The monthly board meeting of the Oakland-Craig Board of Education was held on February 8, 2004 in the board meeting room. Administrators present were Supt. Jones and Principals Mark Ferg and Mike Apple. Board Members present were: Don Wallace, Audrey Unwin, Don Wolf, Jeff Nelson, Jerry Sieck, Scott Lindstrom, Diana Kruse, Kevin Anderson and Dan Enstrom. Visitors were: Barb Lierman, Roger Bray, Sherry Wingert, Stephanie Wolf, Leslie James, Robert and Heather McEvoy, and children, Sara and Tommy.

All members present acknowledged receipt of copies of the meeting notice. President Sieck called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Don Wolf to accept the minutes of the January monthly meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Nelson. On roll call vote the following voted aye: Scott Lindstrom, Don Wolf, Audrey Unwin, Kevin Anderson, Diana Kruse, Jeff Nelson, Don Wallace, Jerry Sieck. Nay: Dan Enstrom Motion carried.

A motion was made by Don Wallace, seconded by Don Wolf to allow the warrants to be drawn on the treasurer in payment of General Fund bills submitted on the attached sheet. On roll call vote the following voted aye: Don Wallace, Audrey Unwin, Jeff Nelson, Don Wolf, Diana Kruse, Scott Lindstrom, Kevin Anderson, Dan Enstrom. Jerry Sieck Motion carried.

A motion was made by Don Wolf, seconded by Don Wallace to approve Building Fund check # 1393 payable to Jensen Plumbing and Heating in the amount of $2,340.00. On roll call vote the following voted aye: Don Wallace, Audrey Unwin, Jeff Nelson, Don Wolf, Diana Kruse, Scott Lindstrom, Kevin Anderson, Dan Enstrom, Jerry Sieck. Motion carried.

The order of the agenda was approved by a motion from Audrey Unwin, seconded by Dan Enstrom. On roll call vote the following voted aye: Don Wallace, Audrey Unwin, Jeff Nelson, Don Wolf, Diana Kruse, Scott Lindstrom, Kevin Anderson, Dan Enstrom, Jerry Sieck Motion carried. Visitors were recognized.

Dan Enstrom reported that the Building and Grounds committee had met earlier this evening to determine projects that should be accomplished during the upcoming summer. Projects include: Continue tile floor installation in the Secondary Building; Carpet Replacement in three elementary classrooms; Painting in the Elementary Building; Installation of a door and handicap assessable entry to the gym in the Jr Sr High Building; Create additional parking area on the south side of Jr Sr High Building; Bleachers in the Gymnasium in the Elementary/Gym Facility will be addressed to make them operate correctly; gymnasium floor refinishing in the Elementary Building; Rocking of the parking lot and additional gravel around the playground areas. Supt Jones reminded the board that the majority of these projects have been included in the long range plans. Taxes have been requested to

complete the projects through the Building and Grounds budget and ear-marked for that purpose. Dan Enstrom also reported that the Elementary Building has sustained some hail damage, so part of the roof repair will be covered with insurance receipts. The refinishing of the gymnasium floor will be partially funded with Building and Grounds Funds and partially funded with other athletic proceeds. A final project being considered will be the addition of a wall in the Vocal Music/Board room to cover the west wall and to provide storage areas.

Mrs. Sherry Wingert and FCCLA members Stephanie Wolf and Leslie James were in attendance to thank the board for the support given to the organization. The members passed out cupcake treats for the board members in honor of National FFCLA week.

Robert McEvoy introduced himself and family to the board. He answered questions about his teaching experience in the Social Studies department, weight-lifting class and coaching duties. Mr. McEvoy moved to Oakland from Stewart where he taught and coached for five years. He thanked the board and administration for the opportunity of teaching for the district and reflected that he and his family enjoyed living in the community.

Debbie Rosenboom has requested use of the Secondary Gym Facility on May 1 and May 7th for rehearsal and May 8th to hold a dance recital. A motion was made by
Kevin Anderson, seconded by Jeff Nelson to allow her request with a charge of $100.00.
Members voting aye: Dan Enstrom, Audrey Unwin, Jeff Nelson, Diana Kruse, Don Wolf
Kevin Anderson, Don Wallace, Scott Lindstrom, Jerry Sieck. Motion carried

Supt. Jones reviewed recent reports from the Nebraska Dept of Education that provided State Aid Distribution for the 2004-2005 school year. The current certification
is a decrease of $459,687.41 from the past year. To continue the current levels of education, the district would need to hold a special election to override the levy limit of 1.05. If we choose the other end of the spectrum, making cuts in supplies, textbooks etc. we can reduce the budget by approximately $174,000.00 and reducing the cash reserve. The remaining amount would need to be made by reduction in staff. Supt. Jones advised the board that he and the principals have discussed the need to prioritize considerations of where budget cuts could be made. The board members were asked to take time to think of these sceneries. The board suggested that further discussion could take place at the work session on February 17, time permitting, It was also decided to hold a special work session to discuss budget concerns at 7:00 on February 23.

Roger Bray asked to address the board to express his disappointment that the board elected to add an additional staff member to split the third grade. He said he felt that the board needed to continue support of technology and the money would have been better spent to purchase computers.

Mr. Ferg reviewed Board Policy IP, which deals with Parental Involvement. A motion was made by Kevin Anderson, seconded by Audrey Unwin to approve Board Policy IP as presented. On roll call vote the following voted aye: Don Wallace, Audrey Unwin, Jeff Nelson, Don Wolf, Diana Kruse, Scott Lindstrom, Kevin Anderson, Dan Enstrom. Jerry Sieck Motion carried.

James Mashek submitted a letter of resignation to the board and administration. The Board recognized Mr. Mashek and expressed gratitude for his years of service to the district. A motion was made by Dan Enstrom, seconded by Don Wolf to accept, with regret, his resignation. On roll call vote the following voted aye: Don Wallace, Audrey Unwin, Jeff Nelson, Don Wolf, Diana Kruse, Scott Lindstrom, Kevin Anderson, Dan Enstrom, Jerry Sieck. Motion carried.

Barbra Lierman submitted a letter of resignation to the board and the administration. Diana Kruse, along with the other board members acknowledged Mrs. Lierman for her years of service. Mr. Ferg expressed gratitude to Barb for her teaching abilities. He stated that she will be missed not only by the district, but also by the Educational Service Unit for the work she has provided in creating testing and curriculum to meet State Standards. A motion was made by Kevin Anderson, seconded by Don Wallace, to accept, with regret, her resignation. On roll call vote, the following voted aye: Don Wallace, Audrey Unwin, Jeff Nelson, Don Wolf, Diana Kruse, Scott Lindstrom, Kevin Anderson, Dan Enstrom, Jerry Sieck Motion carried

Mike Apple reported the registration for the 2004-2005 school year is underway. Eighth and eleventh grade writing assessment are being completed. The accelerated math class will be going to observe UNL math classes. An in-service is scheduled for March 15 and the 2004-05 school calendar has been established. Marilee Groth will be attending an asthma training

Mark Ferg reported that 4th grade writing will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Next week the 4th grade will take part in a public speaking project, which is part of the State Standard process. He and Mr. Apple will be attending an assessment workshop in Norfolk on Friday. Mr. Apple is involved with the ongoing process for school improvement and Mr. Ferg will take part in curriculum workshops.

Supt Jones' reported that recent snow has created the need for school closings. The school year provides 180 student days and north central mandates 175 school days. To date we have used 5 days, so any additional need for school closing will result in having to make up days. The NRCSA convention will be held in Kearney. Board members were asked their plans to attend. A question was asked about observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. Mr. Jones replied the observance of the day is better recognized by teachers in the classroom, rather

than the students not attending classes on that day.

A motion was made by Dan Enstrom, seconded by Don Wallace to go into executive session at 9:15 p.m. On roll call vote the following voted aye: Don Wallace, Audrey Unwin, Jeff Nelson, Don Wolf, Jerry Sieck, Diana Kruse, Scott Lindstrom, Kevin Anderson, Dan Enstrom. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dan Enstrom, seconded by Don Wolf to resume regular session at 10:30 . All members present voted aye.

On a motion by Diana Kruse, seconded by Don Wallace the meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m. with all members present voting aye. The next regular meeting will be held immediate following the Jr-Sr High Vocal Concert on March 8, 2004. A board work session will be held on February 17, at 9:00 a.m. at the Secretary Building at the Oakland park and an additional work session will be held on February 23 at 7:00 in the board meeting room.

Secretary,

Debbie Krutilek