

MINUTES
DAVID CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 14, 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. Danielson, Mrs. Carlson (arrived 8:20), Mrs. Vandenberg, Mr. Otte and Mrs. Osantowski.

Administrators present were Superintendent Phillips, Principal Bathen, Principal Jahde and Principal Lentz.

Dr. Thoendel, Board President, 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: Tonya Zegers and Dee Schatz.

Public Forum: None

B. Minutes of the November 9, 2009 regular meeting and the December 2, 2009 special meeting with the Rising City Board of Education were unavailable and will be approved during the January meeting.

C. Approved agenda-Added new business item H. Approval of local substitute certificate for Kent Clymer.

II. Approved claims against the district.

III. Financial Reports: Reviewed all accounts.

IV. Board committee reports: None

V. Staff and student involvement: None

VI. Administrative Reports: Mr. Phillips discussed renewal of the School Law Reporter; 2010 elections; Labor Relations conference on February 1st and 2nd; faucet replacement in the High School; study on clocks and possible replacement of controller in elementary and high school building; architectural firms on-site visits; and question from Rising City on cooping activities.

Mr. Lentz reported on curriculum work in Social Studies, reading, and physical education.

Mr. Bathen reported Christmas festivities, weather related delays, and the elementary Student Council project for the Genesis House..

Mr. Jahde reported on Middle School changes at semester including Saturday school; the House project on January 28th-Walk for Warmth in cooperation with Black Hills Energy; softball coop renewal not due until June 1st; plans to purchase softball and volleyball uniforms; and the Holiday Tournament schedule may change due to Nebraska football game.

Consent Motion: Moved by Mr., Otte 2nd by Mrs. Osantowski that, by consent motion, all action items and reports related to agenda items I-VI be approved noting that the minutes were not approved and check to Control Masters was not approved. Motion carried-6-0 (Thoendel-yes; Vandenberg-yes; Danielson-yes; Otte-yes; Carlson-yes; Osantowski-yes)

VII. Old Business-NONE

VIII. New Business

A. Representatives from Agency One and Jones Insurance presented information in response to the bid specifications for insurance coverage for the district as well as information on the companies they represent. This was informational only and the bids will be considered and a selection of the preferred plan approved at the January meeting.

B. Moved by Mrs. Osantowski second by Mr. Otte to approve the curriculum for the Financial Literacy course offered through the Family and Consumer Science department and allow credit earned from this course to meet the graduation requirement for Personal Finance. Motion carried 6-0 (Vandenberg-yes, Danielson-yes; Osantowski-yes, Otte-yes; Carlson-yes; Thoendel-yes;)

C. The Board reviewed of the safety plan review by Paul Toms, external reviewer, and the annual safety and security committee. The Board gave consensus approval to install two additional security cameras at David City Elementary and a monitor in the secretary's office at the high school to monitor the east entrance. Also discussed was an ARRA application for installation of playground surface rubber mats.

D. Motion by Mrs. Danielson, second by Mrs. Carlson to accept the audit report and financial statements as submitted by auditors, Romans, Wiemer & Associates for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2009. Motion carried 6-0 (Danielson-yes; Osantowski-yes; Otte-yes; Carlson-yes; Thoendel-yes; Vandenberg-yes)

E. Motion by Mrs. Vandenberg, second by Mr. Otte to confirm approval of a proposal sent to Rising City Public School's Board of Education outlining the reply to their request describing David City Public Schools response to their goals for a merger between the two districts. Motion carried 6-0 (Osantowski-yes; Otte-yes; Carlson-yes; Thoendel-yes; Vandenberg-yes; Danielson-yes)

F. Discussion on board of education study of the 1:1 laptop initiative. The administration was to obtain information on the laptop schools meeting in Kearney on January 19 and arrange a visit to a district that has implemented 1:1 using a PC platform.

G. Motion by Mr. Otte, second by Mrs. Danielson to adjust the calendar to begin the second semester on January 5th (change from January 6th) and cancel school on February 24th to host the Southern Nebraska Conference speech contest. Motion passed on a voice vote.

IX. PERSONNEL

A. No resignations or contracts to approve.

B. Consensus to enter executive session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and the format for 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 executive session was limited to 20 minutes. Re-entered open session at 10:00 p.m.

X. Dr. Thoendel adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Linda Carlson, Secretary

The next regular meeting of the David City Public Schools board of education will January 11, 2009 in the media center at David City High School with the Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. in a closed session for the Superintendent's evaluation with the regular meeting to begin at 7:30 p.m.