

MINUTES  
DAVID CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 12, 2009

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and posting to meet the legal requirements for public notice of meetings. The meeting notice was published in the Banner Press, a publication established for general circulation within the district and posted on the front door of each school building and the David City Post Office. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. A current copy of the agenda for such meeting was available in the Superintendent's office and on the district's web site. 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.

I. A. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present: Dr. Thoendel, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Vandenberg, Mrs. Danielson and Mr. Otte. Absent: Mrs. Osantowski.

Administrators present were Superintendent Phillips, Principal Lentz, Principal Bathen and Principal Jahde. Dr. Thoendel informed the public that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Law was available for inspection. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were: Angela Moore, Connie Lentz, Jarod Ockander, Kristi Griffiths, Ronda Gestring and Chad Thornton.

Public Forum: None.

I a. Dr. Thoendel administered the oath of office to new board member Julie Danielson.

B. Approved minutes of the December 8, 2008 regular meeting. Correction to New Business agenda item D. minutes published identified property of interest at 876 N. 3rd Street and should be identified as property at 876 N. 8th Street.

C. Approved agenda. Add student/personnel issue to be discussed in Executive Session under IX. Personnel, Item D.

II. Approved claims against the district.

III. Financial reports: All accounts were reviewed.

IV. Board committee reports: None

V. Staff and student involvement: Recognition of Play Production success under the leadership of Mr. Ockander and recognition of Michaela Hruska for being awarded Class B Outstanding Female Actress at the State One-Act Play Competition. Mr. Ockander reviewed the history of One-Act and also recognized the hard work of all students involved in the activity.

VI. Administrative reports: Mr. Phillips: Board Retreat, Jan 28th; School Law for Board Members; Labor Relations and New Board Member Workshop. Mr. Lentz: Upcoming Dating Violence Prevention policy; three student teachers coming this semester. Mr. Bathen: School photos; Honors assembly; Cafeteria window broken. Mr. Jahde: Installation of cameras and Honors assembly

Consent motion: Motion by Mrs. Carlson, second by Mrs. Vandenberg, that, by consent motion, all action items and reports related to agenda items I-VI be approved. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Vandenberg-yes; Danielson-yes; Otte-yes; Carlson- yes; Thoendel-yes; Osantowski-absent)

VII. Old business: None

VIII. New business:

A. Motion by Mrs. Vandenberg, second by Mr. Otte to retain all officer positions for 2009 as in 2008 and appoint Heather Yates as District Treasurer. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Danielson-yes; Otte-yes; Carlson- yes; Thoendel-yes; Osantowski-absent; Vandenberg-yes) Dr. Thoendel appointed the following board committees: Curriculum & Americanism: Danielson, Osantowski, Carlson; Budget & Negotiations: Thoendel, Carlson, Otte; Building and Grounds & Personnel: Otte, Vandenberg, Thoendel; Policy Review & Technology: Osantowski, Vandenberg, Danielson.

B. Moved by Mr. Otte, second by Mrs. Carlson to appoint Jerry Phillips as federal and state programs administrator for David City Public Schools for 2009. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Otte-yes; Carlson- yes; Thoendel-yes; Osantowski-absent; Vandenberg-yes; Danielson-yes)

C. Moved by Mrs. Vandenberg, second by Mrs. Danielson to maintain all district funds in current accounts and re-approving all existing resolutions for depositories at US Bank, First National Bank and Bank of the Valley. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Carlson- yes; Thoendel-yes; Osantowski-absent; Vandenberg-yes; Danielson-yes; Otte-yes)

- D. (1) Moved by Mr. Otte, second by Mrs. Carlson to approve the course sequence and course descriptions for Information Technology. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Thoendel-yes; Osantowski-absent; Vandenberg-yes; Danielson-yes; Otte-yes; Carlson- yes)
- (2) Moved by Mrs. Vandenberg, second by Mr. Otte to approve Computer Applications II or Information Technology I as a graduation requirement for all students beginning with 2010 graduates. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Osantowski-absent; Vandenberg-yes; Danielson-yes; Otte-yes; Carlson- yes; Thoendel-yes)
- (3) Moved by Mrs. Carlson, second by Mr. Otte to direct the administrators, business education teachers, and curriculum director through the school improvement process to review the course requirements in two years (spring 2011) to evaluate the influence of elementary keyboarding and advanced technology on these courses and graduation requirement. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Osantowski-absent; Vandenberg-yes; Danielson-yes; Otte-yes; Carlson- yes; Thoendel-yes)
- E. Report from Chad Thornton, school improvement project team leader studying the MS/HS schedule. No action taken.
- F. Motion by Mr. Otte, second by Mrs. Vandenberg to offer girls and boys cross country for the 2009/2010 school year. Motion carried 4-0-1-1 (Vandenberg-yes; Danielson-yes; Otte-yes; Carlson- yes; Thoendel- abstain; Osantowski-absent)
- G. Moved by Mr. Otte, second by Mrs. Carlson to adopt the 2009/2010 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Danielson-yes; Otte-yes; Carlson- yes; Thoendel-yes; Osantowski-absent; Vandenberg-yes;)
- H. Offer to purchase property located at 876 N. 8th Street was not accepted. No further action taken at this time.
- I. Considered the proposal from Clark Enersen Partners to provide architectural services for a design of a building to house a life skills program to be associated with ESU Cen7ter program for special needs and an additional classroom for David City Elementary. No action taken.
- IX. Personnel
- A. No resignation or contracts to approve.
- B. Principal's evaluations by the superintendent were reviewed. No action taken.
- C. Motion by Mr. Otte, second by Dr. Thoendel to enter executive session at 9:55 to discuss a student/personnel issue and to review the Superintendent's evaluation. President Thoendel stated the purpose of the closed meeting clearly stating that the closed session was for the protection of public interest and to protect needless injury to the reputation of an individual and the individual had not requested a public meeting. The information shared in executive session was limited to these two topics. The executive session was limited to 20 minutes per topic. Motion carried on voice vote. Re-entered open session at 10:30 p.m.
- D. Moved by Mr. Otte, second by Dr. Thoendel to continue the contract agreement with Jerry Phillips, Superintendent with a 3% increase in pay for 2009-2010. Motion carried on voice vote.
- X. Dr. Thoendel adjourned the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

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Linda Carlson, Secretary

The next regular meeting of the David City Public Schools board of education will be 7:30 p.m. February 9, 2009 in the media center at David City High School.