

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

GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS' REGULAR 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 9, 2012 in the downstairs computer lab 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 (arrived at 7:02 PM), Rex Miller, Kelly Reece and Randy Stanczyk

Absent: None

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

Guests: Geri Card and Nita Pirnie (patrons)

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 PM by President Miller, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

During 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 Ardissono to approve the agenda as presented with addition of BOE calendar discussion.

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

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

3. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Stanczyk to approve the minutes and claims for \$296,094.89 as presented in the consent agenda.

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

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

4. Reports:

Public comment-None

Committee reports:

Safety/Transportation-committee has met, with crisis response documents updated; transportation monthly report was shared; old activity bus is still for sale (increased marketing will be pursued); van bids are still being secured.

Building/Facility-jr. high gym ceiling is being reviewed for content and possible upgrading; bids for new shower room and south gym hallway are being sought.

Policy/Americanism-committee met on Friday, Jan. 6 with two new policies to share (see action items)

Finance-Budget comparison was provided with 2011 by Supt. Sissel with less expenditures at this time compared to last year's budget; cash on hand is slightly greater than a year ago.

Technology-new students have arrived and all new laptops are in use.

Board-Thank yous for Chamber Bucks were shared; commendations on wrestling tournament were made.

Principal-shared expectations for practice travel to Lewellen (will be limited to a few times a year, based on scheduling conflicts).

Superintendent-updated enrollment figures were provided (241 total).

5. Discussion items:

A. NASB Board Development workshop will be held in Gering (Dr. Sissel will contact Board members to see who would like to attend).

- B. SIP Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 11 at 4:15 PM at GCHS (mission and goals will be reviewed.)
- C. Board self-evaluation instrument was shared and will be reviewed as an action item next month.
- D. Supt. and principal goals were discussed with guidance being sought from NCSA.
- E. Incumbent filing deadline is Feb. 15 and new board members deadline is Mar. 1.
- F. Preschool status is pending Feb. VOA meeting consensus; GCS staff is highly in favor of moving preschool to elementary site for 2012-13 school year.
- G. BOE Calendar was presented and discussed with revisions.

6. Action items:

- A. Motion made by Stanczyk and seconded by Ardissono to retain current officers in same positions (President Miller, Vice-President Stanczyk, Treasurer Fischer, and Secretary Lake).
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.
- B. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Fischer to adopt 2012 Board goals developed at January 3rd retreat as presented.
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.
- C. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Reece to accept Elaine Lake's resignation with regrets and open the positions of .50 library media and .50 elementary instructor for the 2012-13 school year.
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.
- D. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Ardissono to recognize the Garden County Education Association as the collective bargaining unit for teacher negotiations.
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.
- E. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Lake to waive the first reading of the communication policy and adopt as presented.
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.
- F. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Fischer to adopt the principal evaluation instrument as presented.
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, and Stanczyk
Voting against: None
Motion carried.

7. Date/time of next meeting-February 13, 2012 at 7 PM.

8. President Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

DATED this 9th day of January 2011.

GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
(35-0001)

BY: Rex Miller, President

ATTEST: Andrea Lake, Secretary
Paula Sissel, Superintendent