

O'NEILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS

Marge Ziska – President
Gene Chohon – Vice President
Jim Gotschall – Vice President-Elect
Ellen Boshart – Member
Brad Ducker – Member
Amy Rowse – Member

ADMINISTRATORS

Amy Shane – Superintendent
Steve Brosz – High School Principal
Jennifer Widner – Elementary Principal
Nick Hostert – Activities Director
Kathy Grossnicklaus – Special Education Director

Board Secretary

Kathleen Marvin

Board Treasurer

James Rabe

The **regular** meeting of the O'Neill Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Marge Ziska at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, January 16, 2012 in the meeting room at 410 East Benton. This meeting was advertised in the Holt County Independent on January 12, 2012, and over KBRX Radio.

Board Secretary Kathy Marvin called the roll with Gene Chohon, Brad Ducker, Jim Gotschall, Amy Rowse, and Marge Ziska present. Ellen Boshart's absence was excused.

Administrators Amy Shane, Steve Brosz, Nick Hostert, and Jennifer Widner were also present.

Visitors were welcomed and informed that this meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Jim Gotschall **moved, to approve the meeting agenda.** Gene Chohon **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Ziska. Absent: Boshart.

Amy Rowse **moved, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 work session as presented without reading.** Brad Ducker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, and Chohon. Absent: Boshart.

Gene Chohon **moved, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 regular meeting as presented without reading.** Jim Gotschall **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, Chohon, and Ducker. Absent: Boshart.

Elementary Addition

Superintendent Shane reported that the Elementary Addition is complete. Staff and students moved in over the Christmas break and are currently utilizing the new classrooms. Mrs. Shane commended School Board Members, Mrs. Widner, Mr. Brown, and the entire staff on a job well done! The new addition provides an environment where students can work effectively without crowding others. An Open House was held earlier this evening from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for patrons to visit and take a look at the addition. We will host a Chamber Coffee during February.

Negotiations

The committee reported that negotiations with teachers for 2012 are underway. No action necessary.

Offsite Computer Back-Up

Jim Gotschall **moved, to contract with Binovia for off-site computer back-up services.** Amy Rowse **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Rowse, Ziska, Chohon, Ducker and Gotschall. Absent: Boshart.

Mid-Term Graduation

Juan Garcia and Tiffany Marienau were presented their diplomas by High School Principal, Mr. Brosz, upon successfully completing the necessary requirements for Mid-Term Graduation.

President Ziska adjourned the meeting Sine Die for election of officers at 7:54 p.m. The meeting was called back to order by Superintendent Shane at 7:55 p.m. Board members present were Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Ziska. Absent: Boshart.

Election of Officers

Superintendent Amy Shane called for nominations for President. **Gene Chohon nominated Marge Ziska for President.** With no other nominations forthcoming, nominations ceased. Roll call vote for Marge Ziska for President **carried** 4-0-1. Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, and Rowse. Absent: Boshart. Abstaining: Ziska.

President Marge Ziska called for nominations for Vice President. **Jim Gotschall nominated Gene Chohon Vice President.** With no other nominations forthcoming, nominations ceased. Roll call vote for Gene Chohon for Vice-President **carried** 4-0-1. Voting Aye: Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Ziska. Absent: Boshart. Abstaining: Chohon.

President Marge Ziska called for nominations for Vice President – Elect. **Gene Chohon nominated Jim Gotschall for Vice President – Elect.** With no other nominations forthcoming, nominations ceased. Roll call vote for Jim Gotschall for Vice President – Elect **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Ziska. Absent: Boshart.

Gene Chohon **moved, to appoint Kathy Marvin as School Secretary and Jim Rabe as School Board Treasurer.** Amy Rowse **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, and Chohon. Absent: Boshart.

Board committees will be assigned in August.

Authorize All Bank Accounts and Check Signers

Jim Gotschall **moved, to authorize Amy Shane, Marge Ziska, Gene Chohon, and Kathy Marvin to sign checks for the following accounts: General Fund, Flex Fund, Employee Benefit Fund, Bond Fund, and Building Fund; Amy Shane, Marge Ziska, and Kathy Marvin to sign checks for the Imprest Account; and Amy Shane, Steve Brosz and Nick Hostert to sign checks for the Activity Account.** Amy Rowse **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Ziska, Chohon, and Ducker. Absent: Boshart.

Resolution to Continue the Lease with the O'Neill Building Corporation for 2012

Gene Chohon **moved, to adopt a resolution to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the O'Neill Educational Building Corporation for elementary classroom addition for 2012.** Amy Rowse **seconded** the

motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Rowse, Ziska, Chohon, Ducker, and Gotschall. Absent: Boshart.

Apple Distinguished School Recognition

Superintendent Shane informed the board that O'Neill Public Schools has been selected as an Apple Distinguished School for the 2011-2012 school year. O'Neill Public Schools joins 56 schools nationwide receiving this recognition.

Option Enrollment Report

No action necessary.

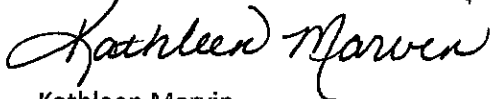
Administrative reports were presented and are on file at the administrative office.

Bills and Claims and Payroll Report

Amy Rowse **moved, to approve the bills and claims and accept the payroll report as presented.** Jim Gotschall **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Ziska, Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, and Rowse. Absent: Boshart.

Amy Rowse **moved, to adjourn the meeting.** Brad Ducker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Ziska. Absent: Boshart.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.



Kathleen Marvin

School Board Secretary Holt Co. Dist. #7