

MINUTES-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, October 12, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at the District Office in Howard, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Marty Taliaferro, President
Jim Roebuck, Vice-President
Mike Bellar
Dr Robert Black
Shelly Hare
Roxane Walker
Robert Wolfe

ADMINISTRATION

Corey Reese, Supt.
Shirley Hugill, Elementary Principal
Juli Young, Asst WEHS Principal
Paula McAlister, Clerk/Business Mgr

OTHERS

Amber Jones
Tanner Weber
Kenny Cummings
Morgan Boles
Mike McLean

OTHERS

Debra Stange
Debbie Lane
Geena Mericle
Sarah Taliaferro
Helen Taliaferro
Mike Hilton
Matt Hilton
Patrick Perkins
David Whetstone
Austin Redd
Gina Wilson

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. Walker seconded, motion passed unanimously (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Black to approve the consent agenda including the following: Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting September 14, 2009; Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report - Bills: \$74,790.21 and Payroll: \$434,552.17. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

SPOTLIGHT: MOLINE/SEVERY ELEMENTARY

SCOOT: Shirley Hugill explained the SCOOT Afterschool Enrichment Program and stated the program would start in November. The Program is funded through a matching grant.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Mrs. Hugill announced that all elementary parent/teacher conferences would be held at West Elk this year. Teachers will be located in the cafeteria and the library.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Wilcox Painting: Mike has asked Wilcox Painting for an estimate to paint the mansard and soffit at WEHS.

WEHS Roof: Since the last big rains, the high school has 5 new leaks. Wray Roofing has been asked for a quote for removal of the existing two layers and replacement of the roof. It is estimated that the entire roof will need replaced in the next 6 to 10 years.

Boiler Replacement: Quotes are being sought to replace the existing boiler heat systems in both elementary schools.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SCBL Flinthills: Flinthills school district will begin participating in the South Central Border League for the 2009/2010 school year.

School Finance: Mr. Reese handed out the KASB "Capital Update" dated October 1, 2009 regarding further expected cuts in education funding by the state.

COPS Grant Award: The Elk County Sheriff's Department has been awarded a \$96,000.00 matching grant to be used at West Elk for updating security.

KanLead Kansas Grant Award: West Elk USD #282 has been awarded a grant for staff members pursuing leadership positions. Specifics are not yet available.

Auction: The school surplus auction will be Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fair Grounds in Howard by Walter Auction Service.

Facilities - PIC Update: The PIC Committee participated in the Grenola Fest parade and continues to promote the bond at public events and meetings.

BOND PROJECT – PLAN B

Much discussion was had regarding "Plan B" in the event the pending Bond Election fails. By consensus 5 of the 7 board members agreed that West Elk grades K – 12 all needed to be on one campus regardless of the election outcome.

BREAK

At 8:53 p.m. Taliaferro declared a 10 minute break.

At 9:03 p.m. Taliaferro declared the meeting back into open session

BOND PROJECT – PLAN B

More discuss regarding facilities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:35 p.m. a motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Roebuck to meet in executive session for 5 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 (7-0).

At 9:40 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Black to continue the session until 9:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:45 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Roebuck moved to employ Andrea Avalos as WEHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2009/2010 school year. Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Bellar moved to accept the resignation of WEHS Evening Custodian, Marina Scheussler effective October 31, 2009. Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

OTHER ISSUES

Black moved to accept the donation of 24 bottles of Germ-X to Moline Elementary and VHS tapes to Moline Elementary Library. Roebuck seconded and motion passed unanimously (7-0).

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:54 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD
