

O'NEILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Amended 4-13-2015

March 9, 2015

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

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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, March 9, 2015 in the meeting room at 410 East Benton, O'Neill, Nebraska. This meeting was advertised in the Holt County Independent on February 26, 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, Nick Hostert, Dan Woodle, and Kathy Grossnicklaus were present. Steve Brown, Building and Grounds Director, was also present.

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.

Ellen Boshart **moved, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2015 Special Amended Budget Hearing and Budget Summary as presented without reading**. Amy Rowse **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, and Boshart.

Amy Rowse **moved, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2015 regular meeting as presented without reading**. Delight Becker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, Boshart, and Gotschall.

Alternative Education Program Reduction

WHEREAS, there have been changes in circumstances in the form of statutory levy and budget limitations, decreased state aid, increased costs of supplies and personnel, decreased enrollment, and other changes; and

WHEREAS, the board of education is committed to providing the students and patrons of the O'Neill Public School District with an educational program that is of high quality and efficient; and

WHEREAS, the board of education believes that the school district may provide some education programs on a reduced basis:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, beginning with the 2015-16 school year, the programs listed below be reduced by the full-time equivalent (FTE) percentage set out below; that the staff be reduced by the full-time equivalent percent listed below; that the superintendent of schools make necessary assignments and reassignments; and that the superintendent notify the persons affected by the reductions:

Program to Be Reduced - Alternative Education

Percent of FTE Reduction - 1.0 Full-time equivalent

After the above resolution was read by President Jim Gotschall, board member Delight Becker **moved** for its passage and to reduce the high school's offerings by the Alternative Education program. Member Jim Sibbel **seconded** the motion. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following board members voted in favor of the motion: Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, and Rowse. The following board members voted against the motion: none. The following board members did not vote: none.

A majority of a quorum of the board having consented to the resolution, the president declared it adopted. Dated this 9th day of March, 2015.

Student Success Sharing

Assistant wrestling coach, Curtis Childers, and several of the high school wrestlers were in attendance. Mr. Childers recapped the wrestling season with the highlight of the year finishing the season as Class C State Champions and Class C State Dual Team Runner-up. Mr. Childers expressed extreme gratitude and appreciation for the support from the fans, administration, and school board.

Social Science Presentation

Social Science teachers, Mr. Wayne Hesse and Mr. Gary Hostert shared with the board the current happenings in their department. Mr. Hesse and Mr. Mark Hunt were grateful for the opportunity to attend the National History Conference in Boston, Massachusetts in November. Mr. Hesse shared highlights from their trip and how they are incorporating what they learned into their classrooms. Mr. Hostert explained to the board the several course offerings currently provided at O'Neill High School, including the rare opportunity for students to enroll in an 'Early Bird' history class. The class is offered at 7:10 in the morning. No action taken.

2015-16 Technology Request

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

Classified Staff Compensation

Ellen Boshart **moved**, to approve a ~~2.9%~~ **2.95%** hourly increase for the classified staff for the 2015-2016 school year. Jim Sibbel **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, and Stepp.

Summer Food Program

Amy Rowse **moved**, to offer the Summer Food Program during the summer of 2015. Delight Becker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, and Becker.

Jr. – Sr. High School Roof Project

Jim Sibbel moved, to accept a bid for the Jr. – Sr. High School roofing project as recommended by the Building and Grounds committee following reference checks. Tom Stepp seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, and Boshart.

Elementary Restructuring Plan

Amy Rowse moved, to approve the O'Neill Elementary Restructuring plan as presented. Ellen Boshart seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, Boshart, and Gotschall.

Staff Resignations

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

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

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

Delight Becker moved, to accept Kathy Grossnicklaus's resignation effective at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. Jim Sibbel seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, and Becker.

Teacher Contracts

Ellen Boshart moved, to approve a teaching contract with Kenneth Spader for the 2015-2016 school year. Delight Becker seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, and Boshart.

Jim Sibbel moved, to approve a teaching contract with Derek Camp for the 2015-2016 school year. Ellen Boshart seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, Boshart, and Gotschall.

Delight Becker moved, to approve a teaching contract with Jessica Wood for the 2015-2016 school year. Amy Rowse seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, and Rowse.

Jim Sibbel moved, to amend Michelle Reiman's 2014-2015 teaching contract to include teaching an additional class period for the 4th quarter of the school year. Amy Rowse seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. Voting Aye: Stepp, Becker, Boshart, Gotschall, Rowse, and Sibbel.

Request for Extended Time for Contract Return

Delight Becker moved, to approve extended time for Janice Vosler's contract return to Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Tom Stepp seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 4-2. Voting Aye: Becker, Gotschall, Sibbel, and Stepp. Voting Nay: Boshart and Rowse.

Track and Field Complex

Tom Stepp **moved, to name the O'Neill Track and Field Complex the Steve Brosz Track and Field Complex.** Jim Sibbel **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **failed** 3-3. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Sibbel, and Stepp. Voting Nay: Boshart, Rowse, and Becker.

Policy #502.05 – Student Transfer In

Delight Becker **moved, to advance Policy #502.05 – Student Transfer In as amended to second reading.** Ellen Boshart **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 6-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Sibbel, Stepp, Becker, and Boshart.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Kathleen Marvin

School Board Secretary Holt Co. Dist. #7