

MINUTES-of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held on Monday, March 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, Asst. Supt./Princ.
John Ireland, Principal
Shirley Hugill, Principal
Anna Beth Fish, Clerk/Business Mgr.

OTHERS

Kendee Heck
Debbie Lane
David Heck
Roxane Walker

President Marty Taliaferro called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Vicky Wedman and seconded by Wanda Mills to approve the agenda with the deletion of V-B Severy Spotlight. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda including minutes of a regular meeting held February 12, 2007; March bills totaling \$68,038.15; and the March payroll of \$393,201.00. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Mr. Moore reported that the phone system at West Elk Jr/Sr High School and the District Office will be installed during spring break.

Wray Roofing is to begin work at Severy on Wednesday. They plan to tear out the flashing on the East side of the roof (about 30 feet) to determine what is causing the problem. They will fix it under warranty.

Roger Morrell inspected the roof at Moline and a list of options is attached. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the cost of \$18,250.

Mike McLean has been working with David Griesel to address drainage at the baseball field bleachers. David's class is also painting the bleachers. Other areas David's classes will address include mulch for planting that occurred last year; creating container flower gardens at the baseball field; and working with Mike to address drainage concerns.

Mike will order wooden planks to construct a screen on the East side of the dumpster located near the food storage cooler/freezer.

Since many patrons have asked, Mike talked to Jack West about an estimate on what it would cost to air condition the gym at West Elk. In 1995 the estimate given for a 40 ton AC unit was \$50,000 plus a \$4,000 fee. That was figured at a cost of \$1,250/ton. The estimate for a 40 ton

AC unit today is \$2,000/ton or \$80,000. Mr. West thought that we may need to consider adding 10 ton depending upon the number of people that may be attending an activity.

Mike also checked with Langford's on the cost of a wooden gym floor. They reported that it would cost approximately \$9/sq.ft. or \$76,500 for our floor of approximately 8,500 square feet. The wooden floor would be constructed over the current floor. Apparently the catalyst used in the process when the floor was poured years ago contained Mercury. EPA guidelines would have to be applied if the current floor was removed.

Dynamic Sports Construction was contacted for a bid on a synthetic rubber floor. They estimated a total cost of \$42,500 or \$5/sq.ft. to pour the new floor over the existing floor.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY by KENDEE HECK

Kendee Heck reported on a condition known as TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury). She has taken training in this area and is now a part of a mini-team available for training, consultation, and to serve as a resource.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Moore reported that we are under the second year of a 2 year agreement with Sedan for golf. Mr. Ireland said there are 4 or 5 interested students.

Mr. Moore asked the Board to purchase 2 defibrillators for use during sporting activities. The cost will be \$1,495 per defibrillator with soft shell cases at \$49.95 and hard shell cases at \$229.95. Only persons trained in the use of this mechanism will be allowed to use it. It was the consensus of the Board that they were needed, and Mrs. Hugill was asked to look into a rural health grant.

The local Fire Chief has requested that we paint an area at the drive entrance to West Elk Jr/Sr High School to reflect no parking near the fire hydrant. Mike plans to take care of this.

There will be a presentation on Tuesday, March 13th to demonstrate NexTech Software for internet security with the ability to track student/staff internet usage and provide virus protection.

EMC Insurance has requested that the District add a rental/usage insurance agreement to any request for community use of facilities.

An itinerary of the Senior Trip was provided. There are 7 students and two sponsors going.

RECESS

At 8:27 P.M., President Taliaferro called a 10 minute recess. The Board reconvened into open session at 8:37 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Casey Smith to meet in executive session from 8:38 P.M. till 9:38 P.M. to discuss personnel and students to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals and negotiations to protect the interests of the District's right to the

confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest, and to include Mr. Moore and the administrators as called upon. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 9:38 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 till 10:08 P.M. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Mr. Ireland joined the session at 10:00.

At 10:08 P.M., the Board reconvened into open session. A motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Bob Black to extend the session till 10:28 P.M. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Mr. Ireland left the session at 10:11 P.M. and Mrs. Hugill joined the executive session. Mrs. Hugill left the session at 10:16 P.M. and Mrs. Fish went in. Mrs. Fish left the session at 10:19 P.M., and Mr. Eubank joined the session. The Board reconvened into open session at 10:28 P.M.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Casey Smith and seconded by Bob Black to accept the resignation of Melissa Moreno-Para, Moline. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Wanda Mills to approve a contract for Penny Swanson as an At-Risk After-School Tutor. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Mike Mills and seconded by Lesa Schroeder to accept the retirement letters from Tom Eubank, Assistant-Superintendent and Principal at Severy Elementary and Joanne King, 4th Grade Teacher, Moline. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Mike Mills to offer the administrators two-year contracts with the salaries to be determined at a later date. Motion carried (7-0).

TENURE

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Wanda Mills to approve Chris Jeffery, Paulabeth Henderson, David Griesel, and Megan Haag for tenure. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 P.M. by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD

