

NATRONA

COUNTY SCHOOLS

Minutes of the Board of Trustees June 8, 2009

Chairman Steve Degenfelder called the Board of Trustees of Natrona County School District Number One Work Session to order at 5:12 p.m. on June 8, 2009, in Room OD A at Central Services Facility located at 970 N. Glenn Road, Casper, Wyoming, 82601.

Trustee Donn McCall moved to recess to Executive Session to discuss legal, personnel, and property issues. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Horsch and carried. Trustees adjourned the Executive Session at 5:47 p.m. and reconvened the Work Session at 5:55 p.m. with interactive small group discussions on the Path to 2025 project.

Members Present: Steve Degenfelder, Audrey Cotheman, Todd Ingram, Donn McCall, Rita Walsh, Jim Bush (via telephone), Shannon Jackett, Suzanne Sandoval, and Elizabeth Horsch.

Others Present: Superintendent Joel Dvorak; Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services Mark Mathern; Executive Director for Curriculum and Instructional Services Mike Bond; Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Crystal Mueller; Associate Superintendent for Facilities and Technology Mark Antrim; Associate Superintendent for Special Projects Julia Collier; Board Counsel Kathleen Dixon.

The General Session was called to order at 7:34 p.m. those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Persons Requesting to Address Trustees

Derek Jones, 1000 Beaumont Drive, Casper, WY; and Joe Parrish, 3331 Brookview Drive, Casper, WY, spoke in favor of the recommendation for the appointment Randall Larson as new principal for Ft. Caspar Academy and thanked the District for setting a new tone for the community and interactive selection process:

Recognition

Trustees recognized Ruth Ellbogen for her commitment and lasting contributions to the students of our District.

Trustees acknowledged the following Improving Schools for their hard work and dedication work in 2008:

- Cottonwood Elementary – Reading
- Grant Elementary – Reading
- Manor Heights Elementary – Language/Writing
- Pineview Elementary – Math
- Mills Elementary – Math

Finally, Trustees congratulated the Natrona County High School Girls track team for winning the Wyoming state championship: Shaelynn Sondag, Avery Allen, Staylee Brown, Chelsea Carrick, Hannah Frieze, Baillie Gibson, Jessica Heck, Meaghan Henry, Shaye Lanouette, Joannie Ouellet, Meghan Snell, Caitlyn Urhammer, Jordin Weinrich, Rachel Chittim, Hannah Romsa, Holland Tatman, and Brittany Young.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Rita Walsh moved to accept the General Session minutes of May 11, 2009, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jim Bush and carried.

Trustee Shannon Jackett moved to accept the Executive Session minutes of May 11, 2009, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Horsch and carried.

Consent Calendar

Superintendent Dvorak recommended the Board of Trustees accept Consent Calendar items as follows:

1. Business and Financial Items
 - a. Bills of May 15, 22, 29, and June 5, 2009
 - b. Bid Awards
 - i. Vo/Ag Asbestos Abatement - Natrona County High School
 - ii. Pool Acoustical Ceiling – Kelly Walsh

Trustee Suzanne Sandoval moved to accept the consent calendar items, noted above. The motion was seconded by Trustee Shannon Jackett. Discussion followed regarding the ability of local disposal in a registered asbestos waste site, project timelines, and funding through previously budgeted funds.

2. Personnel Item - Certified and Classified Personnel Report

Trustee Todd Ingram moved to accept the Certified and Classified Personnel Report. The motion was seconded by Trustee Audrey Cotherman and carried.

3. Personnel Item - Ft. Caspar Academy Principal Recommendation

Trustee Audrey Cotherman moved to accept the recommendation for the appointment Randall Larson as new principal for Ft. Caspar Academy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donn McCall. It was noted by Trustee Todd Ingram that as Trustees are not involved in the day to day management of personnel decisions, they rely on the recommendation of Dr. Joel Dvorak for his expertise. The motion carried.

