

**MINUTES**-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, January 11, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., at the West Elk Jr/Sr High School Auditorium, Howard, Kansas.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**OTHERS**

Pauline Bellar-Brewster  
Vernon Brewster  
Judy VanCleave  
Bob Bennett  
Michael Hogan  
Megan Haag  
Debbie Simmons  
Venessa Hogan  
Roberta Durbin  
Mathew Redd  
Mark Hall  
David Warren  
Patrick Perkins  
Jean Parsons  
Stephanie Goff  
Susan Galvan  
Byrdee Miller-Marcic  
Lawrence Galvan  
Duane Bohm  
Irene Julian  
Rudy Taylor  
Doug Hanks  
Debbie Lane  
Helen Taliaferro  
Herbert Harrison  
Russell Mill  
Sheila Huntington  
Kenneth Klepper  
Mike McLean  
Gina Wilson  
Nathaniel Coffman  
Dianne Boles

**OTHERS**

Ettie Mitchell  
Larry Mitchell  
L. W. Ross  
William Bischof  
Debra Stange  
Carolyn Wilnerd  
Everett Wilnerd  
Linda Adams  
Jim Taylor  
John Cooke  
Carlette Craig  
Kate Perkins  
Lynne Miller  
Billy Harrison  
Angie Town  
Matthew Hilton  
Erin Riggs  
Liz Hendricks  
Gary Parsons  
Richard Marcic  
Eric Krug  
Connie Garman  
Shirley Sweet  
Roanna Elliott  
Russ Julian  
Don Perkins  
Rodney Craig  
Ellen Hawkins  
Morgan Boles  
Linda Mill  
Judy Wiseman  
Jim Wiseman  
Mary Mericle  
Martin Coffman  
Peggy Bellar  
Sarah Bellar

At 7:30 p.m., President Marty Taliaferro called the meeting to order with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Black moved to accept the Agenda as printed with the deletion of "B. Penny Swanson Math Trip" and insertion of "B. Snow Make-Up Days". Roebuck seconded, motion passed unanimously (7-0).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Black to approve the consent agenda including the following: Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting December 14, 2009 and Special Board Meeting January 4, 2010; Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report - Bills: \$45,158.22 and Payroll: \$391,879.29. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Rod Craig
2. Eric Krug

### **SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS**

Mr. Reese asked the Board if the designated snow make-up days of February 1, April 5 and May 3, 2010 should be attendance days or would the Board waive making up these days. By Consensus the Board agreed that all three (3) days should be made up.

### **GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TRIP TO MANHATTAN**

High school Girl's Basketball Coach, Kyle Williams has received free tickets from K-State for his team to attend the K-State vs. Baylor game Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in Manhattan.

### **AUCTION PROCEEDS**

Proceeds from the District surplus auction held in November in the amount of \$940.43 have been received.

### **CONTRACT WITH GREENWOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Reese has received the Contract with Greenwood County Health Department for the 2010/2011 school year.

### **NEGOTIATIONS**

Mr. Reese presented Board members a copy of the proposed initial negotiations letter to be mailed to Penny Swanson, Chief Negotiator prior to February 1, 2010. The Board will also need to select 2 or 3 members to sit on the negotiating team.

### **DELL LAPTOP GIFT**

Linda Cooke donated a Dell laptop computer which was placed in Mr. Baum's media classroom.

### **Dr. HOWELL GIFT PLATE**

Former USD #282 Superintendent, Dr. Hulen Howell, has returned the plate given to him at his retirement from West Elk. The plate was made by Edna Palmer and contains all the district teachers' names. By consensus, the Board will accept the plate and Taliaferro will deliver to the District Office.

### **SCHOOL FINANCE**

Mr. Reese reported that after talking with State Representative, Jeff King, watching the State of the State Address and talking with officials in the State Department of Education, there will be no new monies for school districts before 2013. Further cuts in the Base State Aid per Pupil (BSAPP) are expected. In order to be prepared for the 2010/2011 school year, the district cannot wait to reconfigure the campuses.

### **FACILITIES**

If the board decides to reconfigure to one campus for the 2010/2011 school year, Mr. Reese asked that the Board appoint a 12 person committee to plan and format the new configuration and report back to the Board.

Much discussion was had regarding facilities.

### **BREAK**

At 9:11 p.m. Taliaferro declared a 15 minute break.

At 9:25 p.m. Taliaferro declared the meeting back into open session

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:25 p.m. a motion was made by Hare and seconded by Roebuck to move to the library to meet in executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel and students to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals; negotiations to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and to include Corey Reese. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 9:46 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Walker and seconded by Taliaferro to continue the session until 9:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 9:51 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Roebuck to continue the session until 9:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 9:56 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Roebuck to continue the session until 10:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board adjourned executive session 10:01 p.m.

The Board reconvened back into the auditorium into open session at 10:03 p.m.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **GIRL'S BASKETBALL TRIP TO MANHATTAN**

Bellar moved to approve the trip request of Kyle Williams for the high school girls' basketball team to attend the K-State vs. Baylor game on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at Manhattan, pending the availability of a bus driver. Roebuck seconded and motion passed unanimously (7-0).

### **GREENWOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACT**

Roebuck moved to approve the 2010/2011 contract with Greenwood County Health Department. Black seconded. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

### **NEGOTIATIONS**

Black moved to approve the Notice Letter to the West Elk Education Association regarding Negotiations. (Copy attached) Roebuck seconded, motion passed unanimously (7-0).

### **NEGOTIATION BOARD OF EDUCATION TEAM**

Roebuck moved and Bellar seconded appointing Black and Wolfe to serve as the Negotiation BOE Team for 2010/2011. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

### **GIFT ACCEPTANCE**

Black moved to accept the laptop from Linda Cooke, to send a thank you to Linda Cooke and to accept the retirement plate from Dr. Howell. Hare seconded, motion passed unanimously (7-0)

### **FACILITIES**

Bellar moved to close Severy Elementary School and Moline Elementary School at the end of this 2009/2010 school year. Roebuck seconded the motion. Motion passed (4 – 3) Wolfe, Walker (because of unknown elementary configuration) & Hare against.

### **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

By consensus, the Board agreed that the Facilities Committee will consult with others, configure the new campus and report their recommendations back to the Board. The Committee will consist of 12 individuals as follows: 3 Board of Education Members (Walker, Bellar and Hare); 3 Administrators, (Reese, Young and Hugill); 3 Staff

members, (1 from each building to be chosen by the staff); and 3 parents, (1 from each building to be chosen by the principal).

**MODULARS**

By consensus, Dr. Black will travel to Kansas City and other locations to view on-site new and used modulars and report back to the Board.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

By consensus, there will be a special board of education meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010. The Facilities Committee and Dr. Black will report their findings to the board.

**PERSONNEL**

There were no personnel matters for action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:15 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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