

**O'NEILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 16, 2015**

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

Jim Gotschall – President  
Ellen Boshart – Vice President  
Delight Becker – Vice President-Elect  
Amy Rowse – Member  
Jim Sibbel – Member  
Tom Stepp – Member

**ADMINISTRATORS**

Amy Shane – Superintendent  
Corey Fisher – High School Principal  
Dan Woodle – Elementary Principal  
Nick Hostert – Activities Director  
Kathy Grossnicklaus – Special Education Director

**Board Secretary**

Kathleen Marvin

**Board Treasurer**

James Rabe

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The **regular** meeting of the O'Neill Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Jim Gotschall at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, February 16, 2015 in the meeting room at 410 East Benton, O'Neill, Nebraska. This meeting was advertised in the Holt County Independent on February 5, 2015, over KBRX Radio and posted at the school buildings and the O'Neill Post Office.

Board Secretary Kathy Marvin called the roll with Delight Becker, Ellen Boshart, Jim Gotschall, Amy Rowse, Jim Sibbel, and Tom Stepp present.

Administrators Amy Shane, Corey Fisher, Dan Woodle, and Kathy Grossnicklaus were present. Nick Hostert arrived at 7:37 p.m. Steve Brown, Building and Grounds Director, was absent.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ellen Boshart **moved, to approve the meeting agenda.** Delight Becker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, and Becker.

Delight Becker **moved, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015 regular meeting as presented without reading.** Amy Rowse **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, and Boshart.

Ellen Boshart **moved, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015 board retreat as presented without reading.** Jim Sibbel **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, Boshart, and Gotschall.

**New Comer Program Proposal**

Jim Sibbel **moved, to approve the implementation of the proposed "New Comer" program beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.** Ellen Boshart **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, and Rowse.

### **Student Success Sharing**

Makenzie Peterson, a student enrolled in Mr. Brown's speech class and a member of the O'Neill High School speech team, shared her partner speech with the board.

### **Alternative Education Program Reduction**

Board members received public comment, reviewed financial information and enrollment data regarding the current Alternative Education Program. No action taken.

### **Amending the 2014-2015 Budget**

Ellen Boshart **moved, to approve the 2014-2015 budget as amended.** Jim Sibbel **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Stepp, Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse and Sibbel.

#### **2014-2015 O'Neill Public School Amended Budget as presented:**

General Fund	\$11,448,295	
Necessary Cash Reserve	<u>\$ 1,300,000</u>	
Total General Fund Requirements:		\$ 12,748,295
Depreciation Fund		\$ 990,362
Employee Benefit Fund		\$ 9,658
Activities Fund		\$ 495,000
School Lunch		\$ 493,125
Bond Fund	\$ 374,890	
Necessary Cash Reserve	<u>\$ 0</u>	
Total Bond Fund Requirements:		\$ 374,890
Special Building Fund		\$ 375,282
Cooperative Fund		\$ 10,000
Student Fee Fund		<u>\$ 37,100</u>
		\$ 15,533,713

### **2015-2016 School Calendar**

Jim Sibbel **moved, to approve the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented.** Delight Becker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, and Stepp.

### **Annual Safety Review**

Larry Hiatt has completed the annual safety review as required by Rule 10 and the report was shared with board members. No significant concerns were reported. No action necessary.

### **Lawn Care Bids**

Delight Becker **moved, to accept Harte's Lawn Care bid to provide lawn care services for the 2015-2018 growing seasons.** Jim Sibbel **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, and Becker.

### **Administrator's Salaries**

Delight Becker **moved, to grant the High School Principal, Activities Director, and Special Education Director a 2.95% increase on their current salary for the 2015-2016 school year.** Ellen Boshart **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, and Boshart.

### **Non-Teaching Staff Salaries**

Delight Becker **moved, to grant the speech pathologists and school psychologist a 2.95% increase on their current salary for the 2015-2016 school year.** Jim Sibbel **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 6-0.** Voting Aye: Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, Boshart, and Gotschall.

Delight Becker **moved, to grant the technology coordinator a 3.95% increase on his current salary for the 2015-2016 school year.** Ellen Boshart **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 6-0.** Voting Aye: Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, and Rowse.

### **Certified Staff Extended Contracts**

Ellen Boshart **moved, to continue to provide the recommended number of extended contract days to the certified staff members affected.** Amy Rowse **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 6-0.** Voting Aye: Stepp, Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, and Sibbel.

### **ESU #8 E-Rate Contract**

Jim Sibbel **moved, to enter into an agreement with ESU #8 for e-rate services for the 2015-2016 school year.** Delight Becker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 6-0.** Voting Aye: Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, and Stepp.

### **ESU #8 Special Education Contract**

Delight Becker **moved, to enter into an agreement with ESU #8 for special education services including Learning Center Services, Speech Therapy at the Learning Center, Vision Consultation, In-Service, and Supervision for the 2015-2016 school year.** Amy Rowse **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 6-0.** Voting Aye: Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, and Becker.

### **ESU #8 Nurses Contract**

Ellen Boshart **moved, to enter into an agreement with ESU #8 for nursing services for the 2015-2016 school year.** Amy Rowse **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 6-0.** Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, and Boshart.

### **ESU #8 Distance Learning Contract**

Amy Rowse **moved, to enter into an agreement with ESU #8 for distance learning services for the 2015-2016 school year.** Jim Sibbel **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 6-0.** Voting Aye: Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, Boshart, and Gotschall.

### **Staff Resignation**

Amy Rowse **moved, to accept Kelly Young's resignation effective at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year.** Delight Becker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 6-0.** Voting Aye: Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, and Rowse.

### **March Board Meeting Date**

Delight Becker **moved, to change the March 16, 2015 scheduled board meeting date to Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.** Ellen Boshart **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 6-0.** Voting Aye: Stepp, Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, and Sibbel.

### **Option Enrollment Report**

No action necessary.

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

**Bills and Claims and Payroll Report**

Tom Stepp **moved, to approve the bills and claims and accept the payroll report as presented** Ellen Boshart **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, and Stepp.

Amy Rowse **moved, to adjourn the meeting.** Jim Sibbel **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp and Becker.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Kathleen Marvin

School Board Secretary Holt Co. Dist. #7