

## **GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS' REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Garden County Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, May 11, 2009 in the downstairs computer lab at Garden County High School, 200 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Oshkosh, NE. The following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Mike Fischer, Andrea Lake, Rex Miller, Kelly Reece, Randy Stanczyk, and Tiffany Zorn.

Absent: None

Also present: Maintenance Supervisor Rick Reece, Principals Jason Spady and Bruce Hird, Supt. Paula Sissel

Guests: None

*Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings in the Garden County News. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.*

1. Call Meeting to Order-The meeting was duly called to order at 8:08 PM by President Miller, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

*At the beginning of this meeting, President Miller announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the east wall of the meeting room.*

2. Motion made by Stanczyk and seconded by Reece to approve the agenda as presented.  
Voting for: Fischer, Miller, Lake, Reece, Stanczyk, and Zorn  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
3. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Lake to approve consent agenda as presented and pay claims in the amount of \$376,640.03.  
Voting for: Fischer, Miller, Lake, Reece, Stanczyk, and Zorn  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
4. Reports:  
Public comment-None  
Committee reports:  
Safety/Transportation-NIMS certification will be attained in order to gain access to additional safety grant funding. Activity bus repair costs were discussed; investigation of reliability and safety issues is needed, along with cost analysis. Purchase of replacement is being considered (based on budget and possible stimulus funds).  
Building/Facility-Roof repair at GCE is underway. Roof leak at GCHS in new addition seems to be resolved, will continue to monitor before replacing drywall. Alicap continues to be involved with costs. Front entrances at GCE and GCHS are completed, with the exception of landscaping details and automatic door openers. IDEA and CEP grant funding will cover the costs.  
Policy/Americanism-Committee met on May 4 to review handbooks; next meeting June 1, 2009 at 5 PM to finalize student handbook revisions.  
Finance-State aid formula update was provided by Dr. Sissel, with state per pupil cost comparisons shared. Stimulus grant funds from Title I and IDEA are available, a portion of which will be applied for this year and the remainder in next year's budget.  
Principals-Mr. Spady shared Modern Woodmen of America speech contest results, field trip information, MAC jr. high track success, 6<sup>th</sup> grade visited Assisted Living, Awards' Night,

final weeks' expectations, and next year's schedule/staffing projections. Mr. Hird stated that Mrs. Dormann will be registering 8<sup>th</sup> graders soon and a schedule will be coming out next week. The zero hour Spanish class was very successful; students and teacher are to be commended for their efforts. Next year, GCHS will receive Spanish from Alliance. Tech & Torch interviews were held last week for student employee positions in the business. Seniors' last day and expectations were discussed. Dr. Sissel has shared proposed schedule for next year with GCE staff, provides more arts' and physical education time for students.

5. Action items:

- A. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Lake to accept lowest plumbing bid for GCE restroom improvements.  
Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Zorn  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- B. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Lake to accept carpet bid for GCHS Social Science room.  
Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Zorn  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- C. Motion made by Stanczyk and seconded by Lake to approve the conversion of the Carney Trust to a four percent total return trust.  
Roll call vote results: Fischer-Yea, Lake-Yea, Miller-Yea, Reece-Yea, Stanczyk-Yea, and Zorn-Yea  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- D. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Fischer to accept Mr. Stokey's resignation with sincere regrets.  
Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Zorn  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- E. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Lake to approve certified staff contract for Mr. Vapenik.  
Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Zorn  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- F. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Zorn to accept Mr. Radke's employee maintenance agreement.  
Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Zorn  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- G. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Lake to waive first reading and adopt land transfer policy.  
Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Zorn  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- H. Motion made by Lake and seconded by Stanczyk to approve first reading of revised special education policies, support staff handbook, teacher handbook, and teacher evaluation policies.  
Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Zorn  
Voting against: None

Motion carried.

- I. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Zorn to approve photography bid from L. Hummermeier for 2009-10 school year.

Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Zorn

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

6. Discussion items:

- A. Brenda Tophoj has declined mileage reimbursement by the district at this time; commendations were made for her fiscal responsibility to the district.

- B. Kitchen equipment grant will be submitted for a walk-in freezer at GCHS.

- C. School law conference in Kearney on June 12, Dr. Sissel will attend.

7. Date/time next regular meeting-June 8, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

8. President Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:02 PM.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.

GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(35-0001)

BY: Rex Miller, President

ATTEST: Andrea Lake, Secretary  
Paula Sissel, Superintendent