

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 18, 2016 6:00 PM
Ashland-Greenwood Middle/High School
Conference, 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE
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1. Call to Order. Roll Call.

2. Acknowledge of Open Meetings Law posting.

3. Recognition of public participation

4. Visitors and Communication from the public.

5. Approval of changes in the mailed agenda and/or changes in the agenda order.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda Items.

7. Administrators' and Practitioners' Reports
 - 7.1. Ms. Finkey

 - 7.2. Ms. Bray

 - 7.3. Mr. Jacobsen

 - 7.4. Dr. Kassebaum

8. Old Business
 - 8.1. Motion to excuse /approve the absence of board member(s)

8.2. Discussion and action to renew membership in the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce

8.3. Discussion and action to direct the administrative staff to proceed in establishing a Prekindergarten program, including but not limited to applying for an Early Childhood Grant, finalizing an overall program plan of implementation and guidelines and hiring necessary staff which includes the addition of 1 FTE certified staff and 1 FTE non-certified staff

9. New Business

9.1. Discussion and action to approve non-certificated substitute

9.2. Discussion and action to approve school calendar

9.3. Discussion and action to approve certificated substitutes

9.4. Discussion and action to approve long-term certificated substitute teacher

9.5. Discussion and action to approve overnight travel requests

9.6. Appointment by President of Board Committees and Assignments

9.7. Appointment of Zach Kassebaum as District Representative for all state and federal program.

9.8. Declaration of Conflict of Interest by Board Members for the record

9.9. Consideration and action to appoint Farmers and Merchant Bank, Core Bank and Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund as district depositories and investment account for all funds

9.10. Action to seek guidance from legal counsel other than Perry, Guthery, Haase and Gessford of Lincoln, Nebraska on specific topics in which there is a conflict of interest and/or when deemed in the best interest of Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools

10. Informational Items

11. Call for Next Meeting

12. Adjournment.

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Getting Started: When it is your turn to speak during the public forum portion of the agenda, please come forward, sign your name and address on the sign-in sheet and state your name to the Board of Education.

Time Limit: You may speak only one time and must limit comments to 5 minutes or less.

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