

**MINUTES**-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, March 10, 2008, at 7:30 PM, at the District Office in Howard, Kansas.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marty Taliaferro, President  
Vicky Wedman, Vice-president  
Jim Roebuck  
Casey Smith  
Roxane Walker  
Robert Wolfe

**ADMINISTRATION**

Bert Moore, Supt./Dir. Sp. Ed.  
Shirley Hugill, Principal  
Anna Beth Fish, Business Mgr./Clerk

**OTHERS**

Kristy Wedman  
Kacy Schroeder  
Mike McLean  
Kendee Heck  
Reed Williams  
Dan Cookson  
Cherstyn Reuber

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**

Connie Russell

President Marty Taliaferro opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

Motion was made by Jim Roebuck and seconded by Casey Smith to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Rob Wolfe and seconded by Vicky Wedman to approve the consent agenda including minutes of a regular meeting held February 18, 2008; March bills totaling \$74,727.37; and March payroll of \$381,158.68. Motion carried unanimously (6-0)

**SEVERY SPOTLIGHT**

Chris Haag, Moline/Severy Elementary Physical Education Teacher, reported on the P.E. Night for the elementary schools.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Mike McLean reported that we are having extensive problems with the rooftop heaters at WEHS, and that the Board should be anticipating replacing them.

He also said that the leak at Moline was around a window from the rain blowing in, and it has been repaired.

The new Grasshopper mower has arrived.

Mr. Moore and Mike presented a proposal for carpet at the District Office.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Moore has written a new "Procedure for Complaints, Disagreements, and Inquiries" to be used by parents; and it will be added to the Policy Handbook.

The IDL Grant for \$87,000 has been submitted, but the Library-Technology Rich Classrooms Grant will have to wait till next year.

Mr. Moore reported that due to new monies in Special Education, we will be republishing the budget later this year.

The KASB Spring Regional Meeting is Thursday, April 24 at Neodesha.

Mr. Moore and Shirley Hugill attended an “Elk Konnect” meeting in Longton for the “Physical Image” Action Team.

Mr. Moore reported that we will have enough hours in the school year if we do not make up the 2 snow days. The seniors last day will be May 16. It will be decided at the April meeting whether to make up those days or not.

### **RECESS**

At 8:30 PM, President Taliaferro called a 10 minute recess. The Board reconvened at 8:40 PM.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:42 PM, motion was made by Roxane Walker and seconded by Rob Wolfe to meet in executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel and students to protect the privacy of identifiable individuals and negotiations to protect the district’s right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position, and to include Bert Moore and Mrs. Hugill. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At 9:12 PM, the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Rob Wolfe to extend the time for 15 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At 9:27 PM, the Board reconvened into open session. Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Rob Wolfe to extend the time for 10 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:37 PM. Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Vicky Wedman to extend the time for ten minutes. Motion carried unanimously (6-0). Mr. Moore and Mrs. Hugill left the session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:47 PM. Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Vicky Wedman to extend the session for 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At 9:52 PM, the Board reconvened into open session. A motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Vicky Wedman to extend the time for 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (6-0). The Board reconvened into open session at 9:57 PM.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Vicky Wedman and seconded by Jim Roebuck to employ Debbie Zellner as the Scholarship Writing Support Person for the 2008-09 school year. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Motion was made by Rob Wolfe and seconded by Casey Smith to approve a 6.5% pay increase for Bert Moore, Superintendent/Director of Special Education for the 2008-09 school year. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:05 PM, 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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