

**MINUTES**-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held on Monday, December 10, 2007, 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.  
John Ireland, Principal  
Shirley Hugill, Principal  
Anna Beth Fish, Clerk/Business Mgr.

**OTHERS**

Sean Murphy  
Cherstyn Reuber  
Debbie Lane

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**

Dr. Robert Black

President Marty Taliaferro opened the meeting with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

President Taliaferro read the correspondence including a letter from Scott Hills, Supt. at USD #286-Sedan, congratulating the Board on the honor bestowed on Bert Moore and Kendee Heck. Bert was selected as Special Education Administrator of the Year and Kendee was chosen as Special Education Professional of the Year. Mr. Hills stated that we are fortunate to have individuals of this caliber in our cooperative and school families.

**AGENDA**

Motion was made by Jim Roebuck and seconded by Vicky Wedman to approve the agenda as amended by the following: IV-I Superintendent Report, A. James Harold and Alberta Young Memorial Scholarship; B. Washington D.C. Summit on Response to Intervention; IV-J Dr. Robert Black Resignation from the Board. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Rob Wolfe and seconded by Casey Smith to approve the consent agenda with a correction in the minutes of November 12, 2007-PERSONNEL-vote to (6-0); December bills totaling \$83,672.59; and December Payroll of \$399,021.09. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**SEVERY-SPOTLIGHT**

Sally Morgan gave a report her 6<sup>th</sup> grade student's project on Ancient Egypt Cultures.

**INTERACTIVE DISTANCE LEARNING**

Ann Lundy from South Central Service Center presented information on the Interactive Distance Learning System (informational handouts attached).

**RECESS**

At 8:50 PM, President Taliaferro called a 10 minute recess. The Board reconvened at 9:00 PM.

### **MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Supt. Moore reported that the new lawnmower had been ordered; a new door and hardware has been ordered to replace the one in the Severy Kindergarten room. The one there now was not safety glass; new auto shutoffs have been ordered for the shower faucets and toilets; there had been a leak in the Severy Multi-purpose room and Wray Roofing has been called.

### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2008 SESSION**

Supt. Moore reported on various legislative issues that will come up in the 2008 session (copies of the information attached).

### **2008-09 DRAFT CALENDAR**

Supt. Moore introduced the 2008-09 Draft Calendar to the Board. (copy attached)

### **PROPOSED PHOTO ID'S FOR THE STAFF**

Mrs. Hugill and Mr. Ireland have proposed Photo ID's for all staff at West Elk USD #282 to wear all day and to activities, so school personnel could be identified at any time (copy attached).

### **CRISIS PLAN**

Supt. Moore reported that the Administrators would work on the new Crisis Plan at their next meeting.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

Supt. Moore is looking into hiring a school resource officer for the 2008-09 school year. There is a possible grant to help with the cost.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Moore reported that the District will be receiving \$100,000 for the James Harold and Alberta Young Memorial Scholarship Fund for students going into teaching or nursing.

Mr. Moore spoke to the board about his trip to Washington D.C., representing the USA Organization, on Response to Intervention (RTI).

A letter of resignation from Dr. Robert Black was read. Dr Black resigned from the Board of Education effective January 1, 2008. He will be leaving for Afghanistan on January 3, 2008 for a one year tour of duty with United States Army Reserves.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:40 PM, motion was made by Casey Smith and seconded by Rob Wolfe to meet in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel and students to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals and include Mr. Moore and John Ireland. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

### **PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Casey Smith and seconded by Jim Roebuck to accept the resignation from Shirley Frame, Bus Driver. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Motion was made by Roxane Walker and seconded by Rob Wolfe to approve the employment of Penny Swanson as an At-Risk After School Tutor. Motion carried unanimously (6-0)

Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Vicky Wedman to approve hiring Jim Stange to service the school vehicles and minor maintenance for \$20 an hour. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE**

Marty Taliaferro and Casey Smith agreed to serving on the Negotiations Team this year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:00 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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