motion was made. The motion carried.

D. Requests to address the board.

None.

E. Action Items

1. A motion was made by Ehrke, seconded by Prickett, to exceed the Basic Allowable Growth Rate of 2.5% and access the Applicable Growth Rate of 2.5% plus the additional 1% growth. The total growth rate for 2007-08 will be 3.5%. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: tenBensel, Ehrke, Johnson, Miller, Olson, Prickett.

Voting against: None.

Absent: None. The motion carried. The Budget Resolution in its' entirety is available in the office of the school superintendent.

2. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Olson, to correct the published levy figures to include the 1% County Treasurer's fee. The correct 2007-08 budget for General Fund is \$1,494,000; Bond Fund is \$80,800; and Building Fund is \$111,100. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Ehrke, Johnson, Miller, Olson, Prickett, tenBensel.

Voting against: None.

Absent: None. The motion carried. The Property Tax Request Resolution in its' entirety is available in the office of the school superintendent.

3. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by tenBensel to join the Nebraska Association of School Boards. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Johnson, Miller, Olson, Prickett, tenBensel, Ehrke.

Voting Against: None.

Absent: None. The motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Ehrke and seconded by Johnson to approve the option enrollment applications for Audrey Vulcano, Ian Guthrie, and Eli Guthrie to Southern Valley School District. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Miller, Olson, Prickett, tenBensel, Ehrke, Johnson.

Voting Against: None.

Absent: None. The motion carried.

5. Discussion items included: central air and heat in the high school, repair/renovation of the track, demolition and reconstruction of the crows nest, the purchase of an activities bus and/or a new route bus, roof repair and/or replacement, moving lighting on the track/football field, carpet in the kindergarten room, woodchips under playground equipment, updating the second floor, the possibility of a capital outlay bond, shrubs have been removed from the exterior commons area, concrete has been poured, and acquisition of picnic tables for that area.

Principal Kronhofman reported on attendance at Parent/Teacher Conferences, workshops attended by staff/faculty, in-service and the new computers, DIBELS testing in grades K-3, RPAC XCountry and volleyball tournaments, CNAAC membership benefits and the state's opinion of the consortium. The Purple Hands committee met on October third and the kick-off date for the Purple Hands initiative is scheduled for January 21, 2008. The October 2207 NSAA bulletin featured Alma as one of their spotlighted member schools. Cindy Boehler will be using the gym for a concert in conjunction with the Holiday Review, November 16, 2007.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, November 12, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.**

F. Motion to Adjourn. At 8:46 p.m. a motion was made by Prickett and seconded by Ehrke to adjourn. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Prickett, tenBensel, Ehrke, Johnson, Miller, Olson.

Voting against: None.

Absent: None. The motion carried.

DATED this 10th day of October, 2007.

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2,
a/k/a ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary