

GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS' BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

A public hearing to review the proposed 2008-09 budget took place prior to the regular meeting in the lower computer lab at Garden County High School on September 8, 2008.

1. Motion made by Van Newkirk to call the hearing to order at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of patrons relating to the proposed 2008-09 budget. Motion seconded by Fischer. All in favor.
Open Mtg. law guidelines are posted on east wall in room.
2. Superintendent Sissel presented the proposed budget.
3. President Miller called for public comment (see procedures for public comment below**). No public comment was made.
4. President Miller closed the hearing at 7:04 PM, with no action being taken.

GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS' FINAL TAX REQUEST HEARING MINUTES

A public hearing to set the final tax request for the 2008-09 school year took place prior to the regular meeting in the lower computer lab at Garden County High School on September 8, 2008.

1. Motion made by Fischer to call the hearing to order at 7:05 PM for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of patrons relating to the 2008-09 final tax request. Motion seconded by Lake. All in favor.
Open Mtg. law guidelines are posted on east wall in room.
2. Superintendent Sissel presented the final tax request needed to support the 2008-09 budget.
3. President Miller called for public comment (see procedures for public comment below**). No public comment was made.
4. President Miller closed the hearing at 7:07 PM, with no action being taken.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Education of Garden County Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, September 8, 2008, 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: Mike Fischer, Andrea Lake, Rex Miller, Kelly Reece, Randy Stanczyk, and Joe Van Newkirk

Absent: None

Also present: Supt. Paula Sissel and GCHS Principal Bruce Hird

Guests: None

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. Call Meeting to Order-The meeting was duly called to order at 7:08 PM by President Miller, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of 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 Reece and seconded by Lake to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Van Newkirk

Voting against: None
Motion carried.

3. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Lake to approve the minutes as presented.

Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Van Newkirk

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

4. Reports:

Committee reports-

Safety/Transportation: Walkarounds at all three sites were conducted with appropriate action taken where necessary. Reports for long range building and maintenance planning will be provided at next month's meeting.

Building/Facility: Roof leaks at the elementary and high school are still being repaired. Junior high facility is doing well. Insurance company will be notified regarding new shop leak for next steps to resolve problem. Board retreat discussion about long range facility use will be planned for January. Visiting bleachers at the high school will be repaired by the shop class, with the possibility of new materials investigated. Source Gas contract was locked in at .99 per gallon with consortium.

Policy/Americanism: Current policies about board member absences will be reviewed. Meeting to review social studies curriculum will be scheduled later for this month or early October, with members contacted via email on details.

Finance: The Annual Financial Report will be shared with committee, along with more detailed reports of expenditure categories and comparisons this fall.

5. Discussion items-

A. Principal Hird presented the new teacher mentoring progress, Data Walk forms and procedures to be used by all principals, a Strategy of the Week to improve instructional delivery, MAP testing dates, laptop initiative progress, school business update (with additional grant monies received), electronic lesson plans on teachers' websites, and FFA status with ag class.

B. Andrea lake shared school board meeting suggestions from the Gering workshop.

C. Lunch program portions were discussed. Parents will be invited in to eat if concerns are expressed. A fruit/vegetable snack is provided at the elementary site and being considered for the junior high. The goal is to improve healthy food choices for our students.

D. Supt. Sissel presented NDE notification for meeting 100% NCLB Highly Qualified Staff for the 2007-08 school year, enrollment data, supt. goals, and upcoming State NASB convention will be Nov. 19-21 in Omaha.

E. A four day week was discussed with the implications for academics, budget, staffing, athletics, and possible recruitment potential. This topic will be further reviewed at the board retreat in Jan.

6. Action items:

A. Motion made by Fischer and seconded by Stanczyk to approve the claims as presented for the total amount of \$298,021.78.

Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Van Newkirk

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

B. Motion made by Stanczyk and seconded by Lake to adopt the 2008-09 budget as presented.

Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Reece, Stanczyk, and Van Newkirk

Voting against: None
Motion carried.

- C. Motion made by Van Newkirk and seconded by Lake to set the final tax request as presented.

Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Stanczyk, and Van Newkirk

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

- D. Motion made by Van Newkirk and seconded by Reece to recognize local substitutes for the 2008-09 school year.

Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Stanczyk, and Van Newkirk

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

- E. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Stanczyk to approve the two Carney Scholarship requests presented.

Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Stanczyk, and Van Newkirk

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

- F. Motion made by Reece and seconded by Lake to adopt the board resolution concerning section 403 (b) arrangement with ESU 13.

Voting for: Fischer, Lake, Miller, Stanczyk, and Van Newkirk

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

7. Date/time next regular meeting-October 13, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

8. President Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

DATED this 8th day of September 2008.

GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
(35-0001)

BY: Rex Miller, President

ATTEST: Andrea Lake, Secretary
Paula Sissel, Superintendent