

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES**

January 14, 2008

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was called to order by President Lunz at 7:00pm with the following members present: Bebee, Cloninger, Christensen, Lunz, Bartels and Victor. Others present were Superintendent Heimann, Secondary Principal Heitz, Elementary Principal Patzel and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were Brenda Tello and Morris Jacobsen.

President Lunz informed the group of the Open Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and accessible to all members of the public as required by law. All board members had received notice of the meeting and the meeting notice had been published in a timely manner prior to the meeting date.

Brenda Tello reported that she is currently serving 30 students in her ESL classroom during the day. Ten of her students have very limited English but are in the process of learning the English language.

Mr. Jacobsen reported on his Title I classroom. Students receive extra help in the core subjects. The goal is to help students be successful sooner rather than later.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Bebee to approve the consent agenda as presented. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried. Bills for January were approved as follows: General: \$283,801.49; Lunch: \$10,716.49; Payroll: \$153,735.85; Cooperative: \$10,837.14 and Employee Benefit \$183.60.

Elementary Prinicpal Report

Mr. Patzel reported on the Student Assistance Team process. Classroom teachers are becoming more involved with target interventions and research based strategies to assist students in becoming successful.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz stated that the late starts have allowed time for subject area groups to discuss and implement their goals for improving student learning. He has also been meeting with teachers, students and parents to discuss interventions to help students be more successful.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Heimann stated the Todd Whitaker seminar was well worth the time allotted by the board for staff development. All staff understand that student failure is not acceptable and that building relationships between students and teachers will create more opportunities for success.

The district has purchased new fitness equipment (3 treadmills, elliptical machine, exercise bike) for the activity center. Cost to the district is \$18,475. It will arrive this week.

Windows in the main gym were removed over Christmas break and new protective padding was installed.

Board policies will be available soon on the school website.

Changes to exterior entrances went into effect on Jan. 2 with no major issues at this time.

Brenda Jensen will be Jena Kaufman's long-term substitute while on maternity leave.

Legislative review, leadership workshop and labor relations conferences are among staff development opportunities for the board to attend within the next month.

Awards and Recognitions

Geography Bee – Ryan Bodlak – 1st place
Taryn Hingst – 2nd place
Anthony Vazquez – 3rd place

Boys Basketball – 1st place at the Bob Clough Post- Holiday Tournament

Girls Basketball - 2nd place at the Bob Clough Post-Holiday Tournament

Speech Team – 3rd place at Pierce meet
OID – 1st place – Lance Clay, Rachel Kluthe, Chelsey Victor, Morgan Lunz and Nick Curnyn
JV Extemp – 1st place – Victoria Nelson

Wrestling Team – 5th place at Battle Creek

Committee Reports

Policy – Next meeting will be Jan. 31 at 6:15pm

Bldg/Grounds – Community meeting at the ESU#1 at 7:00pm to provide feedback on board facility priorities.

Business/Finance – Certification of state aid to be released Feb. 7.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield/EHA insurance participation will be an issue for 2008-09.

Curriculum – Meeting Jan 31 at 5:00pm

Personnel - Meeting Jan. 16 at 4:00pm. with WEA committee

Strategic Planning – No report

Old Business:

The board adjourned “Sine Die”.

New Business:

Dr. Heimann acted as chairman pro-tem for the election of board officers for 2008.

Nominated for President were Mark Victor and Renee Bartels. Ballots were counted and Mark Victor was elected President.

As newly elected President, Victor chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Nominated for Vice-President were Tim Bebee and Kim Cloninger. Ballots were counted and Kim Cloninger was elected Vice-President.

Nominated for Secretary was Lisa Lunz. Lunz was elected Secretary by acclamation.

For continuity President Victor chose to have the committees remain the same for 2008.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Lunz to authorize the new Board Officers to sign checks for the following expenditure accounts: General, Contingency, Special Building, Depreciation, Employee Benefit, Bond, Cooperative and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Information was presented on Drivers Education costs. Motion by Bebee, seconded by Lunz to set Drivers Ed fee for 2008 at \$180 per person for district students and \$250 per student for non-resident students. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Christensen to accept the resignation of Janyce McQuistan with regret and thank her for her years of service. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

The application and selection process for the two elementary vacancies will begin in late January or early February.

Wakefield was approached by Allen Consolidated School about the possibility of sharing a Superintendent with Wakefield for 2008-09. Victor, Cloninger, Lunz and Dr. Heimann met with Allen representatives to discuss their needs and reported to the board for discussion.

After discussion the consensus of the board was not to consider sharing superintendents for 2008-09 due to the timing of the request. The board is willing to consider sharing resources with neighboring school districts in the future.

The February meeting will be held Feb. 11 at 5:00pm due to sub-district basketball.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bartels to adjourn at 9:42pm. Meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Secretary
Lisa Lunz

Recording Secretary
Marcia Kratke