

**MINUTES**-of a special meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, July 27, 2009, at 7:30 PM, at the Unified School District #282 District Office, Howard, Kansas.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marty Taliaferro, President  
Mike Bellar  
Dr. Robert Black  
Jim Roebuck  
Roxane Walker  
Robert Wolfe

**ADMINISTRATION**

Corey Reese, Supt.  
Paula McAlister, Clerk/Business Mgr  
Shirley Hugill, Principal

**OTHERS**

Christine Tyler  
Don Smith  
Matt Hilton  
Debra Stange  
Helen Taliaferro  
Debbie Zellner  
Debbie Lane  
Gina Wilson  
Dana Taliaferro

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Shelly Hare

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Wolfe moved to accept the Agenda as printed. Roebuck seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (6-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING FINALIZATION OF FACILITY DESIGN**

Doug Allison with WDM Architects and Jeff Hohnbaum with Hutton Construction presented an estimate of possible cost reduction options. Much discussion was had concerning quantity reduction of the proposed structure.

**BREAK**

At 9:15 p.m. Taliaferro declared and 10 minute break.

At 9:25 p.m. Taliaferro declared the meeting back into open session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

The board agreed that a Public Information Committee separate and apart from the board and administration needed to be formed. Marty Taliaferro, Dr. Robert Black, Matt Hilton, Debra Zellner, Gina Wilson and Helen Taliaferro agreed to be on the Public Information Committee. Board members will be contacting others whose names were suggested. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2009, 7:30 p.m. at the District Office.

**FACILITIES**

Bellar moved to build the new elementary as proposed with the following exceptions: eliminate 2000 square feet, eliminate 1 pair of restrooms, reduce gym to 60 X 80, reduce paving around district office and eliminate the bus lane with an estimated total reduction of \$640,000 and add the technology cabling in the amount of \$50,000 for an

estimated bond amount of 5.18 million including fees. Black seconded. Motion failed (2 – 4) Bellar & Black for – Roebuck, Taliaferro & Wolfe against and Walker abstained.

Roebuck moved to approve the current WDM 5.4 million proposal plus architect fees and technology cabling in the estimated bond amount of 5.88. Taliaferro seconded. Motion failed. (3 – 3) Roebuck, Wolfe & Taliaferro for – Bellar, Black & Walker against.

Bellar moved to build the new elementary as proposed with the following exceptions: eliminate 1500 square feet (eliminated square footage to be determined by administration), reduce gym to 60 X 80, eliminate 1 pair of rest rooms, eliminate bus lane and paving around district office and adding the technology cabling for an estimated bond amount of 5.2 million including architect fees. Black seconded. Motion failed. (3 – 3) Bellar, Black and Walker for – Roebuck, Wolfe and Taliaferro against.

Roebuck moved to approve the WDM design but eliminate 1 pair of rest rooms, reduce the gym to 60 X 80 and eliminate the paving around the district office for an estimated 5.59 million. Motion died for lack of a second.

Wolfe moved to eliminate from the proposal the bus drop off lane, paving around the district office and 1 pair of restrooms for an estimated bond amount of 5.55 million including architect fees. Roebuck seconded the motion. Motion passed (4–2). Taliaferro, Wolfe, Roebuck & Walker for and Bellar and Black against.

By consensus the board agreed that the eliminated pair of restrooms could be an alternated bid item.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:10 p.m. a motion was made by Black and seconded by Wolfe 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 Corey Reese. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At 11:40 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 11:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At 11:50 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 12:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At 11:58 p.m Mr. Reese left executive session.

At 12:00 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 12:05 p.m. and to include Mr. Reese. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 12:05 p.m.

**PERSONNEL**

Roebuck moved and Wolfe seconded to employ the following for the 2009/2010 as follows: John Hebb, Kay Kelly, Travis Kill, Linda Shilts-Baum and Debbie Zellner as West Elk At-Risk Tutors; Boyd Koehn, WEHS Student Council and Linda Shilts-Baum, Elementary (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) Band. (6 – 0)

Black moved and Roebuck seconded employing Chris Haag as Elementary Administrative Designee for the 2009/2010 school year. Motion passed. (6-0)

Black moved to transfer Christy Tyler to WEHS Night Custodian. Wolfe seconded and motion passed. (6-0)

Black moved to modify the 2009/2010 Employment Offer for Michelle Weber to reflect her position as Counseling Secretary. Walker seconded. Motion passed. (6-0)

Bellar moved and Walker seconded to appoint Shirley Hugill as the Title I Coordinator for the 2009/2010 school year. Motion passed. (6-0)

Roebuck moved to approve the list of USD #282 students wanting to attend other districts per attached list. Taliaferro seconded. Motion passed. (6-0)

The Board announced that there will be one elementary principal for the 2009/2010 school year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:07 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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