

NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 160  
Board of Education  
Date April 8, 2010  
Special Meeting  
**Public Hearing on the Budget Amendment**  
Central Office Board Room

The special meeting on the Budget Amendment of the Norris School District 160 Board of Education was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010 in the Central Office Board Room. Board members present: Patty Bentzinger, Jim Craig, Craig Gana, Tony Glenn, Larry Grosshans, Jim Kruger

Administrators present: Superintendent Dr. Roy Baker, Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Skretta , Middle School Principal Ms. Mary Jo Rupert, Elementary Principal Dr. Bob Brandt.

Others present Student Council representative James Verhoeff

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Craig moved that the Board adopt the budget amendment as published. Glenn seconded. Roll call vote: Craig – yes; Gana – yes; Glenn – yes; Grosshans – yes; Kruger – yes; Bentzinger – yes. The motion carried 6 – 0.

The special meeting for the budget amendment was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Norris School District 160 Board of Education was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010 in the Central Office Board Room. Board members present: Board members present: Patty Bentzinger, Jim Craig, Craig Gana, Tony Glenn, Larry Grosshans, Jim Kruger  
Administrators present: Superintendent Dr. Roy Baker, Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Skretta , Middle School Principal Ms. Mary Jo Rupert, Elementary Principal Dr. Bob Brandt.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

**Superintendent's report**

Dr. Baker presented information on the following items:

Upcoming dates, events:

The GNSA meeting for April 21<sup>st</sup> has been canceled.

The FFA banquet will be held in the HS MPR on April 23, 6:00 p.m.

The Management team retreat will be held at 6:00 p.m. April 29 in the Board Room. Board members are to e-mail Dr. Baker with requested agenda items.

Personnel:

- Resignation, Leigh Krueger, Elementary Nurse.
- Hiring, Jim Jacobsen, HS Industrial Tech/MS PE/Head Football, replacing Lin Risenhoover and Becky Kruger.
- Nonrenewal- part time Industrial Technology teacher, L. Risenhoover, with honor, creating the vacancy for the IT/PE position.

- Hiring, Duane Dohmen, Social Studies, replacing J. Votta
- Hiring, Holly Gifford, Elementary Media. Bev Doeschot will replace Nancy Martin as the MS-HS Media Specialist.

Other: Vehicle Replacement: Dr. Baker addressed the phasing out of Special Education vans and incorporation of special education midbuses into the fleet as required by law. The district will be selling the Special Education and long activity vans and will advertise them in May.

### **Board Requests/Report**

Jim Craig noted that he will be attending the NE Action for Healthy Kids Conference in Lincoln on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, where the Elementary School will be honored for a Healthy Schools Action Award.

### **Open Forum/Citizens' requests/comments related to agenda items**

Student Council Representative James Verhoeff spoke about the Norris Student Council's Power Of One Anti-Bullying campaign. He spoke eloquently on the power of individual choice and raising awareness and shared his appreciation for the work of the Board and Norris staff in supporting this initiative.

### **5.1 Consent agenda**

The consent items were approved by unanimous consent.

### **Action and report items**

Dr. Baker summarized legislative matters from the last session which were of interest due to their potential for impacting public education, including pending legislation related to payment for special services, teacher performance pay, and a charter schools act.

The Family Consumer Sciences department presented excellent, thorough overviews of the curriculum and program for FCS grades 5-12. Presentations by Judeen Price representing MS FCS and Jane Hansmeyer, HS FCS, were appreciatively received by Board members.

Motion by Grosshans, seconded by Glenn to delete (second, final reading) the Personnel 4145 Early Retirement Incentive Program. The ERIP program has been ineffectual in meeting desired outcome of saving District money and is not sustainable with large potential retirements over next decade. Roll Call Vote: Bentzinger – yes; Craig – yes; Gana – yes; Glenn – yes; Grosshans – yes; Kruger – yes. Motion Carried 6 – 0.

### **Administrators' Reports**

Administrators present reported on current matters of interest.

Dr. Brandt described the upcoming Health & Reading Fair in the Elementary scheduled for Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Rupert described the MS team's efforts to take a balanced approach in addressing allergens and student exposure, providing safeguards while still

Dr. Skretta read commentary from Mr. Ruhl and Mr. Hutzler on behalf of HS.

Dr. Skretta demonstrated the NeSA software for board members to show the inner workings of state test administration.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by John Skretta.

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS**  
NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 160

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education will hold a management team retreat – work session at 6:00 p.m. on April 29, 2010 in the Board Meeting Room at the Central Office. The regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Board Room. The meetings are open to the public. The agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent.