

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES
December 15, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 5:00p.m. in the board room at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

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.

The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Bebee, Cloninger, Lunz and Victor. Christensen arrived at 5:30pm and Kindschuh arrived at 6:30pm. Absent: None. Also present were Superintendent Heimann, Elementary Principal Patzel, Secondary Principal Heitz, and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were Lori Harding and Stuart Clark.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Bebee to approve the agenda as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Awards and Special Recognition:

Lewis and Clark All-Conference Volleyball: Central Division: Carly Gardner, Keri Lunz and Jenna Henderson

Lewis and Clark Quiz Bowl – Varsity Team – 3rd place, JV – 5th place.

All District Football First-Team – Ian Miner, Mason Nixon, Jacob Blessing; Honorable Mention: Anthony Gustafson and Zack Blessing

Mrs. Harding thanked the board for allowing the FBLA to visit the Sioux City Journal and the Gospel Mission. It was an educational trip and an “eye opener” for the students.

A thank-you was read by Dr. Heimann from the CZO chapter of PEO for allowing them to have a pie sale during the Hot Air Balloon Festival. Money earned supports scholarships and community projects.

Elementary Principal Report

During the Dec. 1 teacher-in-service, staff developers from ESU#1 updated the staff on the timeline and implementation of the new state reading standards. Notice was received from the Gardner Foundation that the SMART Board grant application was approved. Six

of the boards will be installed over Christmas break with the remainder to be installed over the summer.

Secondary Principal Report

The 7-12 faculty are developing focus points for the 2nd semester in-service time. Each teacher or department is prioritizing their list that will allow the staff to create agendas for some of their late-start meetings to maximize their professional development time. An instructor for Drivers Education class will be decided upon by February.

Superintendent Report

We invited Dixon, Thurston and Wayne County Commissioners and maintainer operators for Thanksgiving dinner at school in appreciation for their work on our district bus routes. Information was shared about the bus routes during this time also. Wakefield received an ALICAP safety certificate of recognition for our outstanding efforts in loss control for workmen's comp. Our rate is as low as possible due to our excellent safety record. The new football scoreboard has arrived and will be installed in the spring. Brady Nicholson has been added to our volunteer coaching roster for wrestling.

Committee Reports:

Policy: Next meeting will be in February

Bldg/Grounds/Transportation: Met with architect Jon Carlson on Dec 4 to discuss phases of the track project and specifics which needed to be decided before the project goes to bid in February. Due to the current economic conditions the bids for the project should be favorable for the school. Mr. Carlson will present the final project plans to the board on Jan. 12.

Business/Finance: Due to projected shortfalls in the state budget, it is possible that the state aid funding formula for the 2009-10 school year may be revisited by the legislature.

Curriculum/Americanism/Technology: Thanks to Mr. Patzel for writing a successful SMART board grant. Installation of the new equipment and upgrades in the Distance Learning room will be in February. Included in this equipment will be a mobile video conferencing cart. This equipment purchase was made possible by a matching grant received as part of the ESU#2 RUS grant. The district's share will be \$16,101.

Personnel: Lisa Lunz reported on the sessions she attended at the NASB conference in Omaha. Board-elect member, Stuart Clark, attended the conference and also reported on sessions he attended.

Strategic Planning: Dr. Heimann had distributed his annual report for 2008 to all board members. It will be mailed out to all district patrons in December.

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

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Christensen to approve the request for the high school music trip on April 25-26 to Kansas City. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Cloninger to approve the purchase of a 10-passenger van from Arnies Ford with the low bid of \$24,001.00 to be used for Special Education transportation. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

President Victor moved item 6.4.1, evaluation of superintendent, to the last item of business.

Dr. Heimann stated that Jon Carlson would be in attendance at our next board meeting and recommended to the board that the meeting begin earlier to allow for the track presentation. After discussion consensus of the board was to meet at 5:00p.m. on January 12 for the next regular board meeting.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Bebee to enter into closed session at 6:35p.m. to conduct the superintendent evaluation. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

The board asked Stuart Clark to remain during the closed session since he will take office in January as a new board member.

President Victor restated the purpose for the closed session.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Kindschuh to enter into regular session at 7:47p.m. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

No action was taken as the result of the closed session.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Cloninger to adjourn at 7:48pm. 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