

Work Session and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Mission:"Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Work Session and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education started at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 10, 2011. The meeting was held at Centennial Elementary School and/or ESU7/CPS Student Center Building
2508 27th Street
Columbus, NE 68601

Ken Curry:	Present
Alan Dostal:	Present
Mike Goos:	Present
Francis Kuehler:	Present
Barb Lehr:	Present
Ron Rathbone:	Absent
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I. Listening Session

I.A. Begins at 4:30 p .m. and is intended for building staff and appointed board members

II. Call To Order - Work Session

III. Board Work Session

III.A. Centennial Elementary School Presentation

Centennial Principal Jackie Herink said that K-5 enrollment has grown by 70 students in the last five years. Herink said it is nice to see in reading, that the district and Centennial are moving upward each year. She said Centennial is like the district where math is a little more solid than reading. The preschool teachers spend a lot of time on math and reading. They chart the students'™ progress using L to J. Teachers work with students on recognizing numbers and doing the calendar every day.

III.B. RVW/BCDM Presentation on Construction Manager for CMS Project

Jim Dennell with BCDM said a construction manager for the CMS project needs to be selected after the bond issue passes. There are three different options for the district to consider. Dennell said he has used all three and all three can be successful. The first is design/bid/build, the second is Construction Manager at-risk, and the third is Construction Manager as Agent. With CM at risk the district would know the cost upfront and with architect led CM there is more risk but more potential for reward. The district used CM at risk management for the high school project.

III.C. Executive Session

IV. Dinner at ESU7/CPS Student Center Building - No business will be discussed.

V. Call to order - Board Meeting

VI. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

VII. Open Meeting Notice of Posted Law

VII.A. President insures that all can hear the proceedings

VIII. Mission Statement

IX. Open Forum

X. Recognitions

X.A. Grant Jirka, CPS Senior was recognized as the first place winner of the AFSA High School National Essay contest for high school students.

This is the first time in the 12 years of the contest that a student from Nebraska has won. The topic was if you were an ambassador to a foreign country what would you do to improve relationships. Jirka's essay was the United States and China a Powerful Combination. Jirka received \$2,500 for the winning essay and an all expense paid trip for his family and him to Washington DC. CHS also received 10 copies of AFSA's Inside a U.S. Embassy: Diplomacy at Work.

XI. Consent Agenda

Alysa Schuettler is a new higher that was not listed on the classified hires. Dennis McMeekin was the first licensed electrician to be hired by the district. The high school is currently looking for a bookkeeper.

XI.A. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of September 12, 2011

XI.B. Certified Personnel Action

XI.C. Classified Personnel Action

XI.D. Professional Travel Report

XII. Financial Reports

XIII. Special Administrative Functions

XIII.A. Discussion Regarding Construction Manager Presentation

The board was given the opportunity to ask Bob Mabrey, Jim Dennell and Larry Mares questions

regarding the different options the district had in hiring a Construction Manager. The three types are design/bid/build, Construction Manager At-Risk, and Construction Manager as Agent.

XIII.B. Resignation of Columbus Public Schools Board Member

Dr. Loeffelholz said Rathbone has lived in the Columbus area for 18 years and is moving to Lincoln for a job opportunity. He said a replacement for Rathbone must be found in 45 days. The process will start with a request for applications. The person chosen will serve one year and then must be elected in 2012 to finish Rathbone's two-year term. He said it is up to the board as to how many people to interview. Once applications are in, interview can be set. The applications will be available at the Administration Building and the applicants must answer eight questions, which will determine who gets interviewed. Rathbone will be recognized at the November board meeting.

XIII.C. Second Reading and Final Approval of Revised Policies

XIII.D. Second Reading and Final Approval of New Policy 508.15.1, Concussion Awareness

XIII.E. Second Reading and Final Approval of New Policy 410.50, Employee Leave

Dr. Loeffelholz said the biggest change is vacation leave can only carry over five days and must be used in a certain amount of time. The district doesn't want to pay for unused vacation. He said the administration wants employees to take time off and re-energize.

XIII.F. Educators Health Alliance (EHA) Premium Holiday

The Educators Health Alliance has given employers and employees a premium Holiday for the month of December. Employee's will pay the greater share of the FICA tax out of the benefit.

XIII.G. Subdivision Agreement

The subdivision agreement is part of the final plat for the Discoverers Addition. By approving this agreement the district agrees to pay its share of the cost for road construction, water, sewer, utilities, and lift station.

XIV. Superintendent's Report

XIV.A. Bond Committee

Dr. Loeffelholz thanked the committee for their countless time and energy in promoting the bond issue for the District. Dostal was also impressed with bond committee and said they had extraordinary passion for this cause. He also complimented Dr. Loeffelholz on his leadership. Ken Curry echoed what Alan Dostal said. He said he also appreciated the positive support from the newspaper. Curry said the volunteers are A plus. Francis Kuehler commended Dr. Loeffelholz for his handling of the issues on the blog.

XIV.B. Election

Dr. Loeffelholz reminded those in attendance to vote on October 11th. The district is holding a special election to determine whether or not the voters approve the construction of a new middle school. Dr. Loeffelholz said CPS has the smallest levy of schools the size of Columbus. He said even after the bond passes, the levy will still be smaller most of the schools the size of Columbus.

XV. Board Sharing

The board went back in to executive session at 8:20 p.m.

XVI. Adjourn

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, October 10, 2011.

President

Secretary