

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES
October 13, 2008**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Wakefield Community Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, October 13, 2008, at 7:00p.m. in the board room at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Bebee, Christensen, Cloninger, Kindschuh, Lunz and Victor. Absent: None. Also present were Superintendent Heimann, Elementary Principal Patzel, Secondary Principal Heitz, and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were Lynette Haisch, Jean Dorcey, Lisa Sievers and Matt Brenn.

President Victor informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the east wall of the meeting room accessible to members of the public.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Wakefield Republican in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to the president of the board and all members prior to the meeting date.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Kindschuh to approve the board agenda as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote begin all ayes, motion carried. Bills were paid for October as follows: General: \$176,293.51; Lunch: \$17,954.80; Payroll: \$165,083.39; Employee Benefit: \$252.05; and Special Building Fund: \$1200.00.

Dr. Heimann congratulated Lisa Lunz and Renee Kindschuh for receiving the NASB Level III Award of Achievement.

Mrs. Haisch and Mr. Brenn reported on student academic progress and recycling efforts in the sixth grade. Students also attended the symphony at the Orpheum in Sioux City. Mrs. Sievers and Mrs. Dorcey have instituted a "Wall of Fame" in the resource room for their students. Students in the Life Skills class are gaining work experience at various businesses in town.

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Patzel reported that Nancy Sharp Wagner is continuing the writing workshops with elementary staff. Timarie Bebee, Shelly Schultz and Megan Nixon attended a SMART board training session at the ESU. These teachers will serve as a support system for other teachers who are unfamiliar with this technology.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz reported that at the faculty meeting teachers demonstrated vocabulary techniques with Smart boards. All teachers will have the opportunity to practice with the Smart boards before implementing them in their classrooms. Mr. Trenhaile, Mr. Volk and Mr. Heitz will be attending a leadership conference in Norfolk on Oct. 22 and 23.

Superintendent Report

Area superintendents met with State Senator Greg Adams at the ESU#1. He is a member of the legislature's Education Committee, and is seeking the position of committee chair. Wakefield is the recipient of a RUS grant in the amount of \$17,888. These funds will be matched with \$18,186 of district funds to update our distance learning room equipment. Mike Pommer has completed the financial audit and will have the report available at the November meeting. Notices were received from the City of Wakefield of plans to annex two parcels of land into the city limits.

Committee Reports

Policy: Handouts of the updated policy changes were distributed to board members for their policy books. Next meeting will be Nov. 10 to review the next designated section.

Bldg/Grounds/Transportation: Meeting with Sam Fisher (Fisher Tracks) and Jon Carlson will be on Tuesday, Oct 14 with committee members and coaches. Preparations are being made for the community meeting on Sunday, Nov. 2.

Business/Finance: All budget documents, data submission reports and final grant reports have been submitted to the Department of Education. Preliminary report from Mike Pommer indicates the district is in strong financial condition.

Curriculum: Met with principals and teachers to update the committee on the school improvement process. Strong support was shown by the teachers for the professional development time provided by the late starts.

Personnel: Parent/Teacher conferences and "Meet and Greet" night were topics of discussion with the WEA committee. Board members who attended the NASB school board workshop in Norfolk shared information on sessions that they attended.

Strategic Planning: Met on Sept. 30 to discuss board/superintendent goals and action plans. All board members received an updated report on goals/action plans.

Motion by Kindschuh, seconded by Christensen to accept the consent agenda as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Kindschuh to approve the board/superintendent goals as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Christensen, to approve Chase King as Assistant Speech Coach contingent on sufficient number of participating students. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote begin all ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Heimann asked the board about a possible One-Act Play presentation for the public on Sunday, Nov. 23. Consensus of the board was that the presentation could be held on Sunday, Nov. 23 if needed.

The next regular meeting will be held on Nov. 10 at 7:00p.m.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Bebee to adjourn at 8:15p.m. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Lisa Lunz
Secretary

Marcia Kratke
Recording Secretary