

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

## **GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS’ BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*(Pending February Board Approval)*

A meeting of the Board of Education of Garden County Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, January 11, 2016 in the Board Room at Garden County High School, 200 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Oshkosh, NE. The following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Matt Ardissono, Mike Fischer, Rich Paisley, and Randy Stanczyk

Absent: Andrea Lake and Kelly Reece (excused)

Also present: Maintenance Supervisor Rick Reece, Principal Jason Spady, and Supt. Paula Sissel (Teacher Kathryn Beberniss arrived at approximately 12:30 PM)

*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 12:12 PM by President Stanczyk, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### *Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting*

*At the beginning of this meeting, President Stanczyk 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 Paisley and seconded by Fischer to approve the amended agenda and excuse Secretary Lake and Board Member Reece.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Paisley, 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 \$337,249.96.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Paisley, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
4. Reports:  
Safety/Transportation-Mr. Reece shared information about activity bus repairs and safety training modules  
Building/Facility-committee meeting date to review the 3-5 year plan was set for Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at noon at GCE (meeting with Heartland Roofing TBA)-reminders will be sent  
Finance-budget update was provided, along with proposed state aid calculations; Treasurer Fischer inquired about the need to be rebounded, Dr. Sissel will check into the requirements  
Administrative-President Stanczyk commended the staff for hosting the recent wrestling tournament. Principal Spady expressed concerns about sportsmanship with local fans at the basketball games. Superintendent Sissel shared the staff commendations for the wrestling tournament and the girls’ basketball players for good effort, despite low participation. Ideas to increase students’ participation in extracurricular activities are being discussed, recognizing those who participate at upcoming elementary celebrations is one strategy that will begin this month. Surplus items (risers and technology equipment) are being sold to highest bidders. Computers and wireless airports will be updated to insure connectivity is adequate for upcoming assessment. District ratings were in the top 10% of the state’s schools and

assessment results in reading and math in the top 5% and science in the top 10% of the region, with an all time high in reading! The annual report will reflect these accomplishments. Support staffing assignments and vacancies were discussed.

5. Discussion items:

- A. Incumbents filing date was discussed for Ardissono, Paisley, and Reece (02/16/16)
- B. Annual Board Retreat discussion and goal setting was tabled until next meeting
- C. Superintendent evaluation and Board self-evaluation forms were distributed to be discussed at next month's meeting

6. Action items:

- A. Motion made by Ardissono and seconded by Fischer to retain the current officers as seated.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Paisley, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- B. Motion made by Paisley and seconded by Fischer to approved the new mileage rate of \$.54 as per statute.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Paisley, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- C. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Ardissono to approve Supt. Sissel as the district's nondiscrimination compliance coordinator and authorized representative.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Paisley, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- D. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Ardissono to approve the Carney Scholarship requests.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Paisley, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- E. Motion made by Paisley and seconded by Ardissono to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 PM.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Paisley, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.

7. Date/time of next meeting-February 8, 2016 at Noon.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016 .

GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(35-0001)

BY: Randy Stanczyk, President

ATTEST: Paula Sissel, Superintendent