

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, December 17, 2012 7:00 PM

Board Room
1519 10th Street
Gering, NE 69341



Minutes

1. Signature of Notification

2. *Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Welcome Visitors

2.1. Acknowledge Open Meeting Laws

2.2. Notice of this meeting was published in the Gering Citizen on December 13, 2012.

3. Excuse Absent Board Members

4. *Consent Agenda

4.1. *Sequence of Agenda Items Subject to Change. Please plan to attend the entire meeting.

4.2. Approval of Agenda/Amendment of Agenda Items

4.3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.4. Approval of Claims/Bills

4.5. Appointment and Designation of Superintendent as Authorized Representative to Apply and Secure Funds under Federal & State Programs

5. Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda

6. Patron Comments

6.1. The Board recognizes the importance of citizen participation in school business. In order to assure citizens are heard and board meetings are conducted efficiently and in an organized manner, the Board shall set a 3 minute time limit per patron, not to exceed a total of 30 minutes for all comments.

7. Executive Session for the sole purpose of discussing real estate

8. Action Items

8.1. Recommendation to Approve Treasurer's Report

8.2. Recommendation to Approve the 2011-2012 Audit

8.3. Recommendation to Authorize Superintendent or his Designee to Make an Offer to Purchase Real Estate

8.4. Recommendation to Approve Language Arts Curriculum

8.5. Recommendation to Approve 2012 State Social Studies Standards

Winn expressed concerns regarding the 15 pages that deal solely with economics, which appears to be the largest portion of the curriculum. Curriculum & Assessment Director Terri Martin explained that economics at the High School level are extensive. These standards were developed by NDE with input gathered from state-wide public forums that included teachers, environmentalists and parents. Although there will be no state test on these standards the district will provide common assessments.

8.6. Recommendation to Approve Anderson & Shaw Statement #19

This payment leaves a remaining balance of \$10,000. The warranty on the Lincoln Elementary began on December 10, 2012.

8.7. Second Reading of Board Policy 606.06 - Acceptable Use of Computers, Technology and the Internet

8.8. Second Reading of Board Policy 801.04 - Vehicle Safety Program

8.9. Second Reading of Board Policy 801.07 - Summer School Program Transportation Service

8.10. Second Reading of Board Policy 801.10 - Transportation in Inclement Weather

8.11. Second Reading of Board Policy 804.03 - E-Mail Retention

8.12. Second Reading of Board Policy 801.11 - School Owned Vehicles

9. Discussion Items

9.1. Recognition of Accomplishments

9.1.i. Scott Marsh and his 14-member team were at Geil Elementary on December 5th to work with the After School Program students. He is also donating a Wi System and the Dance game to the school. Everyone will have access to it. Scott and Jill are great supporters of Gering Public Schools!

9.1.ii. Mike Smith received the 2011-2012 Western Conference Middle School Male Coach of the Year

9.1.iii. Congratulations to 10 Seniors for Receiving 2011-2012 Western Conference Scholar Athletes Awards.

9.1.iv. Congratulations to 9 Athletes for Receiving All-Conference Selection for 2012-2013 in Volleyball, Football and Softball

9.2. First Reading of Board Policy 801.12 - Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

9.3. First Reading of Board Policy 801.14 - Transportation Records

Although the district no longer maintains records on buses, records are still kept on district vehicles, such as the Suburbans and Cars used for travel.

9.4. First Reading of Board Policy 801.15 - Use of Video Cameras on School Buses

The Board recommended changing some language on this policy prior to approval. This policy will be re-submitted for first reading in February.

9.5. First Reading of Board Policy 802.01 - School Food Program

9.5.i. Board Regulation 802.01R1 - Food Services Prices

9.6. First Reading of Board Policy 802.03 - Collection of Money and Food Tickets

9.7. First Reading of Board Policy 802.04 - Food Service Records and Reports

9.8. First Reading of Board Policy 802.05 - Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility

9.9. First Reading of Board Policy 204.9 - Rules of Order

Winn explained that this was a recommended change suggested at the NASB New Board Member Training session.

9.10. New Superintendent Contract Language

Miles explained that the Personnel Committee, with guidance from NASB and a school attorney, is reviewing a new two-year Superintendent Contract. Winn commended Miles for his time and dedication to this project. Copsey suggested setting a limit on district funded due and meetings. This contract will be provided to each candidate during the interview process.

9.11. Superintendent Search Interview Schedule

The Board's Regular Board Meeting in January is scheduled for the 21st. Four finalists are expected to be selected for Superintendent Search interviews. The Board Meeting will be held at an earlier time in January to accommodate these interviews. The first candidate will be interviewed after a meal at the Civic Center and the January Board Meeting by the Board of Education. This individual will then interview with Certified Staff, Classified Staff, Administrators the next morning. The candidate will then have lunch with the Community Interview Team at the Civic Center, followed by a community tour led by the outgoing Superintendent. The same process will occur for each candidate.

9.12. Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

9.13. Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

Miles said that their time has been spent on the development of a new Superintendent Contract. Pre-employment drug testing for substitute teachers and volunteer coaches was reviewed. The Committee is in the process of reviewing the Classified Staff handbook. An Addendum to the Negotiated Agreement regarding insurance was developed.

9.14. Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Doll explained that the Committee met at the Aurora facility to review surplus sale items that were to be sold at a public auction. The committee reviewed building needs at Cedar Canyon, specifically the placement of the library on the stage. Jr. High lighting and window replacement were discussed. The Committee plans to reprioritize the Master Facilities Plan at their January meeting.

9.15. Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Copsey informed the Board that the Committee reviewed the audit report from Dana F. Cole and company. The results were favorable, however there will be a budget shortfall so the Committee is seeking any suggestions or opportunities to cover this shortfall. The Committee reviewed the district's bill listing and will discuss the cost of sports banquets with the Activities Director at their January meeting. Copsey gave a "shout out" to Anita Russel, who is the warehouse assistant, as she has been finding multiple ways to cut costs in the maintenance and warehouse departments.

10. Superintendent's Report

Hague informed the Board that his next news article will focus on safety in schools. Hague also plans to review the district and individual building safety plans at the next Administrator's Meeting. Hague explained that he will be out of the office on vacation from December 21st until January 3rd.

10.1. GNSA - January & February 16th, 2013

Hague invited anyone who is interested in attending this meeting.

11. Board Comments

Winn stated that the Lincoln Elementary Christmas Show that was held at the High School auditorium was amazingly entertaining. Winn also mentioned that when she subbed for Ryan

Bosche, an Art Teacher at the High School, he had included emergency procedures in his sub plan, which was greatly appreciated. Winn encouraged each principal to provide that information to their substitutes. Peters thanked Russ Hamer, the District's Technology Coordinator, for assisting a parent who was having problems negotiating Infinite Campus. Doll stated that he spent time monitoring reading groups in progress at Northfield Elementary. He said it was a good visit led by Reading Coach Becky Michaels. Doll reminded the Board that the High School band will perform on Thursday evening at 7:00pm. Peters reminded the Board that they will host the Annual Board Meeting Supper with the Board from Scottsbluff. The supper will take place at Lincoln Elementary, followed by a tour of the facility. The Board will then head to Central Office to hold their Regular Board Meeting. Brunner reflected on the recent tragedy in Connecticut.

12. Tentative Committee and Meeting Dates

13. Adjournment