

**MINUTES**-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, March 8, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., at the West Elk District Office, Howard, Kansas.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marty Taliaferro, President  
Jim Roebuck, Vice-President  
Mike Bellar  
Dr. Robert Black (7:34 p.m.)  
Roxane Walker  
Robert Wolfe

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**OTHERS**

Debra Stange  
Mike McLean  
Matt Hilton  
Kayla Harrod  
Katie Kill  
Nathan Cooley

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**

Shelly Hare

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Walker moved to accept the Agenda as printed. Roebuck seconded, motion passed unanimously (5-0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Wolfe to approve the consent agenda as printed with the addition of "**O. Title I**" to Information/Discussion Item including the following: Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting February 8, 2010 and Special Board Meeting February 15, 2010; Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report - Bills: \$69,372.41 and Payroll: \$417,402.05. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**SPOTLIGHT – FACS/FCCLA**

Kate Kill has been elected to a District FCCLA office.

**FACILITIES**

Mansard: A bid for repairing and painting the mansard should be delivered next week. Walker asked that we request a bid for painting the district office/bus barn as well.

**MODULARS**

Mr. Reese received the site plan on the modulars. Corrections were made to the plan and returned for modification. The architect should be able to deliver the final plans to KSDE next week.

The Contractors have been contacted per the list compiled at last month's board meeting. Bellar suggested that the water drainage problem at the east corner of the breeze-way be corrected while the site prep work is being done.

### **RIF PROCEDURES**

Mr. Reese explained Reduction in Force. Samples of the required Resolution and Notice were included in this month's board packet. RIF will be an action item in April.

### **SCHOOL FINANCE**

Mr. Reese explained that we will not know until April what our final budget dollars are for the 2009/2010 school year. More cuts on the BSAP are expected. Further cuts are also expected into the 2010/2011 school year as well. Current budget is built on a BSAP of \$4012. Next year's budget is being prepared with BSAP of \$3726 and worst case scenario of \$3450.00.

### **GIFT ACCEPTANCE**

Megan Haag has received notification that she will receive a 6 X 9 Literacy Rug funded through [www.donorschoose.org](http://www.donorschoose.org). Mrs. Haag applied for the grant project earlier this school year. A picture of the rug is attached hereto.

### **AUDITOR**

Mr. Reese advised that the annual audit fee charged by Randy Ford of Busby, Ford & Reimer, LLC has increased \$250.00 for the 2009/2010 audit.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL**

Mr. Reese recommended that summer school be shortened from 4 to 2 weeks depending on budget cuts. Bellar suggested that summer school be held in August immediately prior to school's start rather than in June. Mr. Reese advised that summer school needed to remain in June this fiscal year, but could certainly be considered for an August program in the 2010/2011 school year.

### **DRIVER'S EDUCATION**

Mr. Reese recommended that Driver's Education will be taken out of the summer schedule and built into the master schedule for the 2010/2011 school year.

### **EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)**

Mr. Reese explained that ESY is a special education program continuing into the summer for students with a qualifying I.E.P.

### **EXTENDED CONTRACTS**

Currently 2 Career & Tech Ed teachers are offered extended days to cover out-of-school and summer activities. Mr. Reese recommended that these extended days be reduced by 33%.

### **ITENERANTS**

Special Education Itinerants receive 15 extended days on their Contracts to be used 10 before school starts for pre-school screenings and I.E.P. and 5 days after school is out

to finalize their paperwork. Mr. Reese recommended that these supplemental contracted days be reduced by 33%.

### **PARENTS AS TEACHERS**

Due to budget constraints, Mr. Reese recommended that Parents as Teachers program administrated through Greenbush be discontinued at the end of the 2009/2010 school year.

### **ACTIVITY BUS**

Mr. Reese announced that Jr. High sports practice may be worked into the master schedule allowing sports practice during the day. This schedule would allow the students to ride the route buses home and eliminate the need for the activity bus.

### **FFA WORK AUCTION**

The FFA has requested they be allowed to hold their annual "Work Auction" on Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

### **TITLE I**

Steps are being taken to become school wide Title I. Becoming school wide Title I benefits all students. Title I currently serves elementary only.

### **SPOTLIGHT**

Kayla Harrod, FCCLA President and Kate Kill, FCCLA Vice-President was present to talk about the growing FCCLA program and the activities the members have participated in.

### **BREAK**

At 8:36 p.m. Taliaferro declared a 10 minute break.

At 8:46 p.m. Taliaferro declared the meeting back into open session

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:47 p.m. a motion was made by Black and seconded by Roebuck to meet in executive session for 10 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 (6-0).

At 8:58 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 9:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At 9:09 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to continue the session until 9:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At 9:19 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to continue the session until 9:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At 9:19 p.m. Corey Reese exited Executive Session

At 9:24 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Bellar to continue the session until 9:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

The Board adjourned executive session 9:29 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **GIFT ACCEPTANCE**

Bellar moved to accept the Literacy Rug from Donors Choose to be used in Megan Haag's Kindergarten classroom. Black seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously (6-0).

#### **AUDITOR**

Roebuck moved to extend the Contract with Randy Ford of Busby, Ford & Reimer, LLC at a cost of \$6,000.00 per year and up to \$1,000.00 in budget preparation consulting fees (@ \$80.00 per hour) for another three years. Taliaferro seconded and motion passed unanimously.

#### **FFA WORK AUCTION**

Black moved to allow the FFA Work Auction to be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Bellar seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

#### **PERSONNEL**

Roebuck moved to accept the resignations of Cristine Warring, WEHS Math/Business Teacher; Melissa Brady Elk Valley Para and Leah Hernandez, Moline Resource Room Para. Black seconded and motion passed unanimously (6-0).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:35 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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