

MINUTES-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Monday, November 9, 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

Steve Walker
Matt Hilton
Bradley Linder
Zach Carlson
David Whetstone
Trina Cooley
Debra Stange
Don Smith
Cody Jones
Lori Wittmeier
Gina Wilson
Justin Luechtefeld
Brandon Miller

OTHERS

Patrick Perkins
Howard Unruh
Kevin Wray
Lloyd Ross
Venessa Hogan
Debbie Lane
Carla Hilton
James Lear
Julanna Hilton
Chris Haag
Kayla Harrod
Christy Tyler
Beth Jones
Liz Hendricks
Chad Wittmeier
Mark Hall
Katlin Wilson
Ben Bellar
Randy Ford

At 7:30 p.m., President Marty Taliaferro called the meeting to order.

At 7:31 p.m., President Taliaferro declared a break to set up more chairs.

At 7:33 p.m., President Taliaferro called the meeting back into session with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Black moved to accept the Agenda as printed. Roebuck 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 October 12, 2009; Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report - Bills: \$217,910.11 and Payroll: \$433,730.36. Motion carried (6-1) (Bellar against because of bus purchase).

SPOTLIGHT: USD #282 Standard of Excellence Certificates

Mr. Reese and President Taliaferro presented 2008/2009 Standard of Excellence as follows:

Moline Elementary

3rd Grade Reading
 3rd Grade Math
 4th Grade Math
 5th Grade Math
 Bldg-wide Math
 Bldg-wide Science

Severy Elementary

5th Grade Reading
 Bldg-wide Reading
 4th Grade Math
 5th Grade Math
 Bldg-wide Math
 Bldg-wide Science
 Bldg-wide Writing

West Elk Jr/Sr High

7th Grade Reading
 8th Grade Reading
 Bldg-wide Reading
 6th Grade Math
 7th Grade Math
 Bldg-wide Math
 7th Grade Science
 Bldg-wide Science

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Transportation Emergency Plan/Procedures: Mr. Reese reviewed the Transportation Emergency Plan/Procedures and recommended that they be approved.

Building Use: In lieu of re-writing the current "Building Use" Policy, Mr. Reese asked the Board to consider waiving the building use fees for the following events: FCA Mexican Dinner on November 13, 2009; "Old People Playing Volleyball" on Sunday evenings, Elk County 4-H County Club Days on March 6, 2010 and Elk County Jr Leaders Volleyball Tournament on March 13, 2010. These events will be sponsored by a district employee and no custodian will be necessary.

ACTION ITEM - SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Randy Ford of Busby, Ford & Smith arrived at 7:50 p.m. and presented the 2008/2009 District Financial Statements and Audit Reports. Bellar moved to approve the 2008/2009 District Financial Statements and Audit Report. Roebuck seconded and motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

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Out-of-State Trip request by Ms. Deal: High School English Instructor, Whitney Deal, has requested permission to take 14 Seniors to the Oklahoma Renaissance Festival "Student Day" in Muskogee on May 7, 2010.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mansard Repainting & Repair: The painters are scheduled to be on site to estimate the repairs needed and cost involved.

Roof Leaks Persist: All three buildings had new leaks during the last rains. Our insurance carrier will be prompting us to repair the roofs.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

KanLead Kansas Grant Award Follow-up: Teachers will have the opportunity to apply for the grant to pursue a Masters degree in building leadership at Pittsburg State

University and continuing education for existing administrators. The grant monies would cover tuition and possibly mileage reimbursement.

Auction November 14, 2009: Mike and other custodial staff will gather and deliver the items to be auctioned to the fair building. Sale bill attached.

School Finance: Mr. Reese reviewed the KASB "Capital Update" dated November 6, 2009 regarding further expected cuts in education funding by the state. With the reduction in state aid this district will sustain a minimum loss of \$125,000.00 and possibly up to \$300,000 reduction this fiscal year. Further reductions are anticipated for the 2010/2011 school year.

At 8:31 p.m. Roxanne Walker left the meeting.

At 8:33 p.m. Walker returned to the meeting.

Cops Grant: The COPS Matching Fund Grant awarded to the Elk County Sheriff's Office has a two year window of time to be utilized.

Late Start: Mr. Reese explained that the monthly late start at the Jr/Sr High School once a month is used for staff development.

BREAK

At 8:37 p.m. Taliaferro declared a 10 minute break.

At 8:37 p.m. Walker left the meeting.

At 8:48 p.m. Taliaferro declared the meeting back into open session

KASB Meeting in December: A room reservation for the Annual Kansas Association of School Boards has been made for any board member wishing to attend the conference in Overland Park on December 5, 2009.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Black 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 (6-0).

At 8:55 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 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:01 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY PLAN/PROCEDURES

Wolfe moved to approve the Transportation Emergency Plan/Procedures. Hare seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

PERSONNEL

Roebuck moved to employee Aaron Wray as substitute bus driver, Cody Elliott as night custodian @ WEHS and Billie Saebens, part-time para @ Sedan resource room. Black seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0-1 Wolfe abstained).

OTHER ISSUES

Black moved to waive the Building Use fees for FCA Mexican Dinner on November 13, 2009; "Old People Playing Volleyball" on Sunday evenings, Elk County 4-H County Club Days on March 6, 2010 and Elk County Jr Leaders Volleyball Tournament on March 13, 2009 with the understanding that these events will be sponsored by a district employee and no custodian will be necessary. Bellar seconded and motion passed unanimously. (6-0).

Bellar moved to allow the out-of-state travel request to the Oklahoma Renaissance Festival "Student Day" at Muskogee, Oklahoma in May for 14 of Ms. Deal's senior English class. Roebuck seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

Bellar requested a Special Board Meeting be scheduled to allow the Board to come up with a long term facilities solution since the bond did not pass. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:13 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD

