

The mission of Garden County Schools is to develop individuals who will meet the challenges of a diverse society.

GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS' REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(Pending January Board Approval)

A meeting of the Board of Education of Garden County Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, December 10, 2012 in the Board Room at Garden County High School, 200 West 4th Street, Oshkosh, NE. The following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Matt Ardissono, Mike Fischer, Andrea Lake, Rex Miller, Kelly Reece (arrived at 7:30 PM), and Randy Stanczyk

Absent: None

Also present: Maintenance Supervisor Rick Reece, Principal Jason Spady, and Supt. Paula Sissel

Guests: Nita Pirnie (patron)

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. The meeting was duly called to order at 7:27 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 Fischer and seconded by Lake to approve the agenda.

Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, and Stanczyk

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

3. Motion made by Ardissono and seconded by Fischer to approve the minutes as presented and claims for \$322,608.42.

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

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

4. Reports:

Committee reports:

Safety/Transportation-Crisis Response team met to debrief following recent response, law enforcement was present and will be attending quarterly safety meetings; monthly November transportation report was shared; small bus bids are pending

Policy/Americanism-annual SPED checklist was completed, with all required policies in place Building/Facility-Siemens has completed the heating system work at GCE (Mr. Reece will conduct a final walkthrough); ASAP is still needing to replace the windows at GCHS.

Board-Andrea Lake shared information about the state school board conference; Rich Paisley attended also, he will be seated on the board in January; seven period day and high school schedule was discussed, an 8th period with reading interventions has been added.

Principal-Spanish will start via DL in 7th grade; law enforcement from Deuel/Garden counties will use the old building in Lewellen for training.

Superintendent-ESU will provide an Obama Care update in Jan.; board members will be invited to attend once the time/date is arranged; administrative employed with continuing contracts, principal evaluations are underway and supt. evaluation will be done by board.

5. Discussion items:
 - A. The Attorney General's response to patron complaints was shared, with them being dismissed
 - B. Senior's early graduation request was discussed, the student will be granted when all academic, attendance, and financial obligations have been met.
 - C. School Improvement Steering Committee date/time to be arranged to finalize new school improvement goal.
 - D. Annual board retreat date was set for January 14, 2013 at 5 PM, with dinner served, prior to the regular board meeting.
 - E. Teachers' sick and personal days were discussed.
6. Action items:
 - A. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Lake to approve the Payflex amendment.
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.
 - B. Motion made by Lake and seconded by Ardissono to recognize the SPED policy checklist as meeting the required annual NDE criteria.
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.
 - C. Motion made by Stanczyk and seconded by Lake to support the soccer field project.
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.
 - D. Motion by Fischer and seconded by Reece to approve the McGinley and Cumpton Carney Scholarship requests.
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.
 - E. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Ardissono at 8:53 PM to conduct a closed session for the protection of personal reputation for the superintendent's evaluation.
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.
 - F. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Fischer to come out of closed session at 9:33 PM.
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.
7. Date/time of next meeting-January 14, 2013 at approximately 7 PM, following the annual board retreat.
8. President Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:10 PM.

DATED this 10th day of December 2012.

GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
(35-0001)

BY: Rex Miller, President

ATTEST: Andrea Lake, Secretary
Paula Sissel, Superintendent