

CENTURA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Centura Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2018
Centura Secondary Board Room
Cairo, Nebraska

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM. Present members: Chad Adams, Justin Caspersen, Teresa Grabowski, Will Kemptar, Ryan Marr and Matt Neppl.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof, according to law, by proper publication, a designated method for giving notice to the School District, a copy of the proof of publications being attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in this meeting. All proceeds of the Board of Education were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Pres. Kemptar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Pres. Kemptar led in the Pledge of Allegiance and recognized a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act posted on the wall in the Board Room.

Motion to approve meeting agenda as presented. This motion, made by Neppl and seconded by Grabowski, Passed. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Patrons present did not request to address the school board.

Supt. Ruhl asked board members for a volunteer to serve as delegate for the upcoming State Education Conference. Grabowski volunteered. He reported the October "I Love Public Schools" theme was "Fill your bucket." Members were asked to nominate someone in our communities as a positive supporter of Centura. Supt. Ruhl distributed a hard copy of his evaluation to be discussed at the next board meeting.

Motion to approve Sept. 10, 2018 public hearings and regular meeting minutes as presented. This motion, made by Grabowski and seconded by Adams, Passed. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Motion to approve Oct. 2018 general fund claims as presented and authorize payment. This motion, made by Marr and seconded by Neppl, Passed. Adams abstained from the Aurora Coop claims, Grabowski abstained from the Pathway Insurance claim, and Marr abstained from the Johnson Controls claims. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Motion to approve Oct. 2018 building fund claims as presented and authorize payment. This motion, made by Neppl and seconded by Marr, Passed. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Motion to approve Sept. 2018 activity fund claims, revenue, and fund balances as presented. This motion, made by Neppl and seconded by Marr, Passed. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Supt. Ruhl made the board aware of scholarship payments as per the certificated negotiated agreement and his decision to postpone payments to certified teachers until October due to funds available. He also noted two activity accounts of Dance and Cheer which have negative balances and the decision to use a year rotation of uniform purchases in the future. Motion to approve Oct. 2018 treasurer's report as presented. This motion, made by Grabowski and seconded by Adams, Passed. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Motion to approve purchase of Casper Suite software renewal used for student laptop management. This motion, made by Marr and seconded by Grabowski, Passed. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Motion to accept sealed bids received for 2000 Chevy cargo van, 1991 Grasshopper riding lawn mower, and 1997 BlueBird bus. This motion, made by Adams and seconded by Grabowski, Passed. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Motion to approve purchase of school vehicle in the amount of \$11,500 and allow superintendent to pay for purchase with a General Fund check. This motion, made by Grabowski and seconded by Caspersen, Passed. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Elem. Principal Bohling reported a chess club will begin Oct. 15th as part of the after school clubs and the Student Leadership Team will continue planning for the upcoming AdvancED accreditation visit. He also reported over 40 families attended the recent Parent Math Night.

Supt. Ruhl gave Principal Holcomb's report in her absence. The MAP testing for the high school has been completed and students grades 10-12 will be working on the ACT Writing Field test Oct. 30th and Nov. 1st. A Nebraska Risk and Protective Factors Student Survey in conjunction with a Tobacco Survey for grades 8, 10 and 12 will be taken sometime in October. The Big Brothers/Big Sisters began the interview stage of high school students and the down list numbers have remained steady with under 7% of students failing one or more classes for three out of five weeks. For Activities Director Report, the first random drug testing has been completed with all negative results. It was discussed that while this was good news, the purpose of the drug testing program needs to be re-emphasized as deterrent and not about catching students using drugs.

Transportation Director Giercke reported they are working on shortening the Boelus bus route to be under one hour and a couple of bus windshields may need to be replaced due to cracks.

Supt. Ruhl reported the auditors will be at school on Thursday for our annual audit. The new speaker system for the football field is almost complete with the Centura Booster Club supplying \$10,000 of the cost. Superintendent evaluation topics on curriculum included inviting Linweld and other companies to give suggestions for a new welding classroom with grants completed for this project; communication with the second round of community meetings set for early November; and leadership with consistent administrative meetings every Tuesday. Supt. Ruhl also discussed the district strategic plan to provide learning opportunities for Special Education students and technology with ensuring staff and students have access to comprehensive technology to support instruction, curriculum and learning.

Following discussion, board members agreed to set the first meeting with the Centura Education Assoc. Negotiating Team for Monday, Nov. 5, 2018 with members of the School Board Negotiating Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m. followed by a 6:00 meeting with all negotiating members and the superintendent.

Discussion: Due to new NDE coding requirements, the Imprest Fund (02) needs to be changed to the Depreciation Fund. Motion to delete Imprest Fund 02. This motion, made by Grabowski and seconded by Adams, Passed. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Discussion: Supt. Ruhl and Elementary Principal Bohling discussed a certificated position need for next semester in Behavioral Education. This is due to additional student needs in the elementary. Motion to add a 1.0 FTE staff position for special education services beginning second semester 2018-19. This motion, made by Caspersen and seconded by Marr, Passed. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:05 p.m. This motion, made by Adams and seconded by Neppl, Passed. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Peggy Lemburg
Board Recording Secretary