

MINUTES-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education held Monday, January 12, 2009, at 7:30 PM, at the West Elk Jr/Sr High School, in Howard, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Marty Taliaferro, President
Vicky Wedman, Vice-president
Jim Roebuck
Connie Russell
Casey Smith
Roxane Walker
Robert Wolfe

OTHERS

Debbie Lane
Mary Mericle
Peggy Bellar
Liz Hendricks
Boyd Koehn
Talon Nordquist
Caitlin Juairé
Joshua Kessinger
Debra Zellner
Lynne Thompson
Ed Klock

ADMINISTRATORS

Bert Moore, Supt./Dir. Sp. Ed.
Corey Reese, Principal
Shirley Hugill, Principal
Pam Leiker, Principal
Anna Beth Fish, Business Mgr./Clerk

OTHERS

Lynne Miller
Susan Galvan
Mike Bellar
Kendee Heck
Matt Hilton
Gina Wilson
Kimberly Varney
Dane Varney
Julie Young
Dana Taliaferro
Allan Milbradt

OTHERS

Paula McAlister
Baily Adams
Dianne Boles
David Whetstone
Beth Jones
Nancy Barker
Robin Jackson
Tim Rogers
Charlie Hall
Sheila Huntington
Christy Tyler
Don Smith
Patrick Perkins
Byrdee Miller
Kate Perkins
Dan Cookson
Dana Mills
Tim Moore
Debbie Zellner
Kathy Price

President Taliaferro opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Wedman to approve the agenda with the addition of IIC-Resolution-Commerce Bank. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Smith to approve the consent agenda including minutes of a regular meeting held December 8, 2008; January bills totaling \$85,281.55; and January payroll of \$404,370.96; and a resolution for Commerce Bank Visa Credit Card designating Bert Moore and Paula McAlister as card holders for West Elk USD #282. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

SEVERY SPOTLIGHT

Pam Leiker, Severy Principal, gave a report on the activities she has started at Severy Elementary.

PBA ARCHITECTS

Ed Klock of PBA, reported on the plans/study of a possible bond issue for an elementary school attached to the West Elk Jr/Sr High School and updates to WEHS. There will be a meeting of the Facilities Advisory Committee on January 26, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Severy Multi Purpose Room. There will also be a

walk through of the facilities on January 20 at 6:00 PM at Severy; 7:00 PM at West Elk Jr/Sr High School; and 8:00 PM at Moline.

BREAK

At 8:48 PM, President Taliaferro called a 10 minute break. The board reconvened at 8:58 PM.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Superintendent Moore reported that the hand rails are installed; the water filtration system at Severy is installed; the plumbing bid for Severy is being worked on; the parking lot at WEHS has had potholes filled; the dirt work is done at the baseball field; and EMC Insurance has done an inspection of all the building roofs in the district.

EMC Insurance reported that the existing roof at Moline needs replaced, WEHS needs some repair, and Severy Elementary needs some preventative maintenance. It was the consensus of the Board to seek bids on roof replacement at Moline.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Superintendent Moore gave the Board two options for the 2009-2010 school calendar. One calendar was the same as the 2008-2009 calendar, and the other designated a four day week. The four day week calendar reduces the by 14 days making 150 instructional days. The 4 day week calendar would save approximately \$70,000. (copies of calendars attached)

SCHOOL FINANCE

Superintendent Moore reported that the Governor will announce her budget recommendations for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 January 13, 2009. She will allow spreadsheets to go out to the superintendents at 3:00 PM, and Dale Dennis will present the information at Greenbush on ITV.

APPOINT CLERK OF THE BOARD

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Roebuck to appoint Paula McAlister Clerk of the Board of Education effective February 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

APPOINT KPERS AGENT

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Russell to appoint Paula McAlister as the KPERS Designated Agent effective February 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

APPOINT CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Roebuck to appoint Paula McAlister as the Custodian of Records effective February 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

FFA REQUEST

Talon Nordquist and Baily Adams presented a request to extend the FFA farm using the northwest corner of the property (old softball practice field). Mr. Reese told the Board he would like to have the decision delayed until he had talked to the Athletic Director and coaches. Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to table a decision. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS

Mr. Reese requested to implement positive behavior supports at WEHS including an earned 7 minute break in the afternoon at the end of primetime. Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Russell to approve Mr. Reese’s request. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

DONATIONS TO MOLINE ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

Motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Roebuck to accept the donations per attached to the Moline Elementary Library. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:45 PM, motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Smith to meet in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel and students to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals and to include Mr. Moore, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Hugill, and Mrs. Leiker. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:00 PM, the Board reconvened into open session, at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to extend the time to 10:10 PM. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:10 PM, the Board reconvened into open session, at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded Wolfe to extend the session till 10:15 PM. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). The Board reconvened into open session at 10:15 PM.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Smith to accept a resignation from Stacy Taylor-Sedan Para. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Russell to approve the employment of Kristin Hartley-Sedan Para. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

STUDENTS

Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to approve alternate graduation requirements for a student per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 PM, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD
