

**MINUTES**-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education held Monday, February 12, 2007, at 7:30 P.M., at the District Office in Howard, Kansas.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marty Taliaferro, President  
Dr. Robert Black, Vice-president  
Michael Mills  
Wanda Mills  
Lesa Schroeder  
Casey Smith  
Vicky Wedman

**ADMINISTRATORS**

Bert Moore, Supt./Dir. Sp. Ed.  
Tom Eubank, Assist. Supt./Princ.  
John Ireland, Principal  
Shirley Hugill, Principal  
Anna Beth Fish, Business Mgr./Clerk

**OTHERS**

Billy Tyler  
Natalie Adams  
Kate Perkins  
Tanessa Signer

**OTHERS**

Mike McLean  
Linda Scott  
Nichelle Rader  
Rob Wolfe  
Mary Mericle  
Chelsea Winn  
Laura Weakley  
Kenneth Cooley  
Jim Roebuck  
Debbie Lane  
Heather Malone

President Marty Taliaferro opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M., at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Mike Mills to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Vicky Wedman and seconded by Casey Smith to approve the consent agenda including minutes of a regular meeting held January 8, 2007; February bills totaling \$92,098.88; and February payroll of \$375,247.53. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Mike McLean, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that he had replaced the washing machine in the locker room with a Sears front loader with a 5 year parts and labor warranty.

The Severy Gym is leaking in three places. Wray Roofing was called, and they will tear out and replace the area. No one has come to check the Moline roof as yet.

The fire panel at Moline Elementary has been replaced.

**MOLINE ELEMENTARY SPOTLIGHT**

Linda Scott and Nichelle Rader presented a report on training they had attended on Pathways to Reading.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Moore reported that the school brochure was nearly done. Mr. Ireland presented the draft copy to the Board for suggestions.

The Food Service Audit went very well, and Roslyn Stewart received an excellent review from Karen Works of the State Department.

Superintendent Moore presented a printout of demographics from KASB concerning declining enrollment across the state in 2005. The figures are not yet available for 2006.

Mr. Moore reported on legislative issues, elementary and secondary enrollments, information on declining enrollment, reducing staff, and cooperative agreements with a handbook to follow; and changes in Medicaid payments to special education. (Informational copies attached)

### **SNOW DAYS**

Superintendent Moore reported that we have missed 6 days of school due to snow and ice. So far we have used one of the make up days on January 29 and planning to use February 16. Mr. Moore recommended that the designated snow day on April 9 be used. There are enough hours left to cover snow days 4 and 5. He recommended that the Board forgive the 6<sup>th</sup> day as a celebration of meeting AYP for the 2005-06 school year. It was the consensus of the Board to approve Superintendent Moore's recommendations.

### **BREAK**

At 9:07 P. M., President Taliaferro called a ten minute break. The Board reconvened at 9:17 P.M.

### **ELK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Mike Mills and seconded by Lesa Schroeder to approve a contract with the Elk County Health Department for the 2006-07 school year. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **3 YEAR AUDIT CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Casey Smith to approve a three year contract with Busby, Smith, and Ford, LLC for auditing services. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **INTERNET SERVICES**

Tom Eubank informed the Board of a raise 78% raise in cost for services by Terra World. He then presented a proposal for internet services for the District from Southern Kansas Telephone Company (SKTC). The district already has SKTC services at the District Office, Moline, and Severy for a cost of approximately \$138.00. To add SKTC at the High School and to make them the District's main internet carrier, there will be an additional cost of \$181.40 for an approximate monthly total of \$319.40. Motion was made by Mike Mills and seconded by Vicky Wedman to approve the change to SKTC. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Bob Black to meet in executive session from 9:34 P.M. till 10:04 P.M., to discuss personnel and students to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals and negotiations to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest and to include all Mr. Moore, Mr. Eubank, Mr. Ireland, and Mrs. Hugill. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Mr. Ireland and Mrs. Hugill left the executive session at 9:55 P.M. the board reconvened into open session at 10:04 P.M.

At 10:04 P.M., motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Wanda Mills to extend the time to 10:14 P.M. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Mr. Moore and Mr. Eubank left the session.

At 10:14 P.M., the Board reconvened into open session. A motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Bob Black to extend the time to 10:24 P.M.

At 10:24 P.M. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Wanda Mills to extend the time to 10:34 P.M. and to include Mr. Moore. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:34 P.M. A motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Bob Black to continue the executive session till 10:44 P.M. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10: 44 P.M., the Board reconvened into open session. Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Bob Black to extend the time till 10:54 P.M. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:54 P.M., at which time a motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Wanda Mills to continue the session till 11:04 P.M. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). The board reconvened into open session at 11:04 P.M.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Casey Smith to accept a resignation from Dallie Miller-Para, Sedan. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Mike Mills to accept the resignation of Marcella Brandenburg pursuant to the agreement discussed in executive session. (copy of agreement attached)

Motion was made by Mike Mills and seconded by Lesa Schroeder to employ John Wilson as the WEHS Business Teacher. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Lesa Schroeder to extend Superintendent Moore’s contract as Superintendent and Special Education Director one year per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:09 P.M., the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

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**PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

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**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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