

April 12, 2010

The Crete Board of Education met on April 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building Board Room for their regular meeting. Board members present were Dennis Isernhagen, Laura Ebke, Thad Sears, Tom King, Matt Hanson, and Bill Lorenz. Also present were Superintendent Kyle McGowan, Principals Tim Conway, Bret Schroder, and Kim Jacobson, Assistant Principals Steve Teget, Diane Bruha, and Jim Moore, Curriculum Director Valorie Foy, and Business Manager Sandra Rosenboom, and interested members of the community.

President Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and announced that the meeting had been preceded by advance notice and would be conducted in accordance with the posted open meetings law.

Motion #37-10 Laura Ebke moved to approve the agenda as published. Dennis Isernhagen seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Isernhagen, Lorenz, Ebke, Sears, Hanson, King. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion #38-10 Laura Ebke moved to approve the following consent items--minutes of the March meetings, General Fund Claims in the amount of \$351,647.28, Building Fund Claims of \$30,452.29, Employee Benefits Fund Claims of \$525.10, and Depreciation Claims of \$74,080.90, and approve the monthly financial reports. Dennis Isernhagen seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Isernhagen, Lorenz, Ebke, Sears, Hanson, King. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Kyle McGowan reported on the building projects. The middle school addition interiors are done with exterior grading nearing completion. Kim Jacobson told about the sixth grade classes moving into the new addition. All staff worked together to make that happen very smoothly. The portable at the middle school will be moved over to the high school to use as storage. This will allow the current storage garage to be converted into a shop for the small engine class. Valorie Foy summarized the AdvancEd report. The report was very positive with only a few suggestions—to revisit the mission statement and goals, to increase the amount of differentiated learning, and to gather more input from students. Kim Jacobson said the state reading testing is happening this week, the middle school dance is this weekend, fine arts night and 6th grade campout are coming soon. Tim Conway reported graduation plans are in place with student and parent meetings coming up. Jim Moore reported that Crete won the sportsmanship award at the State Boys Basketball tournament. Bret Schroder said they will be testing Thursday and Friday. The Elementary Carnival will be this Friday evening.

Principals shared information from the school climate surveys that were completed. At the elementary Bret Schroder reported that student surveys showed positive results but suggest a need to work on respecting others and manners. Parents scored the different areas 4.72-4.8 out of a possible 5 which was very positive. Teacher surveys averaged 4.2 out of 5. At the middle school Kim Jacobson reported that student respect was also the lowest score at 3.3 out of 5. Parents and teachers were positive. Tim Conway reported an increase in the communication

question. More letters and parent phone calls and visits have been encouraged. Teachers have worked on consistency in the rules and expectations teachers have for students. Student surveys showed that most students are using the MAP time and like the opportunity for extra help from teachers.

David Rodriguez, member of the Robotics Team, told about the team. Twenty-six students are involved this year. Lots of time is spent building, testing, and rebuilding the robots. An electrical engineer from Lincoln who participated in robotics in high school and college is also helping Mike Smith and Kathy Koerner coach the team this year.

Motion #39-10 Laura Ebke moved to approve the request for the out-of-state trip for competition for the Crete Robotics Team and approve the expenditure for the coaches' expenses. Bill Lorenz seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Isernhagen, Lorenz, Ebke, Sears, Hanson, King. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion #40-10 Laura Ebke moved to approve the resignation of Lori Vyhnalek at the end of the 2009-10 school year. Bill Lorenz seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Isernhagen, Lorenz, Ebke, Sears, Hanson, King. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion #41-10 Laura Ebke moved to approve the resignation of Rosemary Wehner at the end of the 2009-10 school year. Thad Sears seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Isernhagen, Lorenz, Ebke, Sears, Hanson, King. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion #42-10 Laura Ebke moved to approve the resignation of Judi Hansmeyer at the end of the 2009-10 school year. Bill Lorenz seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Isernhagen, Lorenz, Ebke, Sears, Hanson, King. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion #43-10 Laura Ebke moved to approve the resignation of Darren Schmidt at the end of the 2009-10 school year. Thad Sears seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Isernhagen, Lorenz, Ebke, Sears, Hanson, King. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion #44-10 Laura Ebke moved to approve a contract for Josh Siske at Ba Step 1 for the 2010-2011 school year. Dennis Isernhagen seconded the motion. On roll call: Voting Aye: Isernhagen, Lorenz, Ebke, Sears, Hanson, King. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried: 6-0.

Kyle McGowan presented the proposed staffing plan for the 2010-2011 school year. Principals explained the new arrangements of staff with the move of the fifth grade to the middle school.

Board Policy #5232 regarding the students and parent involvement for Title I was

