

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD MINUTES**

**February 11, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was called to order by President Victor at 5:04pm with the following members present: Bartels, Bebee, Cloninger, Christensen, Lunz, and Victor. Others present were Superintendent Heimann, Secondary Principal Heitz, Elementary Principal Patzel, Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke and Lynette Haisch.

President Victor 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.

Lynette Haisch reported on the upcoming oration contest with “Landmarks” as the theme this year. Late-starts have been very beneficial with team meetings and time for curriculum alignment.

Bebee reported on the community meeting held on Sunday, Feb.3. The board was pleased with the number of people in attendance. Survey results were overwhelmingly positive. Comments will be taken into consideration as the committee meets to formulate an action plan on March 3 at 7:30pm.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Lunz to approve the consent agenda as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried. Bills for February were approved as follows: General: \$169,458.62; Lunch: \$14,903.15; Payroll: \$158,307.86; Cooperative: \$5,964.92; Depreciation: \$18,895.95; and Employee Benefit: \$183.60.

Bebee left the meeting at 5:40pm.

**Elementary Principal Report**

Mr. Patzel reported that parent-teacher conferences had 93% attendance. Upcoming events will be the local and county Spelling Bee.

**Secondary Principal Report**

Eighth grade orientation was held on February 4 with 90% attendance. Information regarding registration, graduation requirements, college requirements and attendance policies was given to parents and students. Chelsey Victor and Becky Vraspir gave presentations on a student’s perspective of the differences between junior high and senior high school.

## **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Heimann stated that all board policies are now available on the school website. Our safety audit has been completed as required by Rule 10. Staff members were commended for their attention to safety. Dr. Heimann stated that contrary to some rumors, Wakefield is not leaving the Lewis and Clark Conference.

## **Committee Reports**

**Policy:** Reviewed the 200's and part of the 500's. The first reading of the revised professional growth policy will occur during new business.

**Business/ Finance:** Received certification of \$148,000 increase in state aid for 2008-09. The increase was attributed to being able to count our Pre-School students, the poverty and ELL plans that had been submitted plus funds due to class-size reduction.

**Curriculum:** Met Jan 31 with a group of teachers to discuss ongoing school improvement practices.

**Personnel:** Exterior door security plan has worked well. Friends of Education nominations were discussed. One will be chosen and awarded Honors Night. Board members attending the leadership conference in Norfolk shared their information on public awareness and meeting agendas. Lunz and Dr. Heimann attended the Labor Relations Conference in Kearney. Next meeting will be on March 10 at 6:00pm.

**Strategic Planning:** Possible retreat will be set at a later date.

Bebee rejoined the meeting at 6:20pm.

**Old Business:** None

## **New Business:**

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bartels to approve the option enrollment request by Paul and Lori Utemark to allow their son to attend Wakefield for the 2008-09 school year. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cloninger, seconded by Bebee to approve the first reading of Board Policy #409.03 Professional Growth Activities. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Bartels to renew the annual membership to the Nebraska Association of School Boards. 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 designate the IA-NE State Bank as the official depository for the school district funds. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bartels to designate the Wakefield Republican as the official news publication for the school district. 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 approve Pat Nicholson as a substitute/activities bus driver. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bartels to hire Michelle Fahrenholz as a part-time custodian. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Bebee to recognize the Wakefield Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the certified staff. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Bartels to enter into executive session at 6:41pm to discuss administrators' contracts. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

President Victor again stated the sole purpose for the executive session was to discuss administrators' contracts.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Bebee, to reconvene into regular session at 9:15pm. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Cloninger to offer Mr. Patzel a contract for the 2008-09 school year with compensation to be determined at a later date. 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 offer Mr. Heitz a contract for the 2008-09 school year with compensation to be determined at a later date. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

The next regular board meeting will be March 10.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Bebee to adjourn at 9:20pm. 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