

**Regular School Board Meeting  
Newcastle Public Schools, District #24  
January 8, 2007**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Newcastle Public School was convened in open public session on Monday January 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Distance Education room. All members were present. Also present were Superintendent Dan Hoelsing, Building Principal Scott Cole and Nancy Sydow.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or in accordance with the Board approved method of giving notice of meetings. Notice was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice.

The meeting was called to order by Dana Rosener at 7:00 p.m.

Election of officers was held. Mike Paden nominated Alan Kneifl as president, seconded by Dave Harding. Alan Kneifl nominated Dana Rosener as president, seconded by Mike Paden. A unanimous ballot was cast. Dana Rosener accepted the position of president.

Alan Kneifl nominated Mike Paden as vice president, seconded by Dana Rosener. Carried 6-0. Mike Paden accepted the position of vice president.

Mike Paden nominated Dave Harding as secretary, seconded by Alan Kneifl. Carried 6-0. Dave Harding accepted the position of secretary.

Nancy Sydow was reappointed as recording secretary.

Dana Rosener nominated Alan Kneifl as treasurer, seconded by Mike Paden. Carried 6-0. Alan Kneifl accepted the position of treasurer.

Motion was made by Paul Carlson, seconded by Carl Hinz to approve the Board Committee for 2007 as followed: Carried 6-0.

Teacher Negotiations: Dave Harding, Mike Paden, & Carl Hinz  
Finance Committee: Dana Rosener, Alan Kneifl, & Paul Carlson  
Building and Grounds Committee: Dana Rosener, Carl Hinz, & Paul Carlson  
Transportation Committee: Dave Harding, Alan Kneifl, & Dana Rosener  
Americanism Committee: Mike Paden, Dave Harding, & Alan Kneifl  
Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Mike Paden, Carl Hinz, & Paul Carlson

Motion was made by Dave Harding, seconded by Dana Rosener to amend the agenda to include the emergency item. Item #8. Carried 6-0

Motion was made by Alan Kneifl and seconded by Paul Carlson to approve the Consent Agenda, items including regular minutes from the board meeting held on December 11, 2006; the Treasurer's Report, the General Fund bills in the amount of \$63,754.39 and payroll in the amount of \$117,054.35. Carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Mike Paden, seconded by Dave Harding to affirm the Bank of Dixon County as primary custodian of funds for 2007. Carried 5-0, Abstain: Dana Rosener

Motion was made by Paul Carlson, seconded by Alan Kneifl to except the resignation of the Science teacher Gene Bormann and Football coach Jonny Ostermeyer. Carried 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding attendance/credit recommendations for the 2006-07 fall semester. Motion was made by Dana Rosener, seconded by Paul Carlson to approve the recommendations made by Scott Cole with a 10 day stipulation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Dave Harding, seconded by Mike Paden to approve the Newcastle Teachers Association as sole bargaining unit for certificated staff for 2007-08 school year. Carried 6-0.

Supt. Hoelsing discussed possible sharing arrangements in the up coming year. Motion was made by Mike Paden, seconded by Alan Kneifl to approve Innovation Labs as facilitator to assist with 2007-08 sharing arrangements. Carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Paul Carlson, seconded by Dana Rosener to amend the calendar for the 2006-07 school year. No school on February 27 & 28. (Teacher In-service.) Carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on ESU1 -Special Education Services. Motion was made by Alan Kneifl, seconded by Dana Rosener to approve the ESU1 contract intentions for the 2007-08 school year. Carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Dana Rosener, seconded by Dave Harding that Newcastle Public Schools authorize purchase of telecommunications services for the period beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012 for distance learning and Internet access from the State of Nebraska master purchase contract with service provided by Qwest Communications and Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company for the amount of \$3,284 per month for 60 months, with the option to extend the telecommunication services for five (5) consecutive one-year periods. This recommendation also includes an agreement with the State of Nebraska to participate in the Network Nebraska statewide network for the monthly participation fee of \$200 per month for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and a one-time \$600 installation fee of \$600. Carried 6-0.

Discussion Items:

Review 2007-08 school calendar considerations.

Review inter-local agreement addendum with Laurel-Concord Public School to continue administrative services for the 2007-08 school year.

Principal, Superintendent and Board Committee reports were presented.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Next regular board meeting will be Monday February 12, 2007.

APPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_