

**O'NEILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 17, 2014**

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**ADMINISTRATORS**

Amy Shane – Superintendent  
Steve Brosz – 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 17, 2014 in the meeting room at 410 East Benton. This meeting was advertised in the Holt County Independent on February 6, 2014 and over KBRX Radio.

Board Secretary Kathy Marvin called the roll with Delight Becker, Gene Chohon, Brad Ducker, Jim Gotschall, and Amy Rowse present. Absent but excused, Ellen Boshart.

Administrators Amy Shane, Steve Brosz, Nick Hostert, Dan Woodle, and Kathy Grossnicklaus, were also present. Building and Grounds Director Steve Brown 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.

Amy Rowse **moved, to approve the meeting agenda**. Delight Becker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Becker.

Brad Ducker **moved, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 regular meeting as presented without reading**. Gene Chohon **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Becker.

**Election of Board Treasurer**

Gene Chohon **moved, to appoint Jim Rabe as School Board Treasurer**. Brad Ducker seconded the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, Becker, and Chohon.

**Student Success Sharing**

FCCLA members, Gracie Bunner and Amanda Pischel, presented their STAR project, "Feed a Child, Fill a Heart". They earned a gold medal at Districts and will be competing at State FCCLA. No action necessary.

### **2013-2014 Amended Budget**

Gene Chohon **moved, to amend the 2013-2014 budget as presented.** Brad Ducker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Becker, Chohon, and Ducker.

### **2013-2014 O'Neill Public School Amended Budget as presented:**

General Fund	\$ 11,251,227	
Necessary Cash Reserve	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	
Total General Fund Requirements:		\$ 12,251,227
Depreciation Fund		\$ 1,089,527
Employee Benefit Fund		\$ 21,130
Activities Fund		\$ 490,500
School Lunch		\$ 490,000
Bond Fund	\$ 423,290	
Necessary Cash Reserve	<u>\$ 189,333</u>	
Total Bond Fund Requirements:		\$ 612,623
Special Building Fund		\$ 363,599
Cooperative Fund		\$ 50,000
Student Fee Fund		<u>\$ 48,945</u>
		\$ 15,417,551

### **2014-2015 School Calendar**

Board members reviewed the proposed 2014-2105 school calendar. No action taken.

### **Staff Resignation**

Brad Ducker **moved, to accept Steve Brosz's letter of resignation effective June 19, 2014 and to direct Mrs. Shane to advertise for the position.** Delight Becker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Rowse, Becker, Chohon, Ducker, and Gotschall.

### **Administrator's Salaries**

Delight Becker **moved, to enter into executive session to discuss administrator's salaries for the protection of the public interest.** Brad Ducker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Becker, Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, and Rowse.

Entered into executive session at 8:09 p.m.

Came out of executive session at 8:36 p.m.

Gene Chohon **moved, to take a 5 minute recess.** Brad Ducker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Becker.

Recessed at 8:37 p.m.

Reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

Gene Chohon **moved, to grant the superintendent a 5% increase on her current salary for the 2014-2015 contract year.** Jim Gotschall **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 4-1.** Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, and Rowse. Voting Nay: Becker.

Brad Ducker **moved, to grant the elementary principal a 5% increase on his current salary for the 2014-2015 contract year.** Delight Becker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 5-0.** Voting Aye: Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, Becker, and Chohon.

Gene Chohon **moved, to grant the special education director and the activities director a 2.5% increase on their current salaries for the 2014-2015 contract year.** Jim Gotschall **seconded** the motion. Discussion was held.

Amy Rowse **moved, to table the motion to grant the special education and the activities director a 2.5% increase on their current salaries for 2014-2015 contract year until the March 17, 2014 school board meeting so additional information could be collected.** Brad Ducker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 5-0.** Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Becker.

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

Brad Ducker **moved, to grant the speech pathologists a 2.9% increase on their current salaries for the 2014-2015 school year.** Gene Chohon **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 5-0.** Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Becker, Chohon, and Ducker.

Brad Ducker **moved, to grant the technology coordinator a 4% increase on his current salary for the 2014-2015 school year.** Gene Chohon **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 5-0.** Voting Aye: Rowse, Becker, Chohon, Ducker, and Gotschall.

Amy Rowse **moved, to grant the school psychologist a 1.5% increase on her current salary for the 2014-2015 school year.** Delight Becker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 5-0.** Voting Aye: Becker, Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, and Rowse.

#### **Certified Staff Extended Contracts**

The board reviewed the list of staff members currently holding contracts for days beyond the required 185 day contract. No action necessary.

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

Delight Becker **moved, to enter into a contract with ESU #8 for E-Rate Application Assistance Services for the 2014-2015 school year.** Brad Ducker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 5-0.** Voting Aye: Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, Becker, and Chohon.

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

Brad Ducker **moved, to authorize Superintendent Shane to enter into a contract with ESU #8 for Special Education Services for the 2014-2015 school year after she clarifies the services required.** Gene Chohon **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 5-0.** Voting Aye: Gotschall, Rowse, Becker, Chohon, and Ducker.

#### **ESU #8 Nursing Contract**

Amy Rowse **moved, to enter into a contract with ESU #8 for Nursing Services for the 2014-2015 school year.** Delight Becker **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried 5-0.** Voting Aye: Rowse, Becker, Chohon, Ducker, and Gotschall.

**ESU #8 Distance Learning Contract**

Brad Ducker **moved, to enter into a contract with ESU #8 for Distance Learning Services for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$3,300.** Amy Rowse **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Becker, Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, and Rowse.

**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.** Gene Chohon **seconded** the motion. Roll call vote **carried** 5-0. Voting Aye: Chohon, Ducker, Gotschall, Rowse, and Becker.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.



Kathleen Marvin  
School Board Secretary Holt Co. Dist. #7