

**MINUTES**-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, April 9, 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  
Casey Smith

**ADMINISTRATORS**

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

**OTHERS**

Mike McLean  
Debbie Lane  
Rob Wolfe  
Jim Roebuck

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lesa Schroeder  
Vicky Wedman

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Taliaferro at 7:30 P.M. At that time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Casey Smith to approve the agenda with the following additions: VD-6. District Brochure and VIA-1. Request for Attendance at the State Forensics Meet in Salina-Overnight Trip. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Wanda Mills to approve the consent agenda including minutes of a regular meeting held March 12, 2007; April bills of \$49,301.30; and the April payroll of \$369,219.20. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Mike McLean gave the monthly maintenance update. He has been installing new thermostats at the West Elk Jr./Sr. High School. He has installed 4 and he is ordering 4 more.

The Grasshopper lawnmower at WEHS has been sent for repairs. It should be back on Tuesday.

The tractor is in the shop at Harrod's and should be done soon.

The privacy fence has been started around the dumpster at the kitchen at WEHS. Pending more wet weather, it should be done soon.

Roger Murrell will begin on the Moline Elementary roof as soon as the weather warms up.

Mike repainted the correct starting position for the high hurdles on the track at West Elk. We will send A-1 Track a bill, since they were asked to correct this a year ago.

The carpet in the third grade room at Moline will be torn out, the floor cleaned, and new carpet put down this summer.

The new phones for West Elk JR./Sr. High School and the District Office have been delayed, due to a mix up on the equipment at AT&T.

The Severy gym roof has been repaired.

### **MOLINE SPOTLIGHT**

Jan Ireland, Moline Elementary Title I teacher, reported on assessing students using DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills). This technique is used as an indicator for intervention in reading to pinpoint early reading skills.

### **LANDSCAPING AT WEST ELK JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

The Ag Department is planning the landscaping around the greenhouse and to the entrance of the Ag room.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Moore reported that the KASB dues next year will be \$4,626.

Mr. Ireland presented a petition for going to the two divisions used in 8 Man Football in 1A Classification in all state sponsored events for 1A schools.

Mrs. Hugill reported that there is no money available through a rural health grant for the AED, but there is a possibility of finding a manufacture's grant.

There will be a KASB New Board Member Workshop on May 8, at 8:30 P.M., at the Marmaton Valley High School and a KASB Spring Regional Meeting for District 3 at the Allen County Community College Administration Building at 3:30 P.M. the same day.

The Board reviewed the District Brochure.

### **4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRIP TO WOOLAROCK**

Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Casey Smith to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> grade out of state field trip to WoolaRock in Oklahoma. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

### **FORENSICS TRIP TO STATE CONTEST IN SALINA**

Motion was made by Mike Mills and seconded by Bob Black to approve the overnight trip for State Forensics in Salina. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

### **RECESS**

President Taliaferro called a 10 minute recess at 8:30 P.M. The board reconvened at 8:40 P.M.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:41 P.M., motion was made by Casey Smith and seconded by Mike Mills to meet in executive session for 30 minutes 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 the administrators. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

At 9:11 P.M., the Board reconvened into open session, at which time a motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Bob Black to extend the session till 9:21 P.M. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). The Board reconvened into open session at 9:11 P.M.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Mike Mills to accept the resignation of Talia Leck, School Psychologist at Sedan and Longton. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Wanda Mills to approve the transfer of Mary Mericle from Severy to Moline; to employ Marsha Evenson as a .2 Assistant to Administration; and to reduce the At-Risk Aid Position at Moline, now held by Barbara VanRoyen. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M. by unanimous consent.

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**PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

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**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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