

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 5:30 P Mon Monday, June 11, 2012. The meeting was held at Administration Building, 2508 27th Street
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. Call To Order - Work Session

II. Board Work Session

II.A. Executive Session

III. Dinner at Administration Building - No business will be discussed.

IV. Call to order - Board Meeting

V. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

VI. Open Meeting Notice of Posted Law

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

VII. Mission Statement

VIII. Open Forum

IX. Recognitions

IX.A. Paul Nieuwenhuis - Awarded Custodian of the Year by the Nebraska State Custodial Association in recognition of his contributions to the Nebraska State Custodial Association

Building and Grounds Supervisor Tom Wunderlich said Nieuwenhuis was honored because of his work ethic, unselfishness, enthusiasm and initiative. Nieuwenhuis has worked for CMS for 18 years. He said

Nieuwenhuis sets an example for the rest of the staff. There will also be a \$500 scholarship in the name of the custodian of the year awarded to a student from Columbus Middle School to be used for college.

X. Energy Ed. Inc. Presentation

Al Inzerello from Energy Education said Columbus Public Schools is receiving the Environmental Excellence award to recognize the district's impact the energy program is having on natural resources. The district has saved \$385,442 in roughly a 29-month period, which amounts to a 23 percent savings.

XI. Consent Agenda

Dr. Loeffelholz informed the board that a high school counselor, 7th grade language arts teacher, and a .5 ELL teacher have been hired. There were nine classified resignations and one hired for a custodian at CMS. The extra duties and activities renewals have been finalized and posted.

XI.A. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of May 14, 2012

XI.B. Certified Personnel Action

XI.C. Classified Personnel Action

XI.D. Extra-Duty Assignments

XI.E. Intent to Continue Operating Food Service

XI.F. Professional Travel Report

XII. Financial Reports

Dr. Loeffelholz said the budget is 73 percent spent, and the district is ahead of last year. He said the reason for this is the budgets were frozen, and the cash can carry over to next year to help pay bills in the fall.

XIII. Special Administrative Functions

XIII.A. Revised Policy 402.20, Employee Travel Compensation - Travel Outside the School District

Dr. Loeffelholz said this policy tightens up things on travel. The new policy sets the per diem at \$45 per day but makes the amounts a little higher for certain places. The policy also states when an employee can get a hotel room. Dr. Loeffelholz said the policy mainly cleaned up the language.

XIII.B. Tuition Rates for the District and Special Education Tuition, 2012-2013

The district rate will remain the same. Executive Director of Business Services Jason Harris said the Department of Education come up with an amount for special education. For next year the cost per day is \$192.56 for the severe/profound and \$143.50 for mild/moderate.

XIII.C. Master Agreement for 2012-2013

Dr. Loeffelholz said there was a good compromise between the administration and Columbus Education Association. He said they spent some time cleaning up language and clarifying things in the agreement.

XIII.D. Base Salary Increase for Certificated Staff for 2012-2013

The board approved a 2.85 percent base salary increase for certified staff. Dr. Loeffelholz said this will amount to a \$450 increase on the base.

XIII.E. Columbus Public Schools Foundation Executive Director Contract

The contract has changed. Instead of being a 12-month employee with two weeks of vacation, she will be on a 220-day employee contract, which will give a little more flexibility to the position.

XIII.F. Superintendent Salary Contract

The board approved the superintendent's contract with a 2.85 percent increase.

XIII.G. Revised Policy 606.06, Acceptable Use of Computers, Technology and the Internet and New Exhibit 606.06E1, Addition to Employee, Student, and Parent Code of Conduct, Appendix 1,2, and 3

Executive Director of Technology/Operations Leonard Kwapnioski said the Internet policy has been rewritten. He said it identifies appropriate material and explains many other issues. Dr. Loeffelholz said the social networking piece has also been added. He said the biggest part of the policy is the educational component for not only students but staff as well. Dr. Loeffelholz said the district must show Internet safety is being addressed. He said the policy clarifies what is acceptable use and not acceptable use and what it means.

XIII.H. HVAC Contracted Service

Kwapnioski said in the past, the district has contracted with Trane for \$80,000. Kwapnioski said next month a lesser contract with Trane will be recommended for approval.

XIII.I. Admission Fees and Activity Cards for High School and Middle School Activities, 2012-2013

Krogstrand said all the amounts will remain the same. He said one thing people will notice when traveling to away games is that prices have increased to around \$6 to \$7 in football, basketball and volleyball. Krogstrand said he has suggested that the new activities coordinator Mark Brown look at how much other districts are charging and adjust rates. He said CPS is at the low end.

XIV. Superintendent's Report

The portables have been delivered, and maintenance is currently working on the one at Centennial and will move to the two at CMS next. Loup Power has installed a pole for electrical service. The timeline is to be done by the middle of July. The kindergarten start date has changed and students must now be 5 on or before July 31. If a parent wants to send their children and they turn five between August 1 through October 15, they can have them tested. Dr. Loeffelholz said there is a loop hole in the policy. Nebraska does not mandate students to attend kindergarten, so if a student does not go this year, he or she can start in first grade next year. Sen. Paul Schumacher has said he will look into the issue and see if it can be fixed with an amendment. The July board meeting has been moved from July 11 to July 16. The NSAB state conference needs to be booked on Sept. 11, 2012. Dr. Loeffelholz said remodeling continues at the Administration Building.

XV. Board Sharing

XVI. Executive Session

XVII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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, June 11, 2012.

President

Secretary