

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2015 6:00 PM

City of Gering Council Chambers, 1025 P Street, Gering
Nebraska
1519 10th Street
Gering, NE 69341



Minutes

1. Signature of Notification

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

1. Acknowledge Open Meetings Law
2. Notice of this meeting was published in the Gering Courier on June 11, 2015.

3. Excuse Absent Board Members

4. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda/Amendment of Agenda Items
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Board Meetings
3. Approval of Claims/Bills
4. Second Reading of Board Policies
 - i. Board Policy 205.4 - Policy Communication
 - ii. Board Policy 205.5 - Policy Suspension
 - iii. Board Policy 205.6 - Administration in the Absence of Policy
 - iv. Board Policy 205.7 - Review of Administrative Regulations
 - v. Board Policy 206.1 - New Board Member Orientation
 - vi. Board Policy 206.2 - Board Association Membership
 - vii. Board Policy 206.3 - Board Member Development Opportunities
 - viii. Board Policy 206.4 - Board Member Compensation and Expenses

5. Personnel Items

- i. Contract Approvals
 1. Susan Martin (Speech Pathologist)
 2. Shane Malm (0.5 FTE Junior High Careers)

3. Nicholle Lang (6th Grade at Geil)

ii. Resignations

5. Patron Comments

6. Reports & Discussions

1. Curriculum Committee Meeting Report

Mr. Peters reported on the Curriculum Committee's action to study and recommend approval of the student handbooks for 2015-2016. A report on the excitement of the High Ability Learner program was also presented. Mrs. Winn reported on the progress of the Gering Whole Child Initiative. She reported on the proposed purpose and belief statements. These items will be presented formally in July. At the July meeting, Mrs. Ehrhart will present on the social emotional curriculums being implemented in the elementary grades.

2. Facilities Committee Meeting Report

No Facilities Committee meeting was held this month.

3. Business Committee Meeting Report

Mr. Shaul reported on the discussion of the AP listing and the food service provider quotes. The Business Committee is prepared to recommend that Taher is awarded the food service contract. Also, computer purchases were discussed.

i. Trial Balance Summary

ii. Fund Balances

iii. Schedule of Investments

iv. Financial Statement

4. Superintendent's Report

Hastings provided an update on the development of the Whole Child Project vision for Gering Public Schools. An action item to join the Whole Child Project and approve purpose and belief statements will be a part of the July meeting. Report was made about discussions with the Buffett Early Childhood Institute and potential partnerships with them in the Panhandle. Hastings reported that the district is in discussions with ESU 13 and Head Start about possibly forming a partnership that would include a Head Start classroom at Lincoln Elementary. A brief update on the progress of the Grade Configuration facilities discussion was provided. GPS will issue an RFP asking architects to assist with a facilities study related to grade configuration.

7. Executive Session for the sole purpose of discussion a negotiation item.

8. Action Items

1. Food Service Management Company Bid

Mr. Meisner reported on the process that has been gone through leading up to the recommendation to award the bid to Taher, Inc.

2. Approve student handbooks for the 2015-2016 school year.

3. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action with regard to an addendum to the Superintendent's contract of Employment.

4. Approval of computer purchases in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.

5. Appoint Allison Luehring to serve as the Recording Secretary for the Board of Education.

9. Tentative Committee & Meeting Dates

10. Board Comments

Mrs. Winn reported on the School Law Conference. Mr. Copsey commented on the impact that teachers like Gary Smith have had on students in our district and how difficult things have been for the district as a result of their loss.

11. Adjournment