

MINUTES-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education held Monday, May 11, 2009, at 7:30 PM, at the District Office in Howard, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Marty Taliaferro, President
Vicky Wedman, Vice-president
Jim Roebuck
Casey Smith
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

Christine Tyler
Don Smith
Shelly Hare
Juli Young
Matt Hilton
Deb Stange
Caitlin JuAire
Kaylee Perkins
Taylor Lowe

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Connie Russell

OTHERS PRESENT

Don Seaton
Penny Swanson

Teresa Gorman

Kyle Williams

President Taliaferro opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Wedman to approve the agenda as printed with the addition and adoption of V. Action Items "C. Bond Issue/Bond Consultant" and F. Auditor Addendum for Budget Preparation Support \$1,000.00". Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Smith to approve the consent agenda including minutes of a regular meeting held April 13, 2009 and minutes of Special Meetings held April 24, 2009 and April 28, 2009; May bills totaling \$60,056.18; and May payroll of \$441,970.09. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

WEST ELK JR/SR HIGH SPOTLIGHT

Juli Young, Don Seaton, Teresa Gorman, Kyle Williams and Penny Swanson presented the School Improvement Plan. A copy of the power point presentation is attached.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Floor Tile at West Elk Jr/Sr High: The moisture sample will be done after school is out for the summer and sent to Fritz Tile.

Freezer at West Elk Jr/Sr High: The compressor is out of the big freezer at the high school. The repairs should be covered by warranty. No food loss as all food was moved to the other freezer.

Heat Exchanger: There are several heat exchangers that will be replaced in the next few weeks.

FOUR DAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

The possibility of a 4 day week for the 2009/2010 was discussed. No action was taken.

ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Supervisor, Debra Stange discussed the 2.5 mile rule and advised the board she can reduce bus stops for the 2009/2010 school year. The board advised Stange to reduce transportation costs. The board reiterated that travel was to be restricted, as they have stated in the past. Mr. Reese and Mrs. Young will work with Transportation Supervisor to reduce sports and other activity travel for the 2009/2010 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Legislative Update: Mr. Moore advised that the KPERS rules for retired employees will change if HB 2072 passes. The projected base state aid per pupil for 2009/2010 will be \$4,280.00. State aid for Capital Outlay will be suspended for one year.

Draft Calendar – Date Change Request: Mr. Reese is recommending that March 8 be a non-school date in order to host the SCBL Music Contest. The March 1 non-school day has been moved to March 8.

Summer School – ESY 2009: Moline and Severy Elementary will hold a 3 week summer program for Title I and At-Risk students beginning on June 8 and running through June 26. Students will be in session from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Each school will have approximately 20 students.

West Elk Jr/Sr High School will hold summer school for At-Risk students from June 1 through June 26. Extended School Year services will be offered for those students that have IEP's that indicate a need for ESY.

Building Security – Crisis Plan for 2009/2010: The Crisis Plan needs to be updated. The Board will need to appoint someone to serve on the committee that will develop the updated Crisis Plan for West Elk #282. This appointment will be made at the July meeting.

Music at the Elementary Buildings for 2009/2010: At this time the elementary schools do not have a teacher for next year. The Board needs to give administration an indication if they would like to fill the open position or place it on hold for one year. It was agreed to put the elementary music program on hold.

PowerSchool: Mr. Reese has been investigating changing Go/edu to another format for our student data base due to the slow processing of grade reports for students. He has contacted PowerSchool and they will meet with administration in the morning to provide a demonstration

of its capabilities. The estimated cost to change the entire district to PowerSchool is \$18,000.00.

US Government Food Service Equipment Assistance Grant: Grant opportunities are available to schools that could support the replacement or purchase of needed food service equipment. Food Service Director, Roslyn Stewart has applied for federal stimulus funds for a Hobart Dishware Machine at the cost of \$17,897.00. This machine would replace the 30 year old Dishware Machine at the high school.

FACILITY DISCUSSION

Casey Smith reviewed the Sub-Construction Meeting from May 1, 2009. It is the consensus of the committee to recommend to the Board to approve the Construction Manager (CM) Approach. In the event the bond issue does not pass, the Sub-Committee estimates that out-of-pocket expenses to the district could run \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00. Minutes from this meeting were given to the Board Members and are attached hereto.

Doug Allison with WDM Architects was present and provided the board with an updated Pre-Bond Project Schedule. Doug also handed out a draft of the Request for Qualifications that would need to be published in the local newspaper if the CM Approach is approved. If the CM Approach is approved, a Special Meeting would need to be scheduled and advertised in the local newspaper to give patrons the opportunity to express their opinion to such approach. A Special Meeting for Monday, May 18, 2009 was scheduled by board consensus.

BREAK

At 9:40 p.m. Taliaferro declared a 15 minute break.

At 9:55 p.m. meeting was called back into open session

TRANSPORTATION HANDBOOK

Roebuck moved and Wedman seconded approval of the 2009/2010 Transportation Handbook. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

WEST ELK JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK FOR 2009/2010

Juli Young presented proposed changes to the 2009/2010 West Elk Jr/Sr High School Handbook. After much discussion, Taliaferro moved to table approval of the handbook until the Special Board Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2009. Roebuck seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0).

BOND ISSUE/BOND CONSULTANT

Wedman moved to pursue a Bond Issue and to hire a Bond Consultant for assistance in the bond project. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER OR BID PROCESS FOR CONSTRUCTION

Roebuck moved to employ a Construction Manager for the bond project. Smith seconded and motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

PHYSICAL PROPERTY SURVEY

Wolfe moved to solicit bids to perform a physical survey for the construction project. Roebuck seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

AUDITOR ADDENDUM FOR BUDGET PREPARATION SUPPORT \$1,000

Walker moved to approve the Contract Addendum for Busby, Ford & Smith in the amount of \$1,000.00 to assist the district in preparing the 2009/2010 budget. Roebuck seconded and motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:24 p.m., motion was made by Smith and seconded by Wolfe to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel, negotiations and students to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals and to include Mr. Moore and Mr. Reese. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

At 10:45 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session, at which time a motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Wedman to extend the time to 11:05 p.m. and included Mr. Moore and Mr. Reese. Motion carried unanimously (6-0)

At 11:05 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session, at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Walker to extend the time to 11:15 p.m. and include Mr. Moore and Mr. Reese. Motion carried unanimously (6-0)

At 11:15 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session, at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to extend the time to 11:20 p.m. and include Mr. Moore and Mr. Reese. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

At 11:21 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session, at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to extend the time to 11:26 p.m. and include Mr. Moore and Mr. Reese. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:26 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Wolfe to accept the resignations from Cheryl Salisbury – High School Spirit Squad Sponsor, Dianne Boles – Junior Class Sponsor, Trina Cooley, Junior Class Sponsor and Jim Madison – Assistant Jr High Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Smith to accept the retirement of Floyd "Joe" Wagner – High School Custodian effective June 30, 2009. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Smith to employ Renae Triboulet – Assistant High School Volleyball Coach and Debbie Zellner – Post-Secondary Transition Planner for the 2009/2010 school year, to employ Shelia Huntington and Megan Haag – Moline Elementary Title I Summer School, Lynne Miller and Gina Wilson – Moline Elementary At-Risk Summer School, Laura Miller, Nichelle Rader, Kate Perkins and Linda Scott – Severy Elementary Title I/At-Risk Summer School, Dana Taliaferro and Jim Madison – West Elk Jr/Sr High School At-Risk Summer School, Debbie Zellner, Boyd Koehn, Linda Adams, Charlene Burns, Ann Mitchell and Linda Scott – Cooperative Staff for Extended School Year, Cody Mast, Charles Hall and Shilo Malone – Moline Elementary Summer Custodian Support Staff, Donna Madison, Alyssa Salisbury, Dalton Signer and Lucas Simmons – West Elk Summer Custodian Support Staff and Nancy Wade and Karen Lampson – Severy Elementary Summer Custodian Support Staff. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:32 p.m., the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD
