

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
O'NEILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2008**

BOARD MEMBERS

**James Gotschall – President
Marge Ziska – Vice President
Kay Stepp – Vice President-Elect**

**Robert Owens
Forrest Peetz
James Wakefield**

ADMINISTRATORS

**Amy Shane – Superintendent
Jennifer Widner – Elem. Principal
Jennifer Hagen – School Improv. /Attend. Center Principal**

**Steve Brosz – HS Principal
Nick Hostert – Activities Director
Kathy Grossnicklaus – SPED Director**

**BOARD SECRETARY
TREASURER
Kathleen Marvin**

BOARD

James Rabe

The **regular** meeting of the O'Neill Public School Board of Education was called to order by President James Gotschall at 7:35 pm., on Monday March 17, 2008, in the meeting room at 410 E. Benton Street. This meeting was advertised in the Holt County Independent on March 12, 2008, and over KBRX Radio.

Board secretary Kathy Marvin called the roll with James Gotschall, Kay Stepp, James Wakefield, and Marge Ziska present. Robert Owens and Forrest Peetz were absent. Administrators Amy Shane, Steve Brosz, Nick Hostert, Jennifer Widner, and Kathy Grossnicklaus were also present. Jen Hagen was absent.

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

Kay Stepp **moved**, Jim Wakefield **seconded**, to **approve the meeting agenda**. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Stepp, Wakefield, Ziska, and Gotschall. Owens and Peetz absent.

Marge Ziska **moved**, Kay Stepp **seconded**, to **approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008, regular meeting as printed without reading**. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Wakefield, Ziska, Gotschall, and Stepp. Owens and Peetz absent.

Homeless Policy # 5105.5

Kay Stepp **moved**, Marge Ziska **seconded**, to **approve Homeless Policy # 5105.5**. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Ziska, Gotschall, Stepp and Wakefield. Owens and Peetz absent.

Facility Update

The Board directed Superintendent Amy Shane to proceed with contacting BD Construction Management Firm from Kearney, NE to work together with BVH Architecture Firm to review the current facility proposal for cost saving possibilities..

Inman and Emmet Attendance Centers

Mrs. Shane suggested waiting until the legislative session was complete to further discuss this issue. No action taken.

Page School Building

Mrs. Shane reported that a verbal bid indicated a cost of approximately \$155,000 for demolition of the Page building. Asbestos removal would be an additional cost. No action taken.

Developing Eagles

Superintendent Mrs. Shane informed the board that we have received preliminary confirmation that the Developing Eagles have received the 5 year Continuation Grant. Mrs. Shane commended Jennifer Widner, Jackie Holste, and Michelle Tomjack on their efforts in applying for the grant.

Superintendent's Contract

The Board reviewed Superintendent Mrs. Shane's contract in regards to vacation time. No action was taken.

Student Success Sharing

Delight Hull informed the Board of the success of the Siouxland Blood Bank. Fifty-eight students and staff members made appointments and 40 units of blood were donated. There were 36 first time donors. This was the first time that the Siouxland Blood Bank actually set up at the High School and they commended OPS on the positive behaviors and great personalities of our students.

Staff Resignation

Jim Wakefield **moved**, Marge Ziska **seconded**, to accept the resignation of Abby Buller effective at the end of the current contract year. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Stepp, Wakefield and Ziska. Owens and Peetz absent.

2008-09 School Calendar

Marge Ziska **moved**, Jim Wakefield **seconded**, to approve the 2008-09 School Calendar as presented. Roll call voted **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Stepp, Wakefield, Ziska, and Gotschall. Owens and Peetz absent.

Summer Lunch Program

Marge Ziska **moved**, Kay Stepp **seconded**, to approve the Summer Lunch Program. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Wakefield, Ziska, Gotschall, and Stepp. Owens and Peetz absent.

2008-09 Nursing Contract

Jim Wakefield **moved**, Kay Stepp **seconded**, to approve the Nursing Contract with ESU 8 for the 2008-09 School Year. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Ziska, Gotschall, Stepp and Wakefield. Owens and Peetz absent.

Distance Learning Lab

Kay Stepp **moved**, Marge Ziska **seconded**, to approve the purchase of a Distance Learning Lab, using funds made available from the ESU 8 RUS grant and an e-rate appeal. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Stepp, Wakefield, and Ziska. Owens and Peetz absent.

Substitute Teaching Salaries

Marge Ziska **moved**, Kay Stepp **seconded**, to increase the substitute teaching salaries to \$80.00 per day for the 2008-09 School Year. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Stepp, Wakefield, Ziska, and Gotschall. Owens and Peetz absent.

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

Bills and Claims

Kay Stepp **moved**, Jim Wakefield **seconded**, to approve the bills and claims as presented. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Wakefield, Ziska, Gotschall, and Stepp. Owens and Peetz absent.

Jim Wakefield **moved**, Marge Ziska **seconded**, to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Ziska, Gotschall, Stepp and Wakefield. Owens and Peetz absent.

Went into closed session at 8:42 pm.

Out of closed session at 9:05 pm.

Kay Stepp **moved**, Marge Ziska **seconded**, to return to Open Session. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Gotschall, Stepp, Wakefield, and Ziska. Owens and Peetz absent.

Teaching Contracts

Marge Ziska **moved**, Kay Stepp **seconded**, to approve the teaching contracts for the 2008-09 school year as presented. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Stepp, Wakefield, Ziska and Gotschall. Owens and Peetz absent.

Marge Ziska **moved**, Kay Stepp **seconded**, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote **carried** 4-0. Voting Aye: Wakefield, Ziska, Gotschall and Stepp. Owens and Peetz absent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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