

May 9, 2011

The Crete Board of Education met on May 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School at 1500 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St. for their regular meeting. Board members present were Matt Hanson, Laura Ebke, Thad Sears, Dennis Isernhagen, and Bill Lorenz. Absent: Tom King. Also present were Superintendent Kyle McGowan, Principals Tim Conway, Steve Teget, and Bret Schroder, Assistant Principals Diane Bruha and Lisa Fye, Curriculum Director Valorie Foy, Business Manager Sandra Rosenboom, and interested members of the community.

The meeting, having been duly preceded by advance notice and conducted in accordance with the posted open meetings law, was called to order by President Hanson at 6:05 p.m.

Motion #43-11            Laura Ebke moved to approve the agenda. Dennis Isernhagen seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Ebke, Sears, Hanson, Lorenz, Isernhagen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 5-0. Absent: King.

Motion #44-11            Laura Ebke moved to approve the following consent items--minutes of the April meeting, General Fund Claims in the amount of \$145,959.46, Depreciation Fund claims in the amount of \$412.04, and Employee Benefits Fund claim in the amount of \$222.50, and approve the monthly financial reports. Thad Sears seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Ebke, Sears, Hanson, Lorenz, Isernhagen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 5-0. Absent: King.

Kyle McGowan welcomed two groups of visitors. Dr. Susan Sheridan and her colleagues from the UNL Center for Rural Education Research presented a certificate of appreciation to Principal Bret Schroder for being their first partner school. The Center did research at Crete Elementary on ways to improve parent involvement and work on improving students' success in the classroom. The Elementary School Student Council told the Board about their activities for the year. They also furnished pizza for the Board and administration. Kyle McGowan and Tim Conway presented information on commencement and the traffic plan considering construction on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Tim Conway announced the school's winners in the state journalism contest.

Valorie Foy detailed the process for social studies curriculum review and selection of resources. The teachers met with textbook companies and reviews materials from several sources.

Motion #45-11            Laura Ebke moved to approve the social studies curriculum purchase pending the two-week public review at the district office. Dennis Isernhagen seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Ebke, Sears, Hanson, Lorenz, Isernhagen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 5-0. Absent: King.

Board members reviewed the latest version of the new mission statement proposed for the school district.

The Building and Grounds Committee presented information on the contract with First

Student for student transportation. First Student will be adding digital cameras on the buses and purchasing three new buses for the fleet. Board members asked questions about the contract.

Motion #46-11 Thad Sears moved to approve a four-year extension to the current contract with First Student. Laura Ebke seconded the motion.

Motion #47-11 Laura Ebke moved to lay the motion on the table until the contract could be researched further. Thad Sears seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Ebke, Sears, Hanson, Lorenz, Isernhagen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 5-0. Absent: King.

Motion #48-11 Thad Sears moved to give the administration authority to further review the two bids for the redoing of the high school administrative office HVAC system and contract with the company of their choice. Laura Ebke seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Ebke, Sears, Hanson, Lorenz, Isernhagen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 5-0. Absent: King.

Motion #49-11 Thad Sears moved to hire Siemens to update the controls for the HVAC at the elementary. Laura Ebke seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Ebke, Sears, Hanson, Lorenz, Isernhagen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 5-0. Absent: King.

Lisa Fye updated the Board on the programs the district will offer this summer. Opportunities exist for preschool through twelfth grade. The high school will offer courses for credit recover.

Motion #50-11 Laura Ebke moved to approve the resignation of Michelle Mattsfield at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Bill Lorenz seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Ebke, Sears, Hanson, Lorenz, Isernhagen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 5-0. Absent: King.

Motion #51-11 Laura Ebke moved to approve the contract for Meredith Sikorski at MA Step 5 for the 2011-2012 year, Bobbi Morse at BA Step 1, and Haley Buelt at BA Step 1. Dennis Isernhagen seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Ebke, Sears, Hanson, Lorenz, Isernhagen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 5-0. Absent: King.

Motion #52-11 Laura Ebke moved to approve the contract for Kari Loecker at BA Step 1 for the 2011-2012 year. Thad Sears seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Ebke, Sears, Hanson, Lorenz, Isernhagen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 5-0. Absent: King.

Motion #53-11 Laura Ebke moved to approve the contract for Melissa Casper at BA Step 1 for the 2011-2012 year. Dennis Isernhagen seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Ebke, Sears, Hanson, Lorenz, Isernhagen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 5-0. Absent: King.

Motion #54-11

Laura Ebke moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Bill Lorenz seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Ebke, Sears, Hanson, Lorenz, Isernhagen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 5-0. Absent: King.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary) (President)