Acceptance of Gifts/Grants

Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Superintendent Dvorak recommended the Board of Trustees accept funding from the Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the following grants:

- Partnering to Improve Science Education - \$56,160.00
- 3D Prototyping Printer - \$45,325.00
- Robotics Program - \$85,389.32
- Generation Next 2009/10 - \$118,400.00
- Explore the Ice Age - \$20,600.00
- Casper Mountain Science School Business Plan - \$14,401.00

Trustee Donn McCall moved to accept funding from the Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the above grants. The motion was seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Horsch and carried.

Reports and Recommendations

Termination of Lease and Removal of Westwood Portables

Superintendent Joel Dvorak recommended the Board of Trustees approve funding for the termination of the lease and removal of the Westwood portables in the amount of \$92,000.

Associate Superintendent for Facilities and Technology reported that the District currently has a lease with Williams Scottsman for the portables used at Westwood Elementary during the construction of the new Cottonwood Elementary school.

The Board Budget Committee recommended a 2009-10 budget request of \$550,000 for purchasing the portables. The Board Facilities Committee's recommendation is to terminate the lease of the portables and use 2008-09 Board Priority One Time Funds in the amount of \$92,000 to terminate the lease and not utilize the 2009-10 funds to purchase the portables. It was noted that District Facilities' staff will coordinate the removal of the portables.

Trustee Donn McCall moved to approve funding for the termination of the lease and removal of the Westwood portables in the amount of \$92,000 through the use of 2008-09 Board Priority One Time Funds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Horsch. Brief discussion followed regarding the breakdown of costs for termination and removal of portables. The motion carried.

District Equipment Replacement Update

Jamie Cordonier, Vocational Coordinator, and Jeff Chavez, Broadcasting Instructor at Kelly Walsh High School, provided an equipment replacement update and expressed gratitude for funds spent over the past three years to replace and purchase new, innovative equipment through a detailed selection process.

Path to 2025 – Report from Athletics and Arts Committee

Trustees viewed a video prepared by Sheila McHattie, Natrona County Arts Teacher, and her students on the educational experience of high school fine arts and activities.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Donn McCall thanked individuals honored during the meeting, especially Ruth Ellbogen, for her dedication to the students and staff of our District. In addition, Trustee McCall reported that the next Board Budget Committee meeting will be held on July 6, 2009 with review of final draft for the 2009-10 budget. Lastly, Trustee McCall reported that new Wyoming School Facilities major maintenance fund regulations will go in effect on July 1, 2009. In order for the District to take advantage of the old regulations, Trustee McCall requested that a recommendation for funding of the Natrona County High School locker room project be added to the June 22, 2009 board agenda. Trustee McCall indicated that is a great opportunity to identify funding and leverage opportunities to complete the last phase of the Natrona County High School track project that Trustees committed to many years ago.

Trustee Suzanne Sandoval expressed pleasure in attending the recent Natrona County and Kelly Walsh High School graduations. Trustee Sandoval thanked Sheila McHattie and her students for the wonderful video. Finally, Trustee Sandoval urged Trustees and community members to participate in the 21

Century Partnership cyber summit that is going on now through June 12, 2009. There is no cost to participate.

Trustee Shannon Jackett expressed concerned that Trustees will be focusing on the Natrona County High School locker room renovation when Kelly Walsh High School is also in need of much needed upgrades. Trustee Jackett requested that a report be submitted to the Board Facilities Committee on Kelly Walsh's needs at their next meeting. Lastly, Trustee Jackett distributed the Annotated Agenda from the Board Human Resources Committee meeting held earlier today. In response to federal regulations, Insurance Department is working on new privacy and security board policies and administrative regulations.

Trustee Elizabeth Horsch reported that the Board Curriculum and Instruction Committee met earlier today and is currently working through the NCHS 9th grade school improvement proposal for the Board Budget Committee and developing criteria/assessment for review of future proposals.

Trustee Steve Degenfelder thanked Trustees and Visioning Committee members for their discussion during the Work Session earlier this evening.

Other Business

Dr. Dvorak stated that next Board meeting will be on June 22, 2009 at Central Services, Casper, WY at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Steve Degenfelder adjourned the meeting 8:59 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk