

MINUTES
DAVID CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 10, 2008

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 were: Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Vandenberg, Dr. Thoendel, Mr. Otte (8:05 p.m.), and Mrs. Osantowski (8:00 p.m.). Absent was Mr. Hayes.

Administrators present were Superintendent Phillips, Principal Lentz (8:25 p.m.), 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, Dee Schatz, Angie Ramaekers, Lisa Bales, Russ Krupicka, Ashley Lacy, Chris Navrkal, Luisa Garcia, Shelby Heineman, and Max Cook.

Public Forum: None

B. Approved minutes of the October 13, 2008 regular meeting

C. Approved agenda.

II. Approved claims against the district.

III. Financial reports: All accounts were reviewed.

IV. Board committee reports: None.

V. Staff and student involvement: Middle School House Representatives explained their service projects and fundraiser ideas. They also answered questions regarding the middle school discipline and behavior plans.

VI. Administrative reports: Mr. Phillips: Information regarding the asking price for property located at 786 E. Mr. Jahde: 1st Quarter Discipline report, fall season activity financials, report on various conferences and meetings. Mr. Lentz: Band/Choir concert, Veterans' Day and County Government Day, Mock Trial and One-Act. Mr. Bathen: Veterans' Day and Student Council recognition.

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

VII. Old business:

A. Moved by Mr. Otte, second by Mrs. Osantowski to adopt revisions to Policy #5146, Foreign Exchange Students on second reading. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Hayes-absent; Otte-yes; Carlson- yes; Thoendel-yes; Osantowski-yes; Vandenberg-yes)

B. Motion by Mrs. Osantowski, second by Mr. Otte to adopt revisions to Policy #6430, School Improvement Program and rules and regulations associated with such policy on second reading. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Otte-yes; Carlson- yes; Thoendel-yes; Osantowski-yes; Vandenberg-yes; Hayes-absent)

VIII. New business:

A. Report on business/education partnerships and planning for career academies. Angie Ramaekers from Columbus Chamber of Commerce shared information on Butler County labor statistics with the board. No action taken.

B. Discussion was held on safety and security inspection and related report from the external inspector, Mr. Paul Toms.

C. Motion by Mrs. Osantowski, second by Dr. Thoendel to accept the audit report and financial statements as submitted by auditors, Romans, Wiemer & Associates for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2008. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Carlson- yes; Thoendel-yes; Osantowski-yes; Vandenberg-yes; Hayes-absent; Otte-yes)

D. The board directed Mr. Phillips to withdraw from consideration of an independent student transportation contractor at this point in time. Discussion related to student transportation included: lack of substitute drivers, filling future driver vacancies, the possibility of common routes with non-public school complicated by varying calendars and schedules, feasibility of district-wide pick-up points, and various other related transportation issues.

E. Motion by Dr. Thoendel, second by Mrs. Vandenberg to contract with ACTechnologies for the installation of a camera system at the Bellwood Attendance Center with the conditions of a service agreement within the contract. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Thoendel-yes; Osantowski-yes; Vandenberg-yes; Hayes-absent; Otte-yes; Carlson- yes)

F. Discussion was held on the potential for developing a special needs life skills/transition program and the building design and location for such a program. Also discussed were other space needs and the potential to design and build a facility versus renting or buying property. No action taken.

IX. Personnel

A. No contracts or resignations to approve.

X. Dr. Thoendel adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

Linda Carlson, Secretary

The next regular meeting of the David City Public Schools board of education will be 7:30 p.m. December 8, 2008 in the media center at David City High School.