

MINUTES-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education held Monday, February 9, 2009, at 7:30 PM, at the West Elk District Office, in Howard, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Marty Taliaferro, President
Vicky Wedman, Vice-president
Jim Roebuck
Connie Russell
Casey Smith (Arrived @ 8:03)
Roxane Walker
Robert Wolfe

ADMINISTRATORS

Bert Moore, Supt./Dir. Sp. Ed.
Corey Reese, Principal
Shirley Hugill, Principal
Pam Leiker, Principal
Paula McAlister, Business Mgr./Clerk

OTHERS

Christy Tyler
Don Smith
Byrdee Miller
Dianne Boles
Gina Wilson

OTHERS

Chris Haag
Carla Hilton
Kate Perkins
Liz Hendricks
David Whetstone

OTHERS

David Griesel
Matt Hilton
Juli Young
Erin Riggs

OTHERS

Nathan Cooley
Debbie Lane
Tim Moore
Venessa Hogan

President Taliaferro opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Walker to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Wedman to approve the consent agenda including minutes of a regular meeting held January 12, 2009; February bills totaling \$88,490.29; and February payroll of \$422,027.18. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

WEST ELK SPOTLIGHT

David Griesel and Nathan Cooley gave highlights on the current agricultural programs and activities at West Elk. Copy of handout attached.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Superintendent Moore reported that Ray's Roofing will inspect the roofs at West Elk, Moline and Severy this week and get repair bids to Mike; the oldest freezer at West Elk is down and parts have been ordered. No food was lost and the food is being temporarily stored at Severy. Mike has not yet received plumbing bids for Severy.

Mr. Moore also reported that the tile in the common's area at the high school is coming up. Mike is working with the architect and the contractor to have the floor repaired and covered under warranty.

FACILITIES – LONG RANGE PLANNING

Site Council meetings were held at each building on February 4, 2009. Reports from each were given. Handouts presented at Moline and Severy meeting attached hereto.

The board discussed many options for long term and short term planning due to declining enrollment and cuts in funding. By consensus the board agreed to have a Facilities Advisory Committee meeting on February 23, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at Severy Grade School.

TORNADO SAFETY ROOM

Elk County Emergency Preparedness Director, Byrdee Miller was present to answer questions about the Mitigation Plan application. It was the consensus of the board that the application for West Elk High School should be pursued and PBA should be contacted to assist with the application.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Moore discussed the expected cuts in state aid for the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year and possible deeper cuts for 2009/2010.

The 21st Century Grant was presented. This grant would provide funds for enrichment programs for 5 years. This grant would need to be written by a qualified grant writer.

BREAK

At 9:22 PM, President Taliaferro called a 10 minute break. The board reconvened at 9:37 PM.

ACCEPT DONATIONS

Wedman moved and Smith second that the Board accept the gift of the American Flag in the Board Room from Retired Clerk, Anna Beth Fish and the Minard Monical Scholarship Donation in the approximate sum of \$41,000.00. Motion passed (7-0)

FFA REQUEST

Roebuck moved to accept the FFA Farm Expansion Request as tabled from the January 12, 2009 meeting. Russell seconded and motion passed (7-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:40 PM, motion was made by Smith and seconded by Wolfe to meet in executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel, negotiations and students to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals and to include Mr. Moore, Shirley Hugill, Pam Leiker, Corey Reese and Paula McAlister. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:12 PM, the Board reconvened into open session, at which time a motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Smith to extend the time to 10:42 PM. and include Mr. Moore and Shirley Hugill. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:25 p.m. Pam Leiker was asked to join executive session.

At 10:40 Hugill left executive session.

At 10:42 Leiker left executive session.

At 10:43 PM, the Board reconvened into open session, at which time a motion was made by Smith and seconded by Russell to extend the time to 10:58 PM and include Mr. Reese. (Motion carried unanimously (7-0)).

At 10:59 PM, the Board reconvened into open session and declared a 5 minute break.

At 11:04 PM, the Board reconvened into open session, at which time Taliaferro moved and Wolfe seconded 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 and Mr. Reese. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 11:19 PM, the Board reconvened into open session, at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Smith to extend the time to 11:24 PM. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 11:25 PM, the Board reconvened into open session, at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Walker to extend the time to 11:29 PM. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:30 PM.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Wedman to accept a resignation from Melissa Moreno-West Elk High School Para. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Russell to approve the employment of Garrison David Heck- Elk Valley Preschool Para; Alisa Hutton – Sedan Para; Amy Brown – West Elk High School Para and Teri Deshane – Severy Para. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Smith to employee Joanna Kessinger as High School English teacher for the 2009-2010 school year and to employee Megan Marmor as Speech Language Pathologist for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Russell to non renew through reduction in force Nichelle Rader, Cynthia Foster and Jeffery Jarred for the 2009/2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Smith the non renewal of non-tenured teachers Robert Rodgers and K. Mike Miller for the 2009/2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:35 PM, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD
