

NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 160
Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes
April 29th, 2010

The Leadership Team annual retreat was held on Thursday, April 29th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Norris Board room with all Board members and administrators present. No motions were made nor no actions taken at this retreat, which provided the Board members and administrators opportunity to engage in discussion on a variety of subjects.

NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 160
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2010

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, May 13th, 2010, in the Central Office Board Room. Notice of the meeting was published, and all members received agenda materials prior to the meeting. 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, Elementary Principal Dr. Bob Brandt, Middle School Principal Ms. Mary Jo Rupert.

Superintendent's report

Dr. Baker presented information on the following items:

Upcoming dates, events were noted including Commencement Sunday the 16th, Staff Recognition Picnic next Tuesday the 18th.

Personnel: Hiring – Kathy Osborn of Firth has been hired as Elementary School Nurse replacing Leigh Krueger. The Kruegers are relocating due to job transfer. Remaining vacancy with applicants being reviewed and further interviews occurring – Elementary Media paraprofessional.

Dr. Baker noted that the demonstration wind turbine has been installed. A dedicated computer will monitor the output. Ms. Rupert reported that a Middle School science special class on wind energy will use the turbine demonstration and data for study next year.

Board Requests/Report

Board President Patty Bentzinger noted her appreciation for the service of student representative James Verhoeff and his attendance at meetings this past year.

Action and report items

Consent agenda. The consent items were approved by unanimous consent.

Educational Service Unit 6 information. ESU 6 Administrator Dr. Dan Shoemake presented an overview of the ESU structure and the services provided by ESU 6. ESU 6 offices are in Milford. ESU 6 employs 84 staff members serving 16 districts including Norris. ESU 6 services and programs which Norris uses include training opportunities/professional development and the Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership.

Paperless meeting software demonstration. Craig Caples, Information Systems and Programming Administrator; Burma Kroger, Board Developer; and Sallie Svatora, Operations Manager for the Nebraska Association of School Boards showed the features of the software, which is currently already in use by

eleven Nebraska boards of education. The Board may consider adoption of the NASB service or continue the review of paperless meeting software options at the June meeting.

PowerSchool Consortium agreement. Moved by Tony Glenn, seconded by Patty Bentzinger, to approve Norris' renewal agreement for two years, 2010-2012, at the rate of \$5,250 per year for the PowerSchool Consortium of Southeast Nebraska. Voting yes: Bentzinger, Craig, Gana, Grosshans, Glenn, Kruger. The motion carried 6-0. The PowerSchool Cooperative offers technical support and consultative services for 47 school districts using this student information system. The Cooperative has staff members dedicated to PowerSchool.

Bus purchase for 2010-11. Proposals were solicited on late model used buses. Moved by Larry Grosshans, seconded by Jim Craig, to approve purchase of an off-lease 2010 Bluebird All-American 77 passenger diesel bus from Master's Transportation, Inc. in the amount of \$82,900 . Voting yes: Bentzinger, Craig, Gana, Grosshans, Glenn, Kruger. All ayes. The motion carried 6-0. The bus has 15,000 miles and includes undercarriage storage and full warranty. The main advantage in acquiring now was the value and ability to acquire a bus without the urea injection requirements that take effect with buses manufactured in 2011.

Administrators' Reports

Administrators present reported on current matters of interest.

Dr. Brandt reported on testing progress, PTO donations for various initiatives including playground, and upcoming events including Kindergarten program and 4th grade transition process.

Ms. Rupert described the 4th-5th grade transition process and the role of 5th graders serving as role models for the incoming 4th graders. She noted the Middle School has received a grant through the Dairy Council to "refuel with milk" and provide MS athletes with milk following a.m. practices.

Dr. Skretta summarized upcoming summer professional development opportunities for teachers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by John Skretta.

NOTICE OF MEETING NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 160

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 10th in the Board Meeting Room at the Central Office, which meeting will be open to the public. The agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent.