

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, January 9, 2012. The meeting was held at Columbus High School/ESU7/CPS Student Center
2508 27th Street
Columbus, NE 68601

Ken Curry:	Present
Alan Dostal:	Present
Mike Goos:	Present
Francis Kuehler:	Present
Barb Lehr:	Present
Theresa Seipel:	Present

I. Listening Session

II. Call To Order - Work Session

III. Board Work Session

III.A. Columbus High School Presentation

Columbus High School Principal Steve Woodside said this is the third year of testing all freshmen students on the Explore test. The Plan has been given to sophomores for a few more years. The junior class is the first group to take the Explore, Plan and ACT tests. All juniors will be taking the ACT on March 20. CHS Assistant Principal Angela Leifeld said advisement this year focuses on a target. Focus stands for fidelity, ownership, commitment, understanding and success is self-sacrifice. CHS 101 was started four years ago by Carol Dostal and Jean Kamrath to set freshmen up with other high school students for mentors.

III.B. TeamMates Presentation

TeamMates Co-coordinator Bob Arp said after he retired from Lakeview he wanted to be a mentor, and over the last year and half, he has been helping with the program. TeamMates was founded by Tom and Nancy Osborne, and was inspired by a 60 Minutes feature story about mentoring. The program was started at CMS with 6 mentor/mentee pairs in 1999, and today there are currently over 100 mentor/mentee pairs.

III.C. Portables

Dr. Loeffelholz said he would be recommending the district purchase four portables. LPS is willing to sell them for \$6,750. He said he has met with the person who moves buildings, and it will cost \$11,000 for each building. Dr. Loeffelholz said even with the footings, he still expects the cost to come in around \$45,000 per building.

III.D. Executive Session

IV. Dinner at ESU7/Student Center - 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. Election of President for 2012

Motion by Alan Dostal second by Ken Curry to nominated Francis Kuehler as president.

X. Election of Vice President for 2012

Motion by Barb Lehr second by Mike Goos to nominated Alan Dostal as vice president.

XI. Open Forum

XII. Recognitions

XII.A. John Krogstrand

John Krogstrand, Activities Coordinator at CHS, has been recognized by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association as a Certified Athletic Administrator. CHS Principal Steve Woodside said Krogstrand has done an excellent job at the high school.

XIII. Consent Agenda

Dr. Loeffelholz said he would serve as secretary, signatory for the district for the federal fund and signatory for the lunch account until the executive director of finance and human relations is hired.

XIII.A. Appointment by the Board of Education for the 2012 Calendar Year

XIII.A.1. Appointment of Secretary - Troy Loeffelholz

XIII.A.2. Appointment of Treasurer - Sandy Krings

XIII.A.3. Appointment of School Law Firms

XIII.A.3.1. Grant and Grant

XIII.A.3.2. Perry, Guthrey, Haase, and Gessford

XIII.A.4. Appointment of Signatory of the district for the purpose of Federal Fund - Troy Loeffelholz

XIII.A.5. Appointment of Signatory of the School Lunch Account - Troy Loeffelholz

XIII.B. Approval of Minutes for the 12/12/11 board meeting

XIII.C. Certified Personnel Action

XIII.D. Classified Personnel Action

XIII.E. Professional Travel Report

XIV. Items to be Removed From Consent Agenda

XV. Financial Reports

Dr. Loeffelholz said CPS does not want the Legislature to change the way state aid is figured. He said he is working with GNS to make sure this happens. Bob Waite said this won't happen until April and state aid is supposed to be certified March 1.

XVI. Special Administrative Functions

XVI.A. Appointments by the Board President

XVI.A.1. Appointment of a board member to serve on the Selection Committee for the Annual School Bell Award (Theresa Seipel)

XVI.A.2. Appointment of negotiating team for the 2012-2013 teacher's contract (Barb Lehr and Ken Curry)

XVI.A.3. Appointment of a board representative to the Nebraska Association of School Boards' Delegate Assembly (Mike Goos)

XVI.B. Committee and Foundation Board Appointments

XVI.B.1. Appointment of Board Members to the four standing Board Sub-committees (Building & Site: Ken Curry and Alan Dostal, Curriculum: Mike Goos and Barb Lehr, Finance & Personnel: Barb Lehr and Theresa Seipel, and Policy: Alan Dostal and Theresa Seipel)

XVI.B.2. Appointment of a Board member to serve on the Niewohner-Kersenbrock Library Committee (Mike Goos)

XVI.B.3. Appointment of three Board Members to Committee on Americanism (Ken Curry, Mike Goos, and Theresa Seipel)

XVI.B.4. Appointment of two Board Members to an annual term on the School District of Columbus Foundation Board (Alan Dostal and Francis Kuehler)

XVI.B.5. Appointment of a Board Member to serve as a representative to the NASB Legislative Relations Network (Francis Kuehler)

XVI.C. Columbus Education Association Bargaining Agent at Columbus Public Schools

Dr. Loeffelholz said the NSEA has requested that the local bargaining agent be recognized in January for the 2013-14 School Year.

XVI.D. Cost Avoidance Program Summary

Energy Education started in July 2009. In 25 months, the district has saved \$308,000.

XVI.E. Revised Job Descriptions

Dr. Loeffelholz said the new job descriptions are part of a realignment of the central office where the technology director now includes maintenance and operations and business operations to include human relations.

XVI.F. Amended Policy 502.03, Entrance Admissions

Dr. Loeffelholz said this had to be changed because of the new state statute saying a student must be five years old by July 31 in order to be eligible for kindergarten. However if a child turns five between August 1 and Oct. 15, parents can apply to have their students assessed to determine if he or she is ready for kindergarten. The assessment will consider more than academic readiness and will also include social skills and other things. To take this assessment, parents must apply with the district by April 15.

XVI.G. Purchase of Portable Classrooms

The board directed Dr. Loeffelholz to collect more information on the portables available in Schuyler, and the cost to move them to Columbus and get a better idea of the cost of the footings.

XVII. Superintendent's Report

February 15 is the deadline for incumbents to file for re-election and March 1 for the non-incumbents. Barb Lehr, Alan Dostal and Mike Goos are up for re-election and Theresa Seipel must either file to fill Ron Rathbone's two-year term or one of the four-year positions. The CFAC will meet with the consultant on January 23.

XVIII. Board Sharing

Ken Curry said he was very impressed with high school presentation especially the CHS 101 group that helps mentoring kids. He said he also enjoyed the listening session he had with CHS staff. Alan Dostal

said the Omaha World Herald did a story that identified student achievement and parental participation and attendance at parent teacher conference. He said every opportunity a parent has to be engaged in child's education is a good thing. Dr. Loeffelholz said on Feb. 22 there would be another NSBA leadership workshop in Norfolk.

XIX. Executive Session

XX. 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, January 9, 2012.

President

Secretary