

## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

6:00 PM

Middle School/High School Media Center  
565 Kimmel Street  
Osceola, NE 68651-0198

Jennifer Boruch: Present

John Kropatsch: Present

Adam Peterson: Present

Jodie Roberts: Present

Tom Schleif: Present

Darin Sterup: Present

### 1. Osceola Public Schools Board of Education Information

Notice of this meeting was posted at the Jeffrey Elementary School, Osceola Middle School/High School, Pinnacle Bank of Osceola, and the Osceola Post Office. A copy of the agenda items is tentative and may be changed by the Board if necessary.

### 2. Opening Procedures

#### 2.1. Call the Meeting to Order

President Schleif called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 PM and informed those in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room, then directed the public to its location.

#### 2.2. Roll Call

Also present were Superintendent Rinehart, Principal Johnson, Debra Berry, and Jim Knuth, Midwest Sound representative.

#### 2.3. Excuse Board Members Who Are Absent

There were no members absent.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda as written Passed with a motion by Darin Sterup and a second by Adam Peterson.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

### 4. Recognition of Visitors/Communications from the Public

#### 4.1. Presentation by Midwest Sound for new sound system at Auditorium.

Midwest Sound representative, Jim Knuth, reviewed different sound systems required at the old gym auditorium for the best sound. Mrs. Jenni Erhart and the "Dancing With The Teachers" stars have fundraised toward supplementing the payment of this project. The price range is from \$19,500.00 to \$23,400.00, with close to \$10,000 raised by the drama department. Mr. Knuth says the actual price is usually in the middle of the range. Any of the sound systems include training and tech support. Superintendent Rinehart indicated to the Board that if approved nothing would be done until this summer. Money from the depreciation or general fund could be used for the upgrade.

### 5. Reports

#### 5.1. Principals Reports

##### 5.1.1. Elementary Report

Elementary Principal Sarah Johnson gave her written and oral report about: the number of parents attending Parent-Teacher Conferences; the success of the Fall Book Fair; Red Ribbon Week is scheduled for October 27th through October 31st; and the splitting of the Kindergarten class. Thank you, Miss Runquist and volunteers, for another great book fair!

##### 5.1.2. MS/HS Report

Middle/High School Principal Dale Maynard was not at the meeting and did not submit a written report.

#### 5.2. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Steven Rinehart gave his written and oral report about: the upcoming November NASB Conference; scheduling a time for a negotiations committee meeting; the attendance of the NETA Conference in Kearney; the proposal of the sound system; and the successful beginnings of the embroidery class "Bulldog Stitches". Also, the federal program E-Rate is slated to gradually disappear for telephone and cell phones but will continue to fund computer technology so now is the time to upgrade our LAN system.

#### 5.3. Board Reports

There were no board reports.

### 6. Action Items

#### 6.1. Consent Agenda

Approval of the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Jennifer Boruch and a second by John Kropatsch.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

- 6.1.1. Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes
- 6.1.2. Treasurer's Report
- 6.1.3. Payment of general fund claims in the amount of \$326,530.30
- 6.2. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on bids to resurface the District's running track.  
Acceptance of option #1 bid from Pro Track and Tennis for \$49,379.00 to resurface the school district running track Passed with a motion by Jennifer Boruch and a second by Adam Peterson.  
Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea
- 6.3. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on hiring Nicole Kropatsch as part time Kindergarten teacher for remainder of 2014-15 school year.  
To hire Nicole Kropatsch as part-time Kindergarten teacher for the remainder of 2014-15 school year Passed with a motion by Jodie Roberts and a second by Jennifer Boruch.  
Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea
- 6.4. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action to accept resignation of Nicole Kropatsch as part time Kindergarten teacher at the end of the 2014-15 school year.  
To accept the resignation of Nicole Kropatsch as part-time Kindergarten teacher at the end of the 2014-15 school year Passed with a motion by Darin Sterup and a second by Jodie Roberts.  
Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea  
The splitting of the kindergarten will be a year by year decision based on student needs, thus the reason for hiring a teacher and their resignation at the same time.
- 6.5. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action to accept Siemens Fire Alarm Monitoring Contract.  
To accept three-year contract from Siemens Fire Alarm Monitoring and Inspections for \$2,362 per year Passed with a motion by Adam Peterson and a second by Jennifer Boruch.  
Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea
- 6.6. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on hiring Travis Lane as Jr. High Wrestling coach.  
To hire Travis Lane as a Middle School Wrestling Coach Passed with a motion by John Kropatsch and a second by Jodie Roberts.  
Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea  
Discussion took place about having the Jr. High Program at Cross County in conjunction with the High School program. For this year the Board indicated they would prefer to have it remain in Osceola.

