

MINUTES-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, July 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

ADMINISTRATION

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

OTHERS

Gina Wilson
Lynne Miller
David Whetstone
Ramona S. Perkins
Susan Galvan

OTHERS

Paula McAlister
Mike McLean
Mary Mericle
Debbie Lane
Christy Tyler
Don Smith
Kate Perkins
Angie Town
Lindsey Wiseman

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Roebuck nominated Taliaferro and Smith seconded the nomination as President for 2008-09. Wedman motioned that nominations cease. Wolfe seconded the motion and it carried (7-0). Taliaferro was elected (6-1 Taliaferro abstaining).

Wolfe nominated Wedman for Vice-president. Smith seconded the motion. Roebuck motioned that nominations cease. Taliaferro seconded the motion and it carried (7-0). Wedman was elected Vice-president (6-1 Wedman abstaining).

AGENDA

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Wolfe to approve the agenda with the additions of IV-A, add special board meeting minutes of July 10, 2008 and VI-F Elementary Restructuring. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Walker to approve the consent agenda including the following: Approval of minutes, of a regular meeting June 9, 2008 and a special meeting held July 10, 2008; approve July bills totaling \$240,068.94, July payroll of \$91,462; appoint Anna Beth Fish as the Clerk of the Board, appoint Kathy Cummings as the Treasurer of the Board; appoint Corey Reese, Pam Leiker, and Shirley Hugill Truancy Officers for the 2008/09 school year; designate the Flint Hills Express as the official newspaper of the Board of Education with selected materials also to be sent to the Eureka Herald; appoint Anna Beth Fish as the designated KPERS Agent and Kathy Cummings as the Deputy Agent for the 2008/09 school year; adopt the annual GAAP Waiver for 2008/09 per attached; appoint the Board President as the Food Service Hearing Officer; adopt the 1,116 hour calendar and the school calendar for 2008-09 per attached; adopt Howard State Bank as official depository for school district funds; appoint Bert Moore, Supt. as Food Service Representative and Federal Funds Director; approve a resolution to rescind all policy actions from the previous year and adopt all current written policies per attached; adopt the Cafeteria 125 Plan; appoint Kansas Association of School Boards, as Attorney for

USD #282; approve the KASB District Membership; approve the KASB Legal Assistance Fund; adopt Board meeting dates, times and places(s) per attached; establish the Student Meal Prices, Fees, and Textbook Rental Fees per attached; adopt the Food Service Agreement for 2008-09; adopt the Resolution for early payment of claims; adopt the Resolution to authorize the clerk of the board to destroy financial records (5 years old) per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

ELK KONNECT

David Whetstone, representative of Elk Konnect, spoke to the Board concerning youth volunteerism in the community, and the possibility of West Elk designating one day in the calendar as a student volunteer/community clean up day.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mike McLean was present to report that about half the bleachers in the WEHS gym have been removed at this time. Dynamic is scheduled to start on the gym floor on July 21. Our architect, Ed Klock will be here on the 23rd to check on the progress. The floor will take five days to put down, after that, no one can be on the floor for five days. Bleachers will be back after that time. It was the consensus of the Board to have the bleachers “tuned up” while they are out of the gym.

McLean reported that the new phone systems at Severy and Moline are in, and a new counter has been installed in the FACS room. The heat exchangers are here waiting for McLean to install. The new FACS instructor has asked for the stoves in the FACS room to be replaced. They are the original appliances.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Moore reported that Anna Beth Fish has been working on the budget. The enrollment is projected at 325 this year, which is down approximately 27 students. The LOB will need to be increase to be able to meet all expenses.

Mileage reimbursement will be 50.5 cents a mile this year which is the state rate.

Mr. Reese, WEHS Principal has approved the dance team for this year. It will be all volunteer sponsored with no activity funds.

Transfers at the close of the 2008-09 school year were \$159,075 to Capital Outlay, \$200,000 to Special Education, and \$75,000 to Food Service. A portion of the teachers salaries were transferred to At Risk and Supplemental General at the end of the year.

The State Department has requested every school district conduct a review of their campuses for effective tornado shelter.

EMC Insurance Company has conducted a safety inspection of the buildings, and sent a list of things to be addressed.

Enrollment at summer school was the highest it has ever been. There were 22 At Risk and 13 Title I students at Severy, 12 At Risk and 9 Title I students at Moline, and 13 At Risk and 3 Extended School Year at West Elk Jr/Sr High School.

Moore reported on the new requirements for IDEA and new regulations on identification for placement.

Employees who have part of their salaries paid through federal dollars will now start keeping a log of what they do each day.

ELEMENTARY RESTRUCTURING

Supt. Moore reviewed the elementary restructuring plan voted on at the June 9th Board Meeting. Supt. Moore provided the Board with the comment sheets from the July 10th Public Forum.

ELK COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Supt. Moore reported that he attended the meeting of Elk County Crisis Management in the Cox building.

BOARD RETREAT

There will be a Board Retreat on September 16 at a location to be determined later.

BREAK

At 9:20 PM, President Taliaferro called a 10 minute recess. The board reconvened at 9:30 PM.

BOARD POLICY B7-ACTIVITY TRIPS

Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Russell to table a decision on the limitation of activity trips. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

ELK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACT

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Walker to approve the Elk County Health Department Contract for West Elk Jr/Sr High School and Moline Elementary School. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CLASSIFIED HANDBOOK

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Smith to approve the Classified Handbook with a change concerning cell phone usage by the staff. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:45 PM, a motion was made by Russell and seconded by Roebuck 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 Bert Moore and Shirley Hugill. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:15 PM, the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Walker to continue the session until 10:25 PM. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 10:25 PM, the Board reconvened into open session. A motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to extend the session until 10:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). The Board reconvened into open session at 10:30 PM.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Smith to accept the resignation of Chris Jeffrey with a \$400 penalty for a late resignation. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Wedman to accept resignations of Ian Griffith and Carrie Shouse-paras at Sedan. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Roebuck to accept the letters of retirement from Anna Beth Fish-Business Manager/Clerk of the Board of Education effective February 1, 2009; Sue Mitchell-Moline Para; and Bert Moore-Superintendent/Director of Special Education effective July 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Roebuck to approve the employment of Mike Miller-High School Girls Basketball Coach; Kyle Williams-Social Studies/Freshman English & Assistant Boys HS Basketball Coach; Jeffrey Jarred-Resource Room, Moline; Cynthia Foster-2nd Grade, Severy; Renae Triboulet-Assistant HS Volleyball Coach; and Tiffany Gilbert-Preschool Para, Moline. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Smith to approve a \$1,000 supplemental contract for Carl Perkins/Vocational Ed record keeping duties and an additional ½ hour added to the letter of employment for Michelle Weber. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Roebuck to approve an additional \$.15 per hour for Lisa Harrod for additional duties in the WEHS office. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Russell to add \$300-vehicle expense per month for 10 months to the contract for Talia Leck, School Psychologist. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

Motion was made by Roebuck to approve the out-of-district students wanting to attend West Elk USD #282 per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

IN-DISTRICT STUDENTS

Motion was made by Russell and seconded by Smith to approve the in-district students wanting to attend elsewhere per attached. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

ELEMENTARY RESTRUCTURING

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Wedman to rescind the past decision made June 9th by the Board concerning restructuring the elementary schools and move the 6th grades to WEHS and checking to see if they can be included in the Jr. High sports program, and keep K-5 at Severy and Moline with combination classrooms for 3rd and 4th grades at both building through the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried (4-3 Smith, Taliaferro, Russell).

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 PM, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD
