

**MINUTES**-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education held Monday, November 10, 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

**ADMINISTRATORS**

Bert Moore, Supt./Dir. Sp. Ed.  
Corey Reese, Princ., WEHS  
Shirley Hugill, Princ., Moline  
Pam Leiker, Princ., Severy  
Anna Beth Fish, Clerk/Business Mgr.

**OTHERS**

Mike McLean  
Paula McAlister  
Liz Hendricks  
Caitlin Juaire  
Christy Tyler  
Don Smith  
David Whetstone  
Kyle Huntington

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

**AGENDA**

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Russell to approve the agenda with the addition of IV-F Commencement for Graduation. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Wedman and seconded by Smith to approve the consent agenda including minutes of a regular meeting held October 13, 2008 and minutes of a special meeting held October 27, 2008; November bills of \$89,778.94; and November payroll totaling \$435,203.26. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**WEHS SPOTLIGHT**

Caitlin Juaire, Stucco President, was present to report on the Student Council activities that have taken place this year and the organization's goals and activities for the rest of the year.

**ELK KONNECTED**

Richard Fish, a representative of the Elk Konnected Steering Committee, was present to speak to the Board concerning a "Community Conversation" that is to be held on December 1, 2008, from 7:00 till 9:00 PM, at the West Elk Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting is to engage all interested citizens of the community in a unified group effort to plan the most effective educational future for our youth with positive ideas and questions that need to be answered before decisions are made.

It was the consensus of the Board to call a special meeting for December 1 to enable all board members to attend under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA). The meeting will be called to order by the Board President and then moderated by the Kansas Communities LLC President, Terry Woodbury. The meeting will be adjourned by the Board President.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Mike McLean, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that he has a revised proposal for handrails on the bleachers. The cost will be \$4,980. The company will install over Christmas break.

The water filtering system for Severy Elementary School will cost \$5,047. McLean will check on a cost for the Severy Annex also.

The concrete is done at the baseball field, but the landscaping is not complete.

The Fire Marshall's report has been sent back and was approved.

Mick Wunderlich is going to take the merry-go-round out at Severy Elementary.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Moore reported that he attended a Construction/Deconstruction workshop at Topeka.

The KASB Convention is December 5-7 at Wichita. If anyone wants to attend, give Anna Beth a call.

All three schools have achieved the School-Wide Standard of Excellence in Reading and Math, with Moline Elementary receiving the award in Science also.

Alexa Posney, Commissioner of Education, sent a letter to all staff across the state congratulating them on all the positive things they have done.

There will be two "Ruby Payne-Understanding Poverty" workshops. We have 15 staff members attending.

Supt. Moore reported that he attended the Special Education Task Force meeting, and assured the Board that no one will lose money in Special Education. He also reported on budget shortfalls at the State level.

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING**

The board discussed the pros and cons of the combination classrooms at Severy and Moline, and the concern that next year's sixth grade class is too big for the classroom at WEHS. Various options were discussed.

### **COMMENCEMENT**

Mr. Reese informed the Board that Commencement will be Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

### **RECESS**

At 9:10 PM, President Taliaferro called a 10 minute break. The Board reconvened into open session at 9:20 PM.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:20 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. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:40 PM, at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to extend the session for 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At 9:45 PM, the Board reconvened into open session. A motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to extend the session for 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Mr. Moore left the session at 9:48 PM.

At 9:50 PM, the board reconvened into open session. A motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Walker to extend the session for 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). The Board reconvened into open session at 9:55 PM.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Wolfe to approve the resignation of Jo Slaughter-Para at Moline. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Wedman to employ Nichole Hanks-Elk Valley para; Richard Hanks-Elk Valley Para; Teresa Jones-Elk Valley Para; Darlene Wilburn-Elk Valley Para; Erin Crowell-Moline Para; Misti Byers-Moline 4-Year Old At Risk Para; Jim Madison-Ass't Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach; and Cody Mast-Ass't Jr. High Track Coach. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Russell to post the upcoming Superintendent position in the buildings for a period of 2 weeks. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Roebuck to employ Bert Moore as the Director of Special Education starting August 1, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:01 PM, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

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**BOARD PRESIDENT**

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**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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