

***“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 12, 2015 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, Andrea Lake, Rich Paisley, Kelly Reece, and Randy Stanczyk

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

*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 12:24 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 Fischer and seconded by Reece to approve the agenda as presented.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Paisley, Reece, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
3. Motion made by Paisley and seconded by Lake to approve the minutes as presented and claims for \$386,383.63.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Paisley, Reece, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
4. Reports:  
Safety/Transportation-upcoming crisis response training will be attended by several staff members, followed by a local meeting to update the safety committee; quarterly transportation was provided by Rick Reece and discussed (a surplus car and bus will be sold from the fleet with closed bids, with bids for a new small van being secured), GC was the first district to offer Level I bus training via DL  
Building/Facility-Rick Reece and Supt. Sissel will share a proposed 3-5 year facility plan at the Feb. meeting; the interior door updates at GCE have been beneficial for energy efficiency, there are still a few to be removed or replaced  
Policy-Supt. Sissel will update the board calendar for review based on the NASB suggestions  
Finance-pledges from the local banks continue to be monitored to remain secure, NLAF will be used if cash on hand exceeds amounts the district has covered with security pledges  
Technology-two new touch screen ActivBoards have been purchase and will soon be in use-  
Ms. Johnson is already utilizing one in her classes

Administrative-Board members discussed shop projects, Tech & Torch, rest room availability for town team participants, and Farm & Ranch booth for schools; Principals shared assessment information and new staffing benefits; Supt. shared budget comparison with previous year and provided financial update

5. Discussion items:

- A. Annual report will go out in GC News this week as a saturation mailing and is posted on school website, it was beneficial to have the board retreat prior to sending the report.
- B. Board retreat outcomes were discussed, with a draft of new goals to be comprised by the leadership team for review at the Feb. meeting
- C. Board self-evaluation will be reviewed individually, with discussion at Feb. meeting

6. Action items:

- A. Motion made by Ardissono and seconded by Reece to retain the current board officers for the upcoming year.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Paisley, Reece, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- B. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Lake to change the mileage rate from .56 to .575 effective January 1, 2015, as required by statute.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Paisley, Reece, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- C. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Lake to approve the teacher negotiations' settlement as presented for the 2015-16 school year, with commendations made to the negotiations' team for their work.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Paisley, Reece, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- D. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Ardissono to approve a teaching contract for Dustin Styskal for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Paisley, Reece, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- E. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Lake to move the board go into closed session to discuss superintendent evaluation for the protection of prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 1:48 PM.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Paisley, Reece, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- F. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Reece to move the board come out of closed session at 2:03 PM.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Paisley, Reece, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None
- G. Motion made by Paisley and seconded by Lake to extend a two year superintendent contract to Paula Sissel, with proposed salary increase.  
Voting for: Ardissono, Fischer, Lake, Paisley, Reece, and Stanczyk  
Voting against: None  
Motion carried.
- H. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Lake to appoint Supt. Sissel as the district nondiscrimination compliance coordinator and authorized representative.

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

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

- I. Motion made by Ardissono and seconded by Lake to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 PM.

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

Voting against: None

7. Date/time of next meeting-February 9, 2015 at 6 PM

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(35-0001)

BY: Randy Stanczyk, President

ATTEST: Andrea Lake, Secretary  
Paula Sissel, Superintendent