

MINUTES-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education held Monday, December 8, 2008, at 7:30 PM, at the District Office in Howard, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Marty Taliaferro, 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, Business Mgr./Clerk

OTHERS

Paula McAlister
Barbara Montgomery
David Montgomery
Christina Tyler
Don Smith
Tim Rogers
Caitlin Juairé
Charlie Hall
Carla Hilton
Debbie Lane
Richard Full

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Connie Russell
Vicky Wedman, Vice-president

OTHERS

Shane Hall
Patrick Perkins
David Whetstone
Richard Fish

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

AGENDA

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Walker to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Wolfe to approve the consent agenda including minutes of a regular meeting held November 10, 2008; minutes of special meetings held November 24, 2008 and December 1, 2008; December bills totaling \$104,288.44; and December payroll of \$411,011.38. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

ELK KONNECTED REPORT

David Whetstone reported on the summary of information from the December 1 Community Conversation (copy attached).

MOLINE SPOTLIGHT

Barbara Montgomery gave a presentation of some of the activities she uses in her Preschool class at Moline. Her purpose in the classroom is to become a family and to create a safe environment.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Superintendent Moore reported that Heartland Seating will be at WEHS on December 20 to install the handrails on the bleachers.

The District's property/liability insurance company provided a roof walk through at all buildings. There is a section at Moline on the north side upper classrooms that is need of repair; the Severy Elementary roof will need repairs or replacement in the next 5 years, and there are some issues at West Elk Jr/Sr High School.

Comfort Contractors will be working on Severy's water filtration system over winter break.

Mike McLean has been replacing heat exchangers at WEHS.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Moore reported that the State is looking at a possible 3% to 5% cuts in the General Fund Budget during this budget year, and a possible 20% budget cut for 2009-10. He also reminded the Board that 86% of the General Fund Budget is personnel.

The Severy Elementary has had vandalism to their pop machines, and someone drove through the yard at WEHS.

Ed Klock will be here for the January 12th meeting. PBA Architects, the Administration, and Mike McLean had a walk through of all the buildings and Ed Klock and staff spent the day with Moore and McLean talking about the design of a new elementary building. Moore asked for three different designs—the elementary building, a practice gym, and high school improvements. A new building costs approximately \$161 per square foot.

The electrical system at WEHS is partially outdated due to old equipment being brought from the old high school when they moved into the new building in the 70s.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Supt. Moore reported that if drastic cuts were made at the State level, personnel positions would be at risk. He will be asking the principals of a list of possible cuts at the building level.

There are several things to be considered: class size, facilities issues, duplication of classes, move to one campus, or possible portables.

It was the consensus of the Board to form a Facilities Advisory Committee consisting of the Superintendent, 8 Elk Connected Representatives, 3 Board Members, 3 Administrators, and 6 Site Council Members (2 from each building), and 6 faculty (2 from each building).

It was also the consensus of the Board to hold their regular January 12, 2009 meeting at the West Elk Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria, at 7:30 PM. and have the new committee attend.

RECESS

President Taliaferro called a 10 minute break at 8:45 PM. The Board reconvened at 8:55 PM.

A+LS SOFTWARE FOR VIRTUAL PRESCRIPTIVE LEARNING

Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to approve the purchase of the A+LS Software for Virtual Prescriptive Learning at WEHS for a cost of \$30,300. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

“ENRICHMENT” AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT SEVERY

Pam Leiker made a request to have an enrichment program twice a month, after school at Severy Elementary to promote high level thinking skills. There could be groups of twelve and it would be by

invitation only. The teachers would be paid \$25 per hour. Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Smith to approve the new program. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Smith to meet in executive session from 9:40 PM till 10:00 PM, to discuss personnel and students to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals and to include Mr. Moore and Mr. Reese. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

At 10:00 PM, the Board reconvened into open session. Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to continue the session till 10:15 PM. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

At 10:15 PM, the Board reconvened into open session. Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Walker to continue the session till 10:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). Mr. Moore and Mr. Reese left the session at 10:29 PM.

The board reconvened into open session at 10:30 PM. Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Wolfe to continue the session until 10:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

At 10:45 PM, the board reconvened into open session. Motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Walker to continue the session till 10:50 PM. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). The Board reconvened into open session at 10:50 PM.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Wolfe to approve the conditions of a contract for Corey Reese as Superintendent per attached. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Walker to accept the resignations of Erin Crowell-Aide, Moline (effective 12/19/08) and Paulabeth Henderson-English, WEHS (effective end 2008-09 school year). Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Smith to employ Savannah Franks-Para, Moline and Melissa Brady-Para, Longton. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Wolfe to approve the retirement of Vicky Heater effective January 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Motion was made by Roebuck and seconded by Wolfe to approve a two year full-time contract starting August 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 for Bert Moore as Special Education Director per terms and conditions attached. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:53 PM, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD
