

MINUTES-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, October 13, 2008, 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-WEHS
Shirley Hugill, Principal-Moline
Pam Leiker, Principal-Severy
Anna Beth Fish, Clerk/Business Mgr.

OTHERS

Randy Ford
Paula McAlister
C. J. Madison
Kurtis Roebuck
Debbie Lane
Lucas Simmons
Mary Mericle
Alyssa Salisbury
David Whestone
Shilo Malone
Sonny Lee

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Connie Russell

President Taliaferro called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Smith to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded Roebuck to approve the consent agenda including minutes of a regular meeting held September 8, 2008 and minutes of a Board Retreat held September 16, 2008; October bills totaling \$113,796.32; and October payroll of \$429,972.46. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

AUDIT REPORT

Randy Ford of Busby, Smith, and Ford, LLC, reported on the audit for year ending June 30, 2008. Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wedman to approve the Audit for the 2007-08 school year. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

6TH GRADE SPOTLIGHT

Mary Mericle reported on the reading program she is using for 6th grade since moving to the Jr/Sr High School. She has implemented a new system since Accelerated Reader is not available in the Jr/Sr High School. She also gave the Board the pros and cons of the 6th Grade being in the WEHS building.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Pam Leiker reported on "Student Led Conferences" for the Parent-Teacher conferences this fall.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Superintendent Moore reported on the handrails for the bleachers at WEHS. It was suggested to have 3 on top and 3 on the bottom.

Moore reported that Mike McLean is getting a plumbing contractor out of Chanute to tell us what it would take to replace the water pipes at Severy.

The Fire Marshall has requested new exit signs and smoke detectors in the preschool room at Severy.

EMC Insurance has requested that the merry-go-round be removed at the Severy playground.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supt. Moore reported that the Post Audit committee had questions about the water problem at Severy, and the committee had relayed the information to the State.

The FTE on the September count was 346.

The principals signed a three year agreement with Life Touch Photography and will also be doing the staff name badges.

The Technology Plan for the district was discussed.

Moore had some concerns about the Voluntary Sick Leave Pool. He advised the board that new policies need to be written.

The annexation of our property into the city has been put on hold for further clarification.

We have not heard anymore on the break-in of the WEHS storage shed other than 1 arrested and we have received part of the property back.

RECESS

President Taliaferro called a 10 minute recess at 9:00 PM. The Board reconvened at 9:10 PM.

DECLINING ENROLLMENT-LONG RANGE PLANNING

Mr. Moore passed out a Bond Guide to the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to hire Ed Klock of PBA Architects to provide information at a special board meeting on October 27th, concerning building a new elementary school.

LATE START DAYS

The administration is requesting a few "late start days" to allow for faculty in-service during the year.

HEARTLAND SEATING

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Supt. Moore to go ahead and get proposals for the railing for the bleachers. It will be the \$20,000 bid law requirements.

DONATIONS AND GIFTS

Motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Walker to accept donations from the Book Fair company of \$92.13 for books; Southern Belles-\$25 for Grandparent Volunteers Rewards; and \$549 from LSO for Mimeo Tech Equipment at Severy. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:58 PM, motion was made by Smith and seconded by Roebuck to meet in executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel and students to protect the privacy interests of identifiable

individuals and to include Mr. Moore and Mr. Reese. Motion carried unanimously (6-0). Mr. Reese left the session at 10:06 PM.

At 10:12 PM, the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to extend the session until 10:22 PM. Mr. Moore left the session. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At 10:22 PM, the Board reconvened into open session. A motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to continue the session until 10:27 PM. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At 10:27 PM, the Board reconvened into open session. Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Walker to extend the session till 10:32 PM. Motion carried unanimously (6-0). The board reconvened into open session at 10:32 PM

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Wedman to accept the resignations of Tiffany Pollack-Sedan Para. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Walker to employ Linda Shilts-Baum, Kay Kelly, John Hebb, and Mary Mericle as after school tutors at WEHS; and Laurie Juare- 3rd and 4th grade classroom aide at Severy. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

The Board asked Mr. Moore if he would reconsider his resignation as Superintendent/Special Ed Director. He said he would reconsider and give them an answer at the November board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:37 PM, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD
