

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2019 6:00 PM

City of Gering Council Chambers
1025 P Street
Gering, NE 69341



Minutes

1. Signature of Notification

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

Absent: Josh Lacy, **Present:** Brian Copsey, Brent Holliday, B.J. Peters, Brady Shaul, Mary Winn.

2.1. Acknowledge Open Meetings Law

2.2. Notice of this meeting was published in the Gering Courier on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

3. Excuse Absent Board Members

4. Consent Agenda

4.1. Minutes From Previous Board Meeting

4.2. Approval of Claims/Bills

4.3. First Reading of Board Policies

4.3.i. 611.9 Commencement

4.3.ii. 611.5 Grading Guidelines

4.3.iii. 611.6 Class Rankings And Grade Point Average

4.3.iv. 611.7 Graduation Requirements

4.3.v. 611.8 Early Graduation

4.4. Second Reading of Board Policies

4.4.i. 608.1 Student Guidance And Counseling Program

4.4.ii. 608.2 Student Health Services

4.4.iii. 609.1 Evaluation Of Instructional Programs

4.4.iv. 610.1 Student Surveys

4.4.v. 610.2 Test Or Assessment Administration

4.4.vi. 611.1 Student Progress Reports

4.4.vii. 611.2 Student Promotion, Retention Or Acceleration

4.4.viii. 611.3 Student Honors And Awards

4.4.ix. 611.4 Parent Conferences

4.5. Personnel Items

4.5.i. Contract Approvals

4.5.ii. Resignations

4.5.ii.1. Derek Janssen - Junior High, Mathematics Teacher

4.5.ii.2. Kenda Foos - Senior High School, Resource Teacher

4.5.ii.3. Tim Kwapnioski - Director of Instruction, Human Resources, & Communication

5. Patron Comments

6. Reports and Discussions

6.1. Curriculum Committee Report

Committee chair Mary Winn reported the committee had met at the Freshman Academy, reiterating her appreciation for the opportunity to gather at the building and meet with Mr. Chavez and his team. She stated that the committee received a presentation from Curriculum Director Terri Martin on the exploratory classes to be offered at the junior high in 2019-2020. Board president B.J. Peters stated that these elective options will be a great starting point as the students begin to explore career pathways.

6.2. Facilities Committee Report

Chairman Brady Shaul recapped a tour of GHS. Superintendent Hastings noted the quick progression that had taken place since students were released on Friday. Josh Berger was in attendance at the April work session, and board members were in agreement that his role in the project had added noticeable value.

6.3. Business Committee Report

Committee member Brian Copsey reported on the May meeting. Soccer field improvements are scheduled to begin June 10. Discussion was opened at the meeting regarding the condition of the high school track. The committee has proposed a site evaluation.

6.3.i. Trial Balance Summary

6.3.ii. Fund Balances

6.3.iii. Schedule of Investments

6.3.iv. Financial Statements

6.4. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hastings highlighted the wrap-up of another school year with Sunday's graduation ceremony. The legislative session will end early. Several property tax measures have been introduced as well an item related to student discipline. Further updates surrounding the conclusion of the session will follow at the June board meeting.

7. Action Items

7.1. Discuss, consider, and take action regarding the approval of Pay Application #13 to Hausmann Construction in the amount of \$865,912.29 for the Gering High School Project

7.2. Discuss, consider, and take action regarding approval of a Speech Language Pathologist Teletherapy proposal

GPS Director of Student Services, Barb Ehrhart, and the District's current SLP provider, Jamie Connell, offered a detailed summary of their continued recruiting efforts and a variety of alternative options researched. There is a wide-spread shortage of SLP's not only in the

panhandle, but across the state. It was determined that staffing agency Soliant Health will effectively serve the District via teletherapy for the upcoming 19-20 school year.

8. Tentative Committee Meeting Dates

Future Board Meetings

Regular Board Meeting - Mon, June 17 @ 6:00 p.m. (City Council Chambers)

**** No work session in May ****

Tentative Committee Meeting Dates:

Personnel Committee -- Thurs, May 30 @ 4:30 p.m. (Central Office)

Curriculum Committee -- Tues, June 4 @ 7:00 a.m. (Central Office)

Facilities Committee -- Thurs, June 6 @ 4:30 p.m. (Gering High School)

Business Committee -- Mon, June 10 @ 4:30 p.m. (Central Office)

9. Board Comments

Brady Shaul acknowledged another great year with Sunday's graduation ceremony. Brent Holliday recognized the evening as Barb Ehrhart's last school board meeting. Ms. Ehrhart added that she was leaving the district in good hands under Laura Barrett's leadership. Mary Winn shone a spotlight on all the great things happening throughout the district at the end of the school year. One specific example that stood out to her was the STEM Day hosted at Geil Elementary. She stated that the students were excited and fully engaged as they enjoyed several presenters / guest speakers and hands-on activities. Mary further described "consistently over the last few weeks there have been celebrations to learning and achievement" with elementary and high school graduate parades stating these events were a reminder of what a big year 19-20 will be for students. Graduation was wonderful with the ceremony setting the bar high; she felt the students and members of the crowd knew the expectations and credited this to a smooth celebration. Brian Copsey reiterated that ceremonies are always ran respectfully with the highlight for him is watching the kids walk across the stage. He congratulated Bobbie Claflin and Zoe Smith on outstanding performances at state tennis. Mr. Copsey light-heartedly joked that a concerned citizen had reached out to him regarding Eldon Hubbard's retirement celebration inquiring whether or not it violated Policy# 607.9, but that he assured them miniature horses are in fact considered service animals. In closing Board President B.J. Peters thanked Eldon for his service citing the change of student population during his time. Under his leadership, standards have remained high with graduation rates being a strong testament.

10. Adjourn