

MINUTES-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, April 12, 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
Shelly Hare
Roxane Walker
Robert Wolfe

ADMINISTRATION

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

OTHERS

Brian Rose
Debra Stange
Debbie Lane
Nancy Nobles
Colby Nobles
Cody Jones
Tanner Weber
Michelle Weber
Helen Taliaferro
Matt Hilton
Denim Lanning
Kevin Love
Susan Galvan

OTHERS

Leigh Ann Camper
Broker Whittaker
Gary Whittaker
Geena Mericle
Kayla Jacobs
Janessa Jones

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. Bellar seconded, motion passed unanimously (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Wolfe to approve the consent agenda as printed including the following: Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting March 8, 2010; Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report - Bills: \$59,651.36 and Payroll: \$406,992.38. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

President Taliaferro expressed his condolences to the family of Evelyn Allen, West Elk Jr/Sr High School kitchen employee, who passed away unexpectedly last week.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

SPOTLIGHT – KAKE READING CARAVAN

KAKE TV and EMC Insurance presented the Moline Elementary Library a check for \$500.00 last week. New books will be purchased for the elementary library. Susan Peters with KAKE TV also signed autographs. Ms. Peters was presented with a gift basket of items made in Elk County. The presentation was aired on KAKE TV on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

FUNDAY

Wee Pats is hosting a Funday for the elementary students at West Elk Jr/Sr High School on Friday, May 21, 2010. The day will include fun educational activities lead by the

faculty and various high school organizations. The day will allow the elementary students and staff an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the campus.

FCCLA TRIP TO CHICAGO

Bobbie Qualls, FCCLA Sponsor has requested permission to attend the national FCCLA convention in Chicago this summer. Two students would also attend. She also requested that her registration and room fees in the amount of \$1440.00 be paid by the District. Fees and lodging for the students will be paid by FCCLA.

CTE ADVISORY COUNCILS

Mr. Reese discussed the CTE Advisory Council functions and the amount of paperwork involved in applying for and receiving the VE-2 funding. A list of members of each committee was provided in the board packet.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER UTILITY EASEMENT

David Criger has requested the district grant an easement on the district's north property line to allow for sewer hook-up for the new Family Life Center.

TENTATIVE DRAFT CALENDAR

The proposed 2010/2011 tentative draft calendar was reviewed.

MOLINE & SEVERY BUILDINGS

Gary Whittaker was present on behalf of the City of Severy. The City of Severy is interested in acquiring the entire Severy Elementary campus. The gymnasium would be used by citizens for walking and to hold meetings. The old Pre-K building could be used by the 4-H club and the scout organizations. The City currently maintains the ball field (mowing, fertilizing etc.) and has invested City monies for many years. The City is very interested in obtaining the ball field.

Corey Reese spoke on behalf of Traci Smith who was unable to attend. Last year the Severy ball clubs had over 80 children participate. Summer ball is very important to the Severy area. She would like for the board to donate the ball field to the City of Severy.

Site Council Report. Shirley Hugill held Site Council Meetings at Severy on March 26 and Moline on March 27. Discussions at both meetings included how to transition to one campus for students and staff, a ground breaking ceremony for the buildings and the construction schedule. Severy's Council is very concerned about the ball field and wanted to make sure the board knew how important it is to the residents of Severy. Severy would also like to schedule a Reunion/Night of Remembrance before the facility is closed.

UNITED COUNTRY REALTY

Brian Rose with United Country Realty was present. His company has sold approximately 30 school buildings through traditional auction sales. Some of the

buildings sold have been converted to manufacturing, alternative schools and residences.

OXFORD SENIOR PROPERTY

Mr. Reese has been in contact with Jason Wiley of Oxford Senior Property. This company purchases old school buildings and turns them into senior living facilities.

SEVERY GRADUATION PHOTOS

Marty Taliaferro had been contacted about the Severy High School graduation pictures and some trophies currently housed in the Severy gymnasium. Discussion was held regarding who should be given possession of those items. No decision was made.

Bellar asked who owned the tables and chairs stored in the Severy gym. Gary Whittaker was certain they were owned by Severy Coop and had been housed in the gym for the last 30 plus years.

Wolfe mentioned that the Moline Alumni Association owns tables and chairs currently stored at Moline Elementary. The Association's tables and chairs are clearly marked.

The board directed administration to investigate what furniture or equipment is owned by outside persons housed at the elementary facilities.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

MODULAR INTERCOM SYSTEM

It is Mr. Reese's understanding that we cannot connect intercoms from the modulators to the existing system. The alternative would be hand held radios or a separate but parallel system. McClelland Sound Inc has submitted an estimate for new equipment and installation totaling \$10,377.47. Simplex Grinnel submitted an estimate for \$9,670.00 but this does not include labor. The equipment listed is not the same as the McClelland Sound.

Much discussion was had regarding the intercom systems. The Board asked Mr. Reese to have Mike McLean look at the existing intercoms in the elementary buildings to: (1) see if any part or parts of those systems could be reused in the new buildings, (2) clarify the estimates from both companies and (3) check with both companies to see if a local contractor can install their systems or would that void the warranty.

MODULAR PLAN SUBMITTED TO KSDE

Mr. Reese advised that he had received the final draft from the architect last Friday and he had forwarded it on to KSDE for their approval. The Board asked that they be notified when KSDE provides a response.

MANSARD PAINTING

Mike McLean received an estimate from Wilcox Painting to power wash and repaint the mansard at the Jr/Sr High campus based on its existing condition. No repair work is

included in the estimate. The board, by consensus, instructed Mr. Reese to hire a contractor to make the necessary wood and metal repairs to ready the mansard for painting.

BREAK

At 8:59 p.m. Taliaferro declared a 10 minute break.

At 9:10 p.m. Taliaferro declared the meeting back into open session

INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS CONT.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SCHOOL FINANCE

Mr. Reese reported that the legislature will release a financial report this coming Friday. Mr. Moore was present to explain the reduction to Special Education State Aid that will occur during the 2011/2012 school year due to SB 359 and HB 2600. The reduction to the Special Education Cooperative is approximately \$116,000.00. He and the Cooperative Board, consisting of West Elk Superintendent, Corey Reese, Sedan/Chautauqua County Superintendent, Scott Hills and Elk Valley Superintendent, Art Haibon are reviewing options and the positions it could effect.

TEACHER COMPENSATION PACK/MOVE

With the new building configurations, 27 of 33 teaching staff members will be moving to a different classroom. The teachers are being asked to pack their rooms and the summer maintenance crew will do the moving. Mr. Reese asked the board if they would compensate the teachers for their time in packing up their classrooms. No additional teacher salary funds were budgeted. Wolfe asked if there were enough hours in the calendar to close school a few days early to allow the teachers time to pack their classrooms.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL FOR 2010/2011

President Taliaferro announced that he had forgotten to incorporate appointing Mr. Reese as the Elementary Principal for 2010/2011 when the motion was made and approved at the Special Board Meeting February 15, 2010 to extend Mr. Reese's contract as Superintendent to June 30, 2012.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:49 p.m. a motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Black to meet in executive session for 30 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 Mr. Corey Reese and Mr. Bert Moore. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:19 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 10:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Moore exited Executive Session at 10:19 p.m.

At 10:39 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Walker to continue the session for an additional 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:44 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 10:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:45 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Walker to continue the session until 10:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:50 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 10:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:55 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Walker to continue the session until 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 11:00 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 11:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board adjourned executive session at 11:05 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

FCCLA TRIP TO CHICAGO

Bellar moved to pay 50% of the \$1,440.00 requested by Mrs. Qualls for the Chicago convention and that the district provide the van and fuel. Roebuck seconded. Motion failed (3-4). (Taliaferro, Wolfe, Hare & Walker against)

Black moved to approve 50% of the lodging, \$360.00 registration fee, and provide a van and fuel with the understanding that they try to car pool with another district. Bellar seconded. Motion failed. (3-) (Taliaferro, Wolfe, Hare & Walker against)

Taliaferro moved to fund the FCCLA Chicago trip as proposed including a van and fuel, but that Mr. Reese look into other districts to share the costs. Hare seconded the motion and motion passed. (4-3) (Bellar, Roebuck & Black against).

TENATIVE 2010/2011 DRAFT CALENDAR

Roebuck moved to approve the tentative 2010/2011 draft calendar. Hare seconded and motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

SPEC AND BID MANSARD PROJECT

Bellar moved to authorize Mr. Reese to have the wood repairs and other metal repairs done and to solicit bids to paint the mansard. Roebuck seconded. Motion passed unanimously (7-0)

SEVERY/MOLINE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Taliaferro moved to table any decision regarding the elementary buildings and their campuses. Wolfe seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

PERSONNEL

Roebuck moved to approve teacher 2010/2011 contract renewals per attached list. Hare seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

Hare moved to non renew the contract of Kelly Mike Miller for the 2010/2011 school year. Roebuck seconded and motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

Hare moved to non renew the contract of Sally J. Morgan for the 2010/2011 school year. Roebuck seconded and motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

Taliaferro moved to offer Mr. Bert Moore, Special Education Director, a contract for the year 2010/2011 in the amount of \$55,000.00 per the recommendation of the Cooperative Board in lieu of the existing contract with standard membership fees, vacation and fringe. Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

REDUCE EXTENDED CONTRACTS BY 1/3

Bellar moved to the reduce Extended Contracts as follows: Special Education Itinerants from 15 to 10 days; Vo-Ag Instructor from 20 to 10 days and FACS Instructor from 10 to 5 days. Black seconded the motion. Motion passed. (6-1) (Hare against)

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Black moved to include Driver's Education in the master calendar for the school year 2010/2011. Hare seconded and motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

FAMILY LIFE CENTER UTILITY EASEMENT

Roebuck moved to approve a sewer easement to the Family Life Center on the north side of the district's property. Bellar seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

TEACHER PACK/MOVE COMPENSATION

Wolfe moved to reduce the 2009/2010 school year by 2 days as compensation to the teachers to pack their classrooms that will be moved for the 2010/2011 school year. Hare seconded. Motion passed (6-1) (Bellar against)

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 will be the student's last day. Wednesday, May 26, 2010 will be teacher workday.

PERSONNEL CONTINUED

Roebuck moved to appoint Corey Reese as the Elementary Principal (K-6) for the 2010/2011 school year. Wolfe seconded and motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

Taliaferro moved to increase the 2010/2011 salary of Paula McAlister to \$33,000.00. Hare seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-3). (Bellar, Roebuck & Black against)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:31 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD

