

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES
February 9, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, Feb. 9, 2009 at 5:04p.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, Christensen, Cloninger, Kindschuh, Clark, Lunz and Victor. Absent: None. Also present were Superintendent Heimann, Elementary Principal Patzel, Secondary Principal Heitz, and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were Jolene Klein and Brad Kurtenbach.

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 being all ayes, motion carried.

Awards and Special Recognition:

Lewis and Clark Conference Principals' Awards: Jessica Berns, Alissa Stark, Carly Garnder, Erin Johnson, Steth Allemann, CJ Kay, Deetta Davis, Brianda Zapata, Tyler Bodlak, Libby Henschke, TJ Rose, Sydney Vander Veen, Erika McNiel, Cody Henschke, Scott Wageman, Alex Foote, Jake Lundahl, and Morgan Lunz.

Speech Team (Novice Division): Runnerup at the Hartington Speech Meet.

Mrs. Klein reported on the internet safety procedures and materials that are used in the library. Several links to web pages that are helpful to students, teachers and parents are available on the school website.

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Patzel stated that more SMART Boards will be installed on Feb. 23. The curriculum-on-the-wall process will take place during the teacher inservice on Feb. 23 also. Ryan Bodlak was the winner of the Geography Bee with Tony Vasquez taking second place and Kimberly Calderon received third place.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz reported that an assembly entitled “Where is Your Life Headed” will be held on Feb. 24 for grades 9-12 with Allen and Emerson students also in attendance. This assembly is presented by Keith Becker from the Todd Becker Foundation. An orientation meeting for all 8th graders and their parents will be held at 7:00p.m. on March 2. Information will be given to the parents on 9th grade registration, graduation requirements, college requirements, and attendance policies.

Superintendent Report

Our safety audit has been conducted and we meet the compliance requirement for NDE Rule 10. Stuart Clark and Dr. Heimann attended the NASB New Board member workshop in Norfolk and both were in attendance for the NASB Labor Relations Conference in Kearney.

Board Committees:

Policy: A meeting will be scheduled at a later date for review of designated policies.

Bldg. & Grounds/Transportation: The new special education van has arrived. The current SPED van will now be used for general transportation. Feedback from the water retention issue has been received but due to drainage problems the basin will remain as proposed. Bid opening for the track project will be on Tuesday, March 10 at 2p.m. Awarding of the contracts will be held on March 16 at a special board meeting.

Business & Finance: Legislation has been passed concerning the timing of state aid certification. The state economic forecast is due to be released on Feb. 27 which will have an impact on the new state aid formula.

Curriculum/Americanism/Technology: The re-alignment of our language arts curriculum will begin on Feb. 23. A SMART Board demonstration will be presented to the Board at a later date.

Personnel: Met with the WEA representatives and discussed nominations for the Friends of Education award and the new defibrillator which has been ordered. The teachers were appreciative for the SMARTBoards and the procedures for the early-out dismissal the time of the snowstorm.

Strategic Planning: A “Building Shared Responsibility” book was shared with Stuart Clark.

Action Items:

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bebee 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 were paid for February as follows: General: \$224,817.88; Lunch: \$15,314.35; Payroll: \$167,708.40; Employee Benefit: \$209.00; and Special Building: \$7,780.00.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Clark to approve a request for Sunday travel for the FCCLA. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Clark to approve membership to the Wakefield Community Club and the dues will be paid out of the activity fund. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Clark to renew our membership to the Nebraska School Boards Association. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Clark to set the fee for Drivers Education at \$200 per resident district student and \$260 per non-resident district student. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Lunz to recognize the WEA 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 Christensen, seconded by Clark to renew Elementary Principal Patzel's contract for the 2009-2010 school year. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Clark to renew Secondary Principal Heitz's contract for the 2009-2010 school year. 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 accept Dr. Heimann's resignation with regret effective June 30, 2009. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll Call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the two proposals concerning the superintendent search process.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Kindschuh to accept the proposal of the Nebraska Association of School Boards. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

The city is asking for an increase in the charge per hour for their mowing services as a change in our inter-local agreement with the City of Wakefield. Dr. Heimann will work

with the city to justify the cost of the increase and present the information to the buildings and grounds committee for their recommendation.

The next regular meeting is March 9 at 7:00p.m.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Kindschuh to adjourn the meeting at 6:52p.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