

Regular Business Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2013 6:00 PM

City of Gering Council Chambers
1519 10th St
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 April 11, 2013.

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

Peters asked that item 4.6 (Acceptance of Resignation for Instructional Coach Jadie Beam be moved to Action Items. Doll removed item 4.6 from the Consent Agenda to item 7.4 as an Action Item.

4.3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.4. Approval of Claim/Bills

4.5. Early Graduation Request for Matthew Downing

4.6. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation (Beam)

4.7. First Reading of Board Policies

4.7.i. 2013-2014 Option Enrollment Resolution

4.7.ii. 801.12F - Parent Request to Transport Child To/From Athletic/Activity Event Form

4.7.iii. 801.13 - Use of Private Vehicles on School Business

4.7.iv. 802.06 - Vending Machines

4.7.v. 803.01 - Photocopying Services

4.7.vi. 803.02 - Mail & Delivery Services

4.7.vii. 803.03 - Telephone Service

4.7.viii. 803.04 - Fax Service

4.7.ix. 804.01 - Computer Security

4.7.x. 804.02 - Data or Records Retention

4.7.xi. 805.01 - Insurance

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. Action Items

7.1. Summer 2013 Computer Upgrade

Meisner explained that IT Director Lionel Newberry had met with the Business Committee to review updates regarding workstations for staf and students, as well as an infrastrucuter wireless upgrade. The department has performed minimal upgrades over the last two years due to other district expenditures. One hundred twenty eight staff members and students will have upgraded equipment, which is expected to cost \$174,756.94. The infrastructure upgrade, which includes switches, routers and cabeling, will take place mainly at the High School and will improve connectivity between the High School and the Jr. High. Cost is expected to be \$59,492. The Business Committee recommends the approval of both purchases.

7.2. Approval of 2013-2014 School Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Meisner explained that the Business Committee recommends a secondary breakfast and lunch price increase. The implementation of the School Food Authority's Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 requires the district to serve more fresh foods, vegitibles and whole grains, which has caused the cost of lunches served to go up over the last year. In order to keep the cafeteria account in good standing, the district needs to increase secondary lunch and breakfast prices by a quarter. Scottsbluff Public Schools are also increasing their prices due to the same issue. Peters confirmed that the Hunger-Free Kids Act has efected budgets nation wide.

7.3. Second Reading of Special Education Board Policies

Doll asked if anyone had any questions and/or changes regarding NDE's recommended Special Education policies.

7.3.i. 612.01 - Free Appropriate Public Education

7.3.ii. 612.02 - Full Educational Opportunity Goal

7.3.iii. 612.03 - Childfind

7.3.iv. 612.04 - Evaluation Procedures

7.3.v. 612.05 - Individualized Education Program and Family Services Program

7.3.vi. 612.06 - Transition of Children from Part C to Preschool Program

7.3.vii. 612.07 - Participation in State and District Wide Assessments

7.3.viii. 612.08 - Least Restrictive Environment

7.3.ix. 612.09 - Children in Nonpublic Schools

7.3.x. 612.10 - Procedural Safeguards

- 7.3.xi. 612.11 - Transportation
- 7.3.xii. 612.12 - Personnel Qualifications
- 7.3.xiii. 612.13 - Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information
- 7.3.xiv. 612.14 - Suspension & Expulsion Rates
- 7.3.xv. 612.15 - Access to Instructional Materials
- 7.3.xvi. 612.16 - Over-Identification and Disproportionality
- 7.3.xvii. 612.17 - Prohibition on Mandatory Medication

7.4. Acceptance of Resignation Letter (Beam)

Peters stated that he pulled this consent agenda item to the regular action items in order to recognize Beam's years of service at Gering and said that he is looking forward to working with her at ESU#13 in her new role. Doll echoed Peter's comments and stated that Beam's heart has been in the right place and expressed his appreciation for everything Beam has done for the Gering Public School District.

8. Reports & Discussion Items

8.1. Recognition of Accomplishments

8.1.i. Final Results of State Speech Meet

8.1.ii. Gering VALTS student Erin Carter won the Soroptimist Ruby Award. This is a great honor and a difficult award to win. VALTS Kids making a difference!

8.1.iii. Gering Public School's 9th grade class raised a total of \$1,163.06 for Pennies for Patients, a program sponsored by the NJHS.

8.1.iv. Northfield's Kinder Students & Mrs. Kathleen Rose, Music Instructor

8.1.v. DECA Award Winners

8.1.vi. Five 9th grade students had a composite score of 25 on the Explore Test. This is the highest score attainable! Megan Copsey, Jason Doll, Hadley Kirk, Fiona Miller and Collin Potts.

8.1.vii. Thank you to Northfield Elementary for observation of Direct Instruction Program

8.1.viii. Geil Elementary Jump Rope for Heart raised over \$5,000 and saved 101 lives.

8.1.ix. Geil Elementary Pennies for Patients - Leukemia/Lymphoma Society raised over \$2,000.

8.1.x. Junior High Builder's Club filled East Eggs for the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt

8.1.xi. Jr. High Quiz Bowl Competitions: at Chradon the 8th grade panel received 1st place; 7th graders received 3rd place. At Banner County our 8th graders placed 1st.

8.1.xii. Cedar Canyon students enjoyed an assembly titled "Skateboard Science" on Monday, April 8th

8.1.xiii. Omaha World Herald All-Academic Team

8.1.xiv. During Student Led Conferences, Lincoln Elementary had a book fair for the first time in 4 years. Mrs. Hague reported that we sold \$3,504.97 in books. The school receives a percentage credit from the book company and this credit will be used to purchase sets of books to use in reading classes.

8.1.xv. GHS Journalism & Yearbook won a 3rd straight Class B State Championship & set a new state record with 86 sweepstakes points; next was Omaha Westside with 41. We have 18 state champions, 10 silver & 12 bronze medals. Swept all 3 slots in 6 categories. Will go to All-Class State Champs on May 12.

8.2. Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Peters explained that the highlight of the Curriculum Committee Meeting was a discussion about changes to the district's High Ability Program. Options are being examined and discussed to prevent school day disruptions for elementary students.

8.3. Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

Winn explained that the Personnel Committee discussed business that is dependent on enrollment numbers for next year. The committee reviewed information on building secretary hours and duties.

8.4. Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Upp explained that the Facilities Committee met at the central office before touring the Jr. High facility. The committee met with Freshman Academy Assistant Principal Kraig Weyrich and Jr. High Principal Dora Olivares. The committee examined the building and helped determine what are immediate needs. The committee then reviewed potential summer projects, as well as short and long term projects. Weyrich presented information regarding security system updates. Weyrich will investigate the success of WNCC's system. Handheld radios are not in use throughout the district. The committee feels that one top priority at the building should be improved ventilation in the boy's locker room, which should be repaired during the summer months.

8.5. Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Copsey stated that the Business Committee met and reviewed information pertaining to Title IV and district Booster Clubs. It was determined that communication to coaches has been improving, however coach to parent communication needs additional work. Activities Director Glen Koski is developing regulations about spending fundraised monies on specific activities or programs. The committee reviewed computer and infrastructure information, reviewed financial reports and discussed increased secondary breakfast and lunch prices.

8.6. Financial Report - The Business Committee reviewed all bills for this consent agenda. Bills unique to this month were discussed for clarification. The total amount of bills approved in the consent agenda for the month of March, 2013 by specific funds are as follows:

Meisner reviewed March revenues and expenditures in detail. Fund balances were also reviewed.

8.6.i. Trial Balance Summary

8.6.ii. Fund Balances

8.6.iii. Schedule of Investments Held

8.6.iv. General Fund=\$1,513,540.37; Depreciation Fund = \$613.35; Cafeteria Fund = \$79,657.95; Activities Fund = \$29,309.76; Fees Fund = \$500.

8.6.iv.1. Financial Statement for March 2013

8.7. Student Services Report

Hubbard was out on bereavement leave and did not provide a written report.

9. Superintendent's Report

Hague informed everyone the Cedar Canyon Principal Betty Smith was in Boston during the marathon bombings but is ok. Hague explained that May 1st is the last date that the district can accept resignations without having to find a suitable replacement before acceptance. The

District's Administrative Offices will move to a new location on April 25th and 26th. Hague intends on spending the next six weeks planning for next year.

10. Board Comments

Peters said it is an exciting time to be a Gering Bulldog. He is proud of the district's kids and staff. Winn said that the district's musical was outstanding and very unique, with five leading roles. Copsey reminded everyone that, as spring sports start, it is an exciting time and that academic success is truly laying the pathwork for future success. Copsey stated that he is proud to be from Gering. Upp said he can see how test scores have gone up, along with accomplishments. He feels that this stems from keeping kids active and in successful groups. Brunner reiterated that it is a good time to be a Bulldog and he feels that the year will be finished in a strong manner. Doll stated that he feels Gering has a great group of kids and he feels blessed to have the staff that is in place and appreciated all that they do for kids. District accomplishments are proof positive of efforts being made at each building. He also feels that district students are humble, which speaks volumes of the work district educators and administrators are doing.

11. Tentative Committee & Meeting Dates

The Personnel Committee Meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month and will be held at 4:30pm. Doll reminded committee members to find a replacement if they are unable to attend a meeting.

12. Adjournment