6.7. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on proposed upgrade of Grasshopper mower.

Agenda action item 6.7 "consider, discuss and take all necessary action on proposed upgrade of Grasshopper mower" was tabled.

## 7. Discussion Items

### 7.1. Discuss Cooping Cross Country Program

President Schleif talked about the possibility of cooping a cross country track program with area schools. Superintendent Rinehart indicated that only Shelby-Rising City Public Schools was not opposed to the idea, but not sure how much interest there really was. Mr. Rinehart will check again and gauge interest. His idea of polling Osceola Public Schools' students about their level of interest was expressed to see if having a program only as Osceola was viable. However, over much discussion, it was decided to poll students at a later time after more information is gathered.

### 7.2. Go through the District Goals to Evaluate Progress and Re-prioritize items.

The Board and Superintendent Rinehart re-evaluated and re-prioritized the District's short-term and long-term goals. Board members were asked to develop new goals as well. One new goal is to facelift the old auditorium. At a minimum new paint, lighting, and some minor repairs and upgrades would be considered.

### 7.3. Executive Session Summarize Superintendent Evaluation.

To enter into executive session at 8:36 PM until the finish of business to discuss negotiation strategies and the evaluation of job performance of the Superintendent, each necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law Passed with a motion by Darin Sterup and a second by Adam Peterson.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

To come out of executive session which was called for the discussion of negotiation strategies and the evaluation of job performance of the Superintendent at 8:55 PM Passed with a motion by Darin Sterup and a second by Jodie Roberts.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

President Schleif repeated that a motion was made by Darin Sterup and seconded by Adam Peterson to enter into executive session at 8:36 PM until the finish of business to discuss negotiation strategies and the evaluation of job performance of the Superintendent, each necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law. The motion passed.

## 8. Next Meeting Dates and Times

### 8.1. Regular meeting, November 10th, 2014, 6:00 PM at the Osceola Middle/High School Library.

President Schleif indicated the next regular meeting would be November 10th, 2014 at 6:00PM in the Osceola MS/HS Media Center.

## 9. Adjournment

Adjournment of meeting at 8:57PM Passed with a motion by Adam Peterson and a second by Jodie Roberts.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

**Board of Education 2014-2015 Budget Hearing, 2014-2015 Final Property Tax Request Hearing and Regular Meeting**

September 08, 2014 6:00 PM  
Middle School/High School Media Center

**1. 2014-2015 Budget Hearing**

**1.1. Open Hearing**

**Motion Passed:** To open the 2014-15 budgets hearing at 6:02PM passed with a motion by Jennifer Boruch and a second by Jodie Roberts.

Jennifer Boruch	Yes	Jodie Roberts	Yes
John Kropatsch	Yes	Tom Schleif	Yes
Adam Peterson	Absent	Darin Sterup	Absent

**1.2. Discuss, consider, and receive input from the public about 2014-2015 budgets.** There were no patrons present.

**1.3. Close Hearing**

**Motion Passed:** To close 2014-15 budgets hearing at 6:04PM passed with a motion by Jennifer Boruch and a second by Jodie Roberts.

Jennifer Boruch	Yes	Jodie Roberts	Yes
John Kropatsch	Yes	Tom Schleif	Yes
Adam Peterson	Absent	Darin Sterup	Absent

**2. 2014-2015 Final Property Tax Request Hearing**

**2.1. Opening Hearing**

**Motion Passed:** To open 2014-15 final property tax request hearing at 6:05PM passed with a motion by John Kropatsch and a second by Jodie Roberts.

Jennifer Boruch	Yes	Jodie Roberts	Yes
John Kropatsch	Yes	Tom Schleif	Yes
Adam Peterson	Absent	Darin Sterup	Absent

**2.2. Discuss, consider, and receive input from the public about 2014-2015 final property tax request**

**2.3. Close Hearing**

**Motion Passed:** To close 2014-15 final property tax request hearing at 6:11PM passed with a motion by Jennifer Boruch and a second by John Kropatsch.

Jennifer Boruch	Yes	Jodie Roberts	Yes
John Kropatsch	Yes	Tom Schleif	Yes
Adam Peterson	Absent	Darin Sterup	Absent

**3. Regular Meeting Opening Procedures**

**3.1. Call the Meeting to Order**

President Schleif called the regular meeting to order at 6:11PM and informed those in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room, then directed the public to its location.

**3.2. Roll Call**

Present Board Members:

Jennifer Boruch	Jodie Roberts
John Kropatsch	Tom Schleif

Absent Board Members:

Adam Peterson	Darin Sterup
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Also present were Superintendent Steven Rinehart, MS/HS Principal Dale Maynard, Elementary Principal Sarah Johnson and Debra Berry. No patrons were present.

**3.3. Excuse Board Members Who Are Absent**

**Motion Passed:** To excuse Peterson and Sterup passed with a motion by Jodie Roberts and a second by Jennifer Boruch.

Jennifer Boruch	Yes	Adam Peterson	Absent
John Kropatsch	Yes	Jodie Roberts	Yes



## DEPRECIATION/EQUIPMENT FUND

Beginning Balance	\$	364,411.95
Income	+	75,047.36
Expenses	-	0.00
Ending Balance	\$	439,459.31

## UNEMPLOYMENT FUND

Beginning Balance	\$	36,549.88
Income	+	5.26
Expenses	-	0.00
Ending Balance	\$	36,555.14

## ACTIVITY FUND

Beginning Balance	\$	30,098.68
Income	+	3,878.87
Expenses	-	3,080.24
Ending Balance	\$	30,897.31

## LUNCH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$	8,203.39
Income	+	16,884.13
Expenses	-	6,956.33
Ending Balance	\$	18,131.19

## BOND FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$	22,420.40
Income	+	1.78
Expenses	-	0.00
Ending Balance (Checking Account)	\$	22,422.18

## BOND FUND LIQUID ASSET

Beginning Balance	\$	80.40
Transfers In	+	0.00
Interest Income	+	0.00
Transfers Out	-	0.00
Balance		80.40

## SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

Beginning Balance	\$	242,101.08
Income	+	600.65
Expenses	-	0.00
Ending Balance	\$	242,701.73

## QUALIFIED PURPOSE UNDERTAKING

Beginning Balance	\$	147,668.58
Income	+	548.66
Expenses	-	0.00
Ending Balance	\$	148,217.24

**7.2. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action to approve the 2014-15 general fund, depreciation fund, employee benefit fund, school activities fund, school lunch fund, bond fund, special building fund, and qualified capital purpose undertaking fund budgets**

**Motion Passed:** To approve the 2014-15 general fund, depreciation fund, employee benefit fund, school activities fund, school lunch fund, bond fund, special building fund and qualified capital purpose undertaking fund budgets passed with a motion by John Kropatsch and a second by Jodie Roberts.

Jennifer Boruch	Yes	Jodie Roberts	Yes
John Kropatsch	Yes	Tom Schleif	Yes
Adam Peterson	Absent	Darin Sterup	Absent

**7.3. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action to approve final property tax request for the 2014-2015 school year**

**Motion Passed:** To approve final property tax request for the 2014-15 school year passed with a motion by Jodie Roberts and a second by John Kropatsch.

Jennifer Boruch	Yes	Jodie Roberts	Yes
John Kropatsch	Yes	Tom Schleif	Yes
Adam Peterson	Absent	Darin Sterup	Absent

**7.4. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action to split Kindergarten class part time and hire part time Kindergarten teacher.**

**Motion Passed:** To allow the Administration to hire a part-time Kindergarten teacher and split the Kindergarten class during the morning session passed with a motion by Jodie Roberts and a second by Jennifer Boruch.

Jennifer Boruch	Yes	Jodie Roberts	Yes
John Kropatsch	Yes	Tom Schleif	Yes
Adam Peterson	Absent	Darin Sterup	Absent

**8. Discussion Items**

**8.1. Discussion on Short and Long Term Goals**

Superintendent Rinehart reviewed with the Board about updating short and long-term goals for the school district. The Board will visit these goals during the October regular meeting.

**8.2. Discussion about talks with Shelby/Rising City**

President Schleif discussed the letter from Shelby/Rising City Public Schools about consolidation. The letter stated that future consolidation would possibly happen if Osceola patrons would want all K-12 in Shelby. Osceola Public Schools would like to thank Shelby/Rising City Public Schools for their offer to consolidate grades PK-12 to one site in Shelby. However, for the time being, the Osceola Board of Education has decided to remain a separate district located in Osceola.

**8.3. Discuss Cooping Cross Country Program**

President Schleif talked about the possibility of cooping a cross country track program with area schools. Superintendent Rinehart suggested that he could talk about it with the superintendents in the conference at the next CRC meeting which meets September 9th.

**9. Next Meeting Dates and Times**

**9.1. Regular meeting, October 13th, 2014, 6:00PM at the Osceola Middle/High School Library.**

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** To adjourn meeting at 7:48PM passed with a motion by John Kropatsch and a second by Jodie Roberts.

Jennifer Boruch	Yes	Jodie Roberts	Yes
John Kropatsch	Yes	Tom Schleif	Yes
Adam Peterson	Absent	Darin Sterup	Absent

Debra D. Berry, Secretary Appointed

**Board Report – Monthly  
GENERAL FUND**

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<u>Check #</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Total</u>
28118	ADORAMA	LAPTOP BAGS	1,317.84
28119	AUGUSTIN ELECTRIC	PARTS/LABOR/REPAIRS	190.00
28120	AXIS CAPITAL, INC.	COPIER LEASE	189.23
28121	BUILDERS SUPPLY	TOOLS/SUPPLIES	269.10
28122	CENTRAL NEBRASKA REHABILITATION SERVICES	PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES	1,655.33
28123	CGS MUSIC	SUPPLIES	97.12
28125	CITY OF OSCEOLA	WATER/SEWER/COMPACTOR	1,252.65
28126	COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	3,266.75
28127	CONNECTING POINT COMPUTER CTRS	EQUIPMENT/PARTS/SERVICE	1,317.87
28128	CONTINUUM RETAIL ENERGY SERVICES, LLC	NATURAL GAS	381.30
28129	CONTROL SERVICES, INC.	PARTS/LABOR/REPAIRS	797.44
28130	DON'S WELDING	PARTS/LABOR/REPAIRS	35.00
28131	EBERT, ANNETTE	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	752.64
28132	ELGIN SCHOOL SUPPLY CO., INC.	SUPPLIES	86.46
28133	EPWORTH VILLAGE, INC.	STUDENT SERVICES	1,000.02
28134	ERHART, JENNI	SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT	16.98
28137	ESU #7 SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPT	SPED SERVICES	11,132.41
28135	ESU #7	NETWORK SUPPORT	43.75
28136	ESU #7	DISTANCE LEARNING	710.37
28138	FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES	TERM LIFE INSURANCE	25.47
28139	FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS' HOME	EDUCATION SERVICES	1,615.25
28140	FITNESS WAREHOUSE	WEIGHTLIFTING EQUIPMENT	813.00
28141	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE COMPANY	FUEL	3,841.73
28142	FRY & ASSOCIATES, INC.	PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	650.00
28143	GARY'S PLUMBING & HEATING	PARTS/LABOR/REPAIRS	370.80
28144	HADDOCK CORPORATION	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	6,007.00
28145	HIRERIGHT SOLUTIONS, INC.	DRUG SCREENING	30.15
28146	HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT PUBLISHING CO.	SUPPLIES	107.20
28147	JACKSON SERVICES, INC.	RUG SERVICE	164.41
28148	JONES, JEFF	COMPUTER CONSULTING AND REPAIRS	3,600.00
28149	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	TABLE	298.29
28150	MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC.	SUPPLIES	44.10
28151	NATIONAL ART & SCHOOL SUPPLIES, INC.	SUPPLIES	155.95
28152	NE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS	WORKSHOP FEES	1,665.00
28154	NE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTR	2014-15 MEMBERSHIP	715.00
28156	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	BOILER INSPECTIONS	241.50
28157	NORTHWEST ELECTRIC, LLC	TESTED MOTORS	60.00

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<u>Check #</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Total</u>
28158	OFFICENET, INC.	SUPPLIES	974.43
28159	ONE SOURCE	BACKGROUND CHECKS	26.00
28160	OPTUMHEALTH	FLEX PLAN FUNDING	100.00
28161	OSCEOLA FOOD MART	SUPPLIES	14.96
28162	OSCEOLA IMPLEMENT	REPAIRS/PARTS/SERVICE	865.31
28163	OSCEOLA TIRE AND SERVICE	PARTS/LABOR/REPAIRS	258.02
28164	PEARSON EDUCATION, INC.	TEXTBOOKS	118.64
28165	PERRY GUTHERY HAASE GESSFORD	LEGAL SERVICES	988.50
28166	PETERSON CONSTRUCTION	REPAIR OF ELEMENTARY STORAGE SHED	4,760.00
28167	PINNACLE BANK	SAFE BOX RENTAL	15.00
28168	POLK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	NURSING SERVICES	1,693.00
28169	POLK COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	482.15
28170	POLK COUNTY RPPD	ELECTRICITY	7,342.09
28171	PRAIRIE CREEK FAMILY MEDICINE	BUS DRIVER PHYSICAL	85.00
28172	PRESTO-X	PEST CONTROL	79.56
28173	REALLY GOOD STUFF	SUPPLIES	181.03
28174	RINEHART, STEVEN	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	122.08
28175	SCHMIT, STEVEN	REIMBURSEMENT OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	15.41
28176	SCHOOL SPECIALTY/CLASSROOM DIRECT	SUPPLIES	500.09
28177	TEACHER DIRECT	SUPPLIES	20.24
28178	TOMS, PAUL	SAFETY PLAN AUDIT	222.33
28179	TONNIGES CHEVROLET, INC.	PARTS/LABOR/REPAIRS	105.97
28180	TRIPLE "S" SERVICE, LLC	GARBAGE SERVICE	470.00
28181	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL SERVICE	2.15
28182	VISA	SUPPLIES	574.64
28183	WINDSTREAM	DISTANCE LEARNING SERVICE	20.26
28184	WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE SERVICE	154.66
28185	WINDSTREAM	DISTANCE LEARNING - STATE	<u>620.00</u>

**Checking Account Total: 65,728.63**

Checking 1

300	MAIL FINANCE	POSTAGE METER LEASE	84.00
299	MG TRUST COMPANY	TSA PAYABLE	420.00
301	OPTUMHEALTH	FLEX PLAN FUNDING	<u>2,096.12</u>

**Checking Account Total: 2,600.12**

Checking 4

1494	FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES	TERM LIFE INSURANCE	25.47
1504	FEDEX	RETURN OF LAPTOP BAGS	265.76
1493	HARVEST OF HARMONY	PARADE ENTRY FEE	75.00
1503	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	NESA WRITING WORKSHOP	17.00

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<u>Check #</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Total</u>
1502	POSTMASTER	NEWSLETTER POSTAGE	75.88
1498	REDIKER SOFTWARE, INC.	SOFTWARE	6,133.00
1495	VISA	ROOMS	2,333.59
1497	VISA	SUPPLIES	16.39
1499	VISA	BATTERIES FOR CAMERA	67.97
1496	VISA	SUPPLIES	63.95
1501	WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES	100.40
1500	WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE SERVICE	<u>132.40</u>
		<b>Checking Account Total:</b>	<b><u>9,306.81</u></b>
	<b>TOTAL CHECKS &amp; PREPAIDS</b>		<b>77,635.56</b>
	<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>		<b><u>248,894.74</u></b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b><u>326,530.30</u></b>