

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES**

March 10, 2008

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was called to order by President Victor at 7:06pm with the following members present: Bebee, Cloninger, Christensen, Lunz and Victor. Absent: Bartels. Others present were Superintendent Heimann, Secondary Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were Janelle Eaton and Janie Gutzmann.

President Victor informed the group of the Open Meetings Act posted in the Board Room and accessible to all members of the public as required by LB898. All board members were given advance notice of the meeting and the meeting notice had been published in a timely manner prior to the meeting date.

An emergency modification was made to