

**MINUTES**-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education held Monday, April 13, 2009, at 7:30 PM, at the West Elk High School Cafeteria, in Howard, Kansas.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marty Taliaferro, President  
Vicky Wedman, Vice-president  
Jim Roebuck  
Connie Russell  
Casey Smith  
Roxane Walker (7:35 pm)  
Robert Wolfe

**ADMINISTRATORS**

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

**OTHERS**

Debra Stange  
Ethan Zimmerman  
Hannah Zimmerman  
Maria Zimmerman  
Christine Tyler  
Don Smith

**OTHERS**

Venessa Hogan  
Kate Perkins  
Juli Young  
Patrick Perkins  
Matt Hilton  
Lesa Schroeder  
Jewel Schroeder

**OTHERS**

Doug Allison  
Jason Van Hecke  
Ed Klock  
Allan Milbradt  
Ben Hutton  
Brett Bud  
Greg Vahrenberg

President Taliaferro opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Roebuck to approve the consent agenda including minutes of a regular meeting held March 9, 2009 as amended and minutes of Special Meeting held March 23, 2009; April bills totaling \$81,213.23; and April payroll of \$417,806.62. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**SEVERY SPOTLIGHT**

Students, Hannah Zimmerman and Jewel Schroeder talked about the SCOOT program at Severy Elementary.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Superintendent Moore reported that Mike is still waiting on the results of the analysis of the tile taken from the commons area sent to Fritz Tile.

**TORNADO SAFETY ROOMS – MITIGATION PLANNING**

Mr. Moore reminded the Board that the Mitigation Plan application for FEMA assistance with a safe room is currently with PBA Architects.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Elementary Teacher Collaboration Plan: Mrs. Hugill announced that the elementary teachers will meet May 11 to collaborate and plan for elementary classes for the 2009/2010 school year.

Transition Plan – Meetings for Elementary Students/Parents: Severy Elementary will host an Open House for next year's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and their parents on April 28, 2009. Moline elementary will host an Open House for next year's 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents on May 8. On May 5, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades from Severy will go to Moline Elementary to visit the classroom and see the lockers. Mrs. Leiker will use this time to introduce herself to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades.

Legislative Update: Mr. Moore announced that the state is expecting a 38 million dollar shortfall in education funding for the 2009/2010 school year. Reduction in state aid is expected to be cut at least \$315 per F.T.E.

Application for the COPS grant is being worked on. The grant would include exterior and interior monitoring equipment connected directly to the Sheriff's Office. The Elk County Sheriff's Office has submitted their required information. If West Elk should receive this grant, the local funds required would be approximately \$92,000.00 which amount could be paid over two years.

Indian Grant: Mrs. Hugill has finished writing the Indian Grant and the expected award for 2009/2010 is \$14,000.00. Mrs. Hugill is required to evaluate the grant program and attend training sessions annually.

Elk County Mitigation Plan: The "Plan" is available for viewing at the Courthouse in Howard and the Libraries in Grenola, Longton and Moline.

## **FACILITY DISCUSSION**

Board Subcommittee Report: Casey Smith reviewed with the Board the meeting from April 3. Ideas and sketches from this meeting were forwarded to all Board Members, WDM Architects and PBA Architects.

Board Invited Architecture Firms:

Doug Allison and Jason Van Hecke from WDM Architects presented a preliminary design for a new elementary and practice gym.

By Board consensus, a special meeting to meet with WDM Architects for further discussion was set for Friday, April 24, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m. at the District Office

At 9:17 p.m., President Taliaferro declared a 10 minute break.

At 9:27 p.m., the meeting was called back into session.

Board Invited Architecture Firms:

Ed Klock and Allan Milbradt with PBA Architects presented a preliminary design for a new elementary and safe room. Ben Hutton and Brett Bud of Hutton Construction and Greg Vahrenberg of PiperJaffray were also involved with the presentation.

By Board consensus, a special meeting to meet with PBA Architects for further discussion was set for Tuesday, April 28, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m. at the District Office.

Transportation Handbook for 2009/2010 was reviewed and discussed.

At 11:12 p.m., President Taliaferro declared a 10 minute break.

At 11:22 p.m, the meeting was called back into open session.

### **LOCAL OPTION BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Taliaferro moved and Russell seconded raising the Local Option Budget (LOB) to the full maximum authority of 31%. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:25 p.m., motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Smith to meet in the Library in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel, negotiations and students to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals and to include Mr. Moore, and Corey Reese. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

At 11:35 p.m., the board moved back to the cafeteria.

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:37 p.m.

### **PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Russell and seconded by Walker to accept the retirement of Judi Thomas – Sedan Para. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Russell to approve the employment of Kyle Williams – Head High School Girls Basketball Coach for the 2009/2010 school year; Cody Mast – Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach for the 2009/2010 school year and Kelly Hines – Head Junior High Cheer Sponsor for the 2009/2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Roebuck to approve the Student Issues per attached list. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:40 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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