

**MINUTES** of a special meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, January 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the West Elk Jr/Sr High School Auditorium, in Howard, Kansas.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marty Taliaferro, President  
Jim Roebuck, Vice-President  
Mike Bellar  
Shelly Hare  
Roxane Walker  
Robert Wolfe

**ADMINISTRATION**

Corey Reese, Supt.  
Shirley Hugill, Elem Principal  
Juli Young, WE Asst Principal  
Paula McAlister, Clerk/Business Mgr

**OTHERS**

106 Patrons – per attached

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**

Dr Robert Black

At 7:00 p.m., President Marty Taliaferro called the meeting to order with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Roebuck moved to accept the Agenda as printed. Bellar seconded, motion passed unanimously (6-0).

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL  
TO CLOSE MOLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AND SEVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

President Taliaferro opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking all for attending. He advised that this was a public hearing being held pursuant to Kansas Statute. No action would be taken. The board would listen to comments, but there would be no debate.

Superintendent Reese gave a review of the facts presented at the December 14, 2009 Board meeting regarding state funding & school finance and a brief update projecting that cuts will go deeper into the 2009/2010 school year.

Board members then introduced themselves.

President Taliaferro announced to the crowd that each speaker would be limited to 5 minutes each. Anyone wishing to present their views in writing was asked to submit them to the District Office by Thursday, January 7, 2010 so the board could review prior to the regular board meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010.

The following patrons spoke to the board:

7:13 p.m. Rodney Craig, Severy Mayor &  
Gary Whitaker, Severy City Council Member  
7:18 p.m. Matt Hilton  
7:20 p.m. L. W. Ross

7:22 p.m. Eric E. Krug  
7:25 p.m. Irene Julian  
7:27 p.m. Connie Garman  
7:32 p.m. Byrdee Miller-Marcic  
7:33 p.m. Cole Conard  
7:36 p.m. Kenneth Klepper  
7:37 p.m. Duane Bohm  
7:39 p.m. Wanda Mills

At 7:45 p.m., President Taliaferro asked if there were any other patrons wishing to speak. There were none. President Taliaferro then asked board members for their comments and responses. Board member Walker told the audience "we are listening" and thanked everyone for coming.

President Taliaferro thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and encouraged attendance at the regular board meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:47 p.m. 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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