

MINUTES-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, December 11, 2006, at 7:30 P.M., at the District Office in Howard, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Marty Taliaferro, President
Dr. Robert Black
Michael Mills
Wanda Mills
Lesa Shroeder
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

Nancy Barker
Katie Jones
Billy Tyler
Teresa Gorman
Sheila Huntington
Susan Galvan

OTHERS

Mike McLean
Cammie Hoover
Gina Wilson
Nichelle Rader
Marsha Evenson
Jeremy Draper
Ellen Hawkins
Chris Haag
Roxane Walker
Rob Wolfe
Debbie Lane
Robin Jackson
Dianne Boles
Jan Ireland

At 7:30 P. M., President Marty Taliaferro opened the meeting with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA-Motion was made by Casey Smith and seconded by Vicky Wedman to approve the agenda with the removal of V-D, Fence Bids at Moline and Severy Elementary Schools. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

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 November 13, 2006; December bills totaling \$51,138.50, and December payroll of \$383,407.76. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mike McLean reported that fencing bids for the elementary schools were not available.

Mike also reported that Steve Moreland had been at Moline Elementary checking for mold and said he visually did not see any problem, but he will wait for the test results.

The lease agreement for the skid loader was much more complex than we were told, and Mike and Mr. Moore recommended that we purchase one or a tractor. Mike presented two proposals per attached.

A maintenance list for the next five years was presented, and it will be prioritized by the next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Moore presented the Board with a cost report of running the three separate campuses in the 2005-06 school year.

The building administrator's school safety wish lists were presented. (copy attached)

Supt. Moore reported that the make up days for the two snow days will be January 29, 2007 and February 16, 2007. We have a day in April to use also, but any after that will be added to the end of the year.

Mr. Moore asked for direction from the Board on the use of the buildings on non-school days. It was the consensus of the Board that teachers will be allowed to use their classrooms during the closed days without turning up the heat and no family members were to accompany them in the buildings.

Mr. Moore reported that a question had come up concerning bus drivers digging out their buses at their homes. It was the consensus of the Board that we would not hire someone to dig out the buses.

It was also the direction of the Board that when school is called off due to weather, there will be no activities.

ACTION PLAN FOR 2007-08

Mr. Moore recommended raising the LOB for the 2007-08 school year to cover the dollar loss due to declining enrollment. He proposed raising an additional \$300,000. This step would give the Board more time for long range planning. It was the consensus of the Board to raise the LOB for the 2007-08 school year.

RECESS-President Taliaferro called a 10 minute recess at 8:42 P.M. The Board reconvened at 8:52 P.M.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES

Motion was made by Bob Black and seconded by Mike Mills to approve the Board Policies per attached with the corrections. Motion carried unanimously (7-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:58 P.M., motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Wanda 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 confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest, and to include Mr. Moore, Mr. Eubank, Mr. Ireland, and Ms. Gorman. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Ms. Gorman left the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

At 9:28 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 time for 10 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). The Board reconvened into open session at 9:43 P.M.

SKID LOADER BIDS

Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Mike Mills to table the bids on a new skid loader. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Mike Mills and seconded by Lesa Schroeder to direct Mr. Moore to take the teacher matter to KASB for further direction and closure. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Lesa Schroeder and seconded by Casey Smith to employee Stacey Hart-Para, WEHS. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

NEGOTIATIONS

Motion was made by Wanda Mills and seconded by Marty Taliaferro to accept the volunteers Casey Smith and Bob Black as the 2007 negotiation team. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 P.M., the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD
