

**MINUTES**-of a regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, held Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 7:33 p.m. at the West Elk District Office, Howard, Kansas, having been rescheduled from Monday, May 10, 2010, due to severe weather.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marty Taliaferro, President  
Jim Roebuck, Vice-President  
Mike Bellar  
Roxane Walker  
Robert Wolfe

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**OTHERS**

Deborah Lane  
Debbie Stange  
Matt Hilton  
Brandon Miller  
Justin  
Luechtefeld  
Patrick Perkins  
Katlin Wilson  
Rachel Green

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Robert Black  
Shelly Hare

At 7:30 p.m., President Marty Taliaferro called the meeting to order with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Roebuck moved to accept the Agenda as printed with the addition of IV. Information/Discussion **Item M. Calendar Date Change for FCCLA** and V. Action Item **H. FCCLA Calendar Date Change**. Wolfe seconded, motion passed unanimously (5-0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Bellar to approve the consent agenda as printed including the following: Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting April 12, 2010; Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report - Bills: \$54,560.97 and Payroll: \$430,589.77. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**FUNDAY**

Wolfe announced, that weather permitting, Eagle Med, Elk County Ambulance and Fire and Rescue Trucks will be available for students to view on Fun Day.

**CROSS COUNTRY COOPERATIVE WITH CENTRAL**

Mr. Reese has received a student request that she be allowed to participate in Central of Burden's cross country program. It is recommended that the student be allowed to participate with the stipulation she is responsible for her travel to and from practices and meets and she is responsible for her own entry fees. No district funds will be provided.

### **CTE PROGRAM ASSURANCES**

Copies of Career and Technical Education Annual Assurances were provided to the board members. Programs included are Communication Technology, Agriculture, Cabinet Making and Furniture Design and Family & Consumer Sciences.

### **TECHNOLOGY PLAN**

A copy of the 3 year Technology Plan due June 15 was discussed.

### **WEST ELK SCHOOLS STUDENT HANDBOOK**

The Elementary and Jr/Sr High Schools Handbooks have been combined into one West Elk Schools Handbook. The main change in the handbook is that students will be allowed to carry plain clear bottled water with screw-on lids at their teacher's discretion. Elementary cell phones will still need to be checked into the office at the beginning of the day and will be returned at the end of the day.

### **ELIMINATE BOARD POLICY B-4 31-32**

Mr. Reese recommended that Policy B-4 – Elementary School Student Assignments be rescinded.

### **MOLINE AND SEVERY BUILDINGS**

The Board agreed they would like to have the City of Moline and City of Severy's input and ideas regarding the buildings/campuses. By consensus, the Board directed Mr. Reese to attend the next city council meeting for each town to discuss the disposition of the buildings.

### **WEST ELK EXTERIOR PAINTING PROJECT**

The Board discussed repairing and painting the mansard at the high school. Estimates have been received from Mid-West Painting and Wilcox Painting. The Board asked that a representative from Wilcox Painting attend the June board meeting to answer questions and bring color samples.

### **ELEMENTARY PLAY STRUCTURE**

The Board discussed the possibility of moving play ground equipment and fencing from the Moline and Severy campuses to the West Elk campus. The purchase of new equipment was also discussed.

### **TRAFFIC PLAN**

Mr. Reese discussed the proposed traffic plan for the 2010/2011 school year. Jackson Street will become one way only and bus only from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. A pedestrian lane marked. Mr. Reese will meet with the Howard City Council at their next meeting concerning the plan. Clearing brush along the fence lines and educating parents, students and staff about new traffic rules were also discussed. A portion of the existing West parking lot will be used as the elementary playground. The drive will be blocked off during the day.

## **MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

### **MODULAR PROGRESS**

The plan has been approved by the KSDE Architect with the requested modifications, including the purchase of 2 additional decks.

There is an 8" water main around the perimeter of the building. The City of Howard may ask the Board to sign a waiver of liability. A quote to move the existing water main has been requested from Harrod's. It may be more feasible to abandon the existing main and replace with new line.

### **TRACK CRACKS/REPAIR QUOTE**

Track Renovations And Coatings Inc submitted an estimate of \$26,431.00 to perform Level II – TracSeal to the existing running track and high jump pad.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **SCHOOL FINANCE**

Mr. Reese advised the board that the base state aid per pupil should remain at 4012 for the 2010/2011 school year. There will be no state aid for capital outlay. Our district should expect further reductions in aid due to unknown budget cuts, decline in enrollment and a decline in Special Education funding. Mr. Reese anticipates a reduction in the budget of 626,000.00 from 2009/2010 school year to 2011/2012.

### **THANKS YOU CARDS**

President Taliaferro read thank you cards from the families of Jr. Dillon and Evelyn Allen and a thank you card from Elk Connected for the use of the building.

### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

Board members have received compliments on Kids Day at the Farm.

The board discussed past audits and future audits. No action was taken.

Board members commended Debbie Zellner for her efforts in assisting students in securing scholarships.

### **CALENDAR DATE FOR FCCLA**

West Elk's FCCLA Chapter will be hosting the Star Events in February of 2011. The state organization has set the date for February 9, 2011. Mr. Reese asked the board if they would make February 9, 2011 a no school day instead of February 7, 2011 as currently scheduled.

### **BREAK**

At 9:32 p.m. Taliaferro declared a 10 minute break.

At 9:43 p.m. Taliaferro declared the meeting back into open session

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:45 p.m. a motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Roebuck to meet in executive session for 15 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 Mr. Corey Reese. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

At 10:00 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 10:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

At 10:05 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Taliaferro and seconded by Walker to continue the session for an additional 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

At 10:11 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Bellar and seconded by Taliaferro to continue the session until 10:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

The Board adjourned executive session at 10:13 p.m.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **CROSS COUNTY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

Bellar moved to allow the student request to participate in cross country track at Central of Burden for the 2010/2011 school year at her expense, including transportation and entry fees, with no cost to USD #282. Roebuck seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

### **APPROVE TECHNOLOGY PLAN**

Roebuck moved and Wolfe seconded approving the Technology Plan as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

### **APPROVE STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Bellar moved and Walker seconded tabling approval of the 2010/2011 Student Handbook until June. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

### **ELIMINATE BOARD POLICY B-4**

Roebuck moved and Walker seconded eliminating Board Policy B-4. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

### **WEST ELK EXTERIOR PAINTING PROJECT**

Bellar moved to hire Wilcox Painting, Inc. at a rate of \$19,730 for labor and \$9,889 for supplies to paint the mansard at the Jr/Sr High School, include the District Office Building exterior and ask a representative to attend the June meeting to answer

questions and bring paint samples. Roebuck seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

**PERSONNEL**

Walker moved to accept the resignations of the following: Whitney Deal, West Elk HS English; Kyle Williams, West Elk HS Social Studies; Bronika Myers, Sedan Para; Maraye Sims, Sedan Para and Tom Noll, Severy Custodian. Roebuck seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Wolfe moved to grant the request of Michelle Weber for a temporary leave of absence from August to December 2010 to allow her time to student teach. Roebuck seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Bellar moved to offer the West Elk Jr High Head Football Coaching position to Cody Mast for the 2010/2011 school year. Taliaferro seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Roebuck moved to employ the following for the summer: Donna Madison, Matthew Gorton, Dalton Signer, Chandler Koch, Austin Redd and Jessica Mericle. Taliaferro seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

**STUDENTS**

Motion was made by Wolfe to approve the out-of-district students wanting to attend West Elk USD #282 per attached. Motion was seconded by Roebuck and carried unanimously (5-0).

Motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Walker to allow an in-district student to attend Central of Burden per attached. Motion was seconded by Walker and carried unanimously. (5-0)

**FCCLA CALENDAR DATE CHANGE**

Walker moved to change the February 7, 2011 no school day as currently scheduled, to February 9, 2011 to allow FCCLA to host the Star Events at West Elk. Roebuck seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

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**PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

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**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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