

**MINUTES**-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, May 14, 2007, at 7:30 PM, 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, Clerk/Business Mgr.

**OTHERS**

Debbie Lane  
Sheila Huntington  
David Griesel  
Tiffany Green  
Kristy Wedman  
Shilo Malone  
Roxane Walker

President Taliaferro called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and asked anyone who would like, to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Mike Mills to approve the agenda with an addition of IV-C Adopt Pay Periods and Legal Holidays for 2007-08, under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously (7-0)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Vicky Wedman and seconded by Wanda Mills to approve the consent agenda with a correction on the April 9, 2007 minutes under the last executive session.....”The Board reconvened at 9:21 PM.” The Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Superintendent Moore reported that the Moline roof was finished. Ron Johnson has submitted a proposal for fixing the drainage problem and sidewalks at the baseball/softball field. Mike McLean is getting proposals for tile for the restrooms and hallway at the District Office.

David Griesel and Mike are to get together to review the landscaping project and have the propane tank and swing set removed from the north side of the high school.

**WEST ELK JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT**

Penny Swanson and her Jr. High Math Relay Team were present to report on the relays they have participated in with outstanding success. The team is undefeated. Team members present were Bobby Julian, Leslie Harrod, Luke Bellar, Dalton Signer, Ty Roebuck, Seth Miller, Courtney Miller, Brittany Huntington, Katie Kill, and Becky Jennings.

The team gave the Board Members a ten minute test of 30 questions to give them an idea of the tests they take in competition.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Moore reported that Alexa Posney has been appointed as Commissioner of Education.

Mr. Moore recommended that the Board not sign the KASB resolution on NCLB.

There will be a new updated At Risk report coming out soon.

Mr. Moore has called KASB to discuss the confusing information given at the New Board Member Workshop.

The district was not able to get a Rural Schools Grant for the Defibrillators, but we have the opportunity to purchase them through the American Heart Association through a buy-down grant. Mr. Eubank will pick out which ones we will buy.

### **FFA RETREAT**

Kristy Wedman and Tiffany Green presented a request for the FFA Officers to have a retreat at Grand Lake in Oklahoma instead of going to camp at Rock Springs.

### **REDUCTION IN FORCE POLICY D-9**

The Board reviewed Policy D-9 concerning reduction in force.

### **FINE ARTS CLASSES**

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Lesa Schroeder to approve the attached list of classes for fine arts credit. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **REQUEST TO ACCEPT TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT**

Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Bob Black to approve the donated computer equipment per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **INDIAN EDUCATION GRANT**

Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Mike Mills to accept the attached Indian Education Grant of \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **RECESS**

At 9:10 PM, President Taliaferro called a ten minute recess. The Board reconvened at 9:20 PM.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:20 PM, motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Casey Smith 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 negotiation position and the public interest and to include the administrators. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 9:50 PM, 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 10:00 PM. (Mr. Ireland left the executive session). Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:00 PM, the Board reconvened into open session. A motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Wanda Mills to continue the session until 10:05 PM. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). The Board reconvened into open session at 10:05 PM.

## **PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Mike Mills to accept the resignations of Cynthia Washburne-Elementary Music; Peggy House-Elk Valley Paraprofessional; and Lynn Kelly-WEHS Part-time Math. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Vicky Wedman and seconded by Lesa Schroeder to approve the employment of Liz Hendricks-High School Volleyball Coach; Mike Miller-Emotionally Disturbed Consultant/Special Ed Counselor (.6); Jeanette Carter-\$2,000 added Stipend to serve as the Coop's only School Psychologist; Sally Morgan-Grade 6, Severy Elementary; and summer employees as follows: Title I Summer School-Gina Wilson and Sheila Huntington, Moline; Cammi Hoover and Kate Perkins, Severy; At Risk Summer School-Lynne Miller and Linda Scott, Moline; Cathy Barrett and Mary Mericle, Severy; Extended School Year-Special Education-Linda Adams, Elk Valley Drivers Ed; Deanna Thompson, Elk Valley Para; Boyd Koehn, West Elk Drivers Ed; Debbie Zellner, West Elk; Judi Thomas, Sedan Drivers Ed; Barbara Montgomery, Preschool; Linda Scott, Moline; Ann Mitchell, Speech; Ruthe Steele, SMH/Vision; Rhianna Crowell, Sedan SMH/Vision Para; Gail McCoy, Sedan Vision Para; Charlene Burns, Sedan Elementary; and Teresa Marta, Elk Valley Elementary Para. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Casey Smith to employ the following summer student employees: Jessica Mericle, Moline; Kacy Schroeder and Taylor Lowe, Severy; and Victoria Saxton, Drew Price, and Lucas Simmons, WEHS. Motion carried (6-1 Lesa Schroeder abstaining).

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Wanda Mills to implement the classified salary schedule changes per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Mike Mills to approve the salary increases for John Ireland, Anna Beth Fish, Mike McLean, and Debra Stange per attached. Motion carried (6-1 Lesa Schroeder).

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Mike Mills to approve a salary increase for Shirley Hugill per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

## **NEGOTIATIONS**

Motion was made by Mike Mills and seconded by Wanda Mills to approve the attached Negotiated Agreement for the 2007-08 school year. Motion carried (6-1 Lesa Schroeder).

## **FFA RETREAT**

Motion was made by Lesa Schroeder and seconded by Vicky Wedman to approve the FFA Retreat to Grand Lake. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM by unanimous consent.

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**PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

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**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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