

MINUTES-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education held Monday, April 14, 2008, at 7:30 PM, at the District Office in Howard, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATORS

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

OTHERS

Alex Portenier
Kendee Heck
Cade Miller
Karsten Walker

OTHERS

Debbie Lane
Larami Courter
Sheila Huntington
Elizabeth Hendricks
Tyler Williams
Blair Lowe
Matt Olsman
Sam Clattenburg
Chris Montgomery

At 7:30 PM, President Marty Taliaferro called the meeting to order with everyone joining in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Taliaferro read correspondence from the Bryant W. Mackey family and Cindy Harvey.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Jim Roebuck and seconded by Vicky Wedman to approve the agenda with the addition of V-C. State Music Contest. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Vicky Wedman and seconded by Casey Smith to approve the consent agenda including minutes from March 10, March 11, March 13, March 25, and March 26, 2008; April bills totaling \$89,772.75; April payroll of \$378,829.46; KASB Membership dues and legal assistant fees; and the FCCLA Overnight Field Trip. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

ELK KONNECTED OVERVIEW

Liz Hendricks, representing Elk Konnected , spoke to the Board about the progress the community group has been making with the various action teams that were formed to strengthen the communities of Elk Falls, Grenola, Howard, Longton, Moline, and Severy.

MOLINE SPOTLIGHT

Sheila Huntington, second grade teacher at Moline Elementary School, and her students Cade Miller, Karsten Walker, and Chis Montgomery demonstrated the work they had been doing with the Bal-A-Vis-A Program, which works on balance and vision in action. The Board and patrons participated in the demonstration.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Mr. Moore reported that there would be approximately 12 heater/AC units that will be replaced at West Elk JR/Sr High School.

The Severy lawn is being repaired after the vandalism.

We have a proposal for painting the gym at WEHS totaling \$17,900. It was the consensus of the Board to advertise for other proposals.

Mike McLean is getting a proposal for a new gym floor at WEHS.

The proposal for replacement of the Moline multi-purpose room tile floor is \$18,950.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Mr. Moore reported that West Elk will be using a consortium based in Caney for the management of the Carl Perkins funds for the 2008-09 school year.

Classroom space is needed at WEHS for English and Math. There is a possibility of buying a portable unit to house the classrooms.

Mr. Moore would like to start an alternative school for seriously disruptive students. The school could be housed in part of the portables.

SNOW DAYS

It was the consensus of the Board not to make up the extra days that were missed due to bad weather.

RECESS

At 8:51 PM, President Taliaferro called a ten minute recess. The Board reconvened at 9:01 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Rob Wolfe to approve a proposal from Vitzcom for the replacement of the tile floor in the multi-purpose room at Moline Elementary. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:06 PM, motion was made by Casey Smith and seconded by Jim Roebuck to meet in executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel and students to protect the privacy of identifiable individuals; negotiations to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position, and to include Bert Moore and Shirley Hugill. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:36 PM, at which time a motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Rob Wolfe to extend the session till 9:46 PM. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:46 PM. Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Vicky Wedman to extend the session for 10 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:01 PM. Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Rob Wolfe to extend the session for 10 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Shirley Hugill left the session at 10:07 PM.

The Board reconvened into executive session at 10:11 PM. Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Rob Wolfe to extend the session for 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:16 PM. Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Vicky Wedman to extend the session for 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:21 PM. Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Roxane Walker to extend the time for 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Rob Wolfe and seconded by Casey Smith to approve the resignation of Marjorie Boling-Para, Moline; the retirement of Janet Guthrie-FACS, WEHS; and the resignation of David Miller-Jr. High Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Vicky Wedman and seconded by Jim Roebuck to employ for the Summer of 2008: Pat Simmons, Drivers Education at \$25 per hour; Sheila Huntington, Linda Scott, Mary Mericle, Gina Wilson, Lynne Miller, Kate Perkins, Cammie Hoover, and Cathy Barrett as Elementary At Risk and Title I Summer School Teachers. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Connie Russell and seconded by Marty Taliaferro to employ Melanie Vail as the FACS Teacher. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Casey Smith and seconded by Connie Russell to amend Pam Leiker's contract per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Jim Roebuck and seconded by Connie Russell to hire all full-time itinerant staff as recommended by the Cooperative Superintendents per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Vicky Wedman and seconded by Roxane Walker to amend the Superintendent's contract to one year per Mr. Moore's request. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Jim Roebuck and seconded by Casey Smith to provide the supervisors Mike McLean and Debra Stange a 4% increase per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Vicky Wedman and seconded by Jim Roebuck to increase Anna Beth Fish's contract per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Rob Wolfe and seconded by Connie Russell to approve an immediate raise to \$100 per day for substitute teachers. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

STATE MUSIC CONTEST

Motion was made by Marty Taliaferro and seconded by Connie Russell to approve the overnight trip to the State Music Contest in Concordia. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:41 PM, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD
