

MILLARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD MEETING NOTICE

A Board Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Don Stroh Administration Center, 5606 South 147th Street.

Enclosure E.4.
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The members of the Board of Education met for a Committee Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Don **Stroh** Administration Center, 5606 South 147th Street. The agenda items included discussion of the legislative resolutions of the Board of Education, a demonstration of the Connect Ed calling system, and in Executive Session there was a discussion of the Superintendent's goals.

PRESENT: Mike Pate, Julie Johnson, Linda Pooie, Brad **Burwell**, and Jean Stothert.

ABSENT: Mike Kennedy

Others in attendance were Keith Lutz, Ken Fossen, Mark Feldhausen, Angelo Passarelli, Bill Mueller, lobbyist for the Millard **Public** Schools, and other administrators.

Angelo Passarelli, Bill Mueller, Keith Lutz and the board reviewed resolutions that were voted on last year. The purpose of the discussion was to receive input **from** the board on any changes they deemed necessary in those previously voted on resolutions, or add any new resolutions they wanted developed. Another reason for reviewing the resolutions was to give the lobbying team stated positions from the school district to use during their lobbying efforts.

The board requested that the language in the resolution stating 'Consolidation of the metropolitan school districts would not be in the best interest of student achievement or efficiency' be made to have stronger language since circumstances have changed since this resolution was developed. It was suggested to add the words "takeover", "**annexation**", "unwanted" "forced" into the resolution, Discussion included the need for a vote of the people in any reference to consolidation or annexation.

There was a legislative resolution submitted by Millard to the Nebraska Association of

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State and local taxpayers share the responsibility for the Pre-K through 12th grade educational program. The funding should reflect an equitable distribution of state revenue (2001).

School districts should be encouraged to support ongoing maintenance of school buildings; therefore spending and levy restrictions should be removed from the building fund (2001).

Federal and state governments should never impose un-funded mandates (2001).

Local boards of education are accountable to their community for making decisions regarding the educational program and are in the best position to make decisions on curriculum, management and funding (2001).

Financial decisions on lids and levies are best made at a local level where elected officials are most accountable to the community (2001).

School finance studies should focus on adequacy of funding (2002).

Additional state funding should follow any new requirements for new or revised assessments (2002).

A legislative solution is the most effective way to resolve the issues that are represented in the current finance litigation (2003).

A separate ESU system should be established to serve students in the Millard Public Schools (2003).

Consolidation of the metropolitan school districts would not be in the best interest of student achievement or efficiency (2003).

State funding should be sufficient to keep teacher's salaries regionally competitive (2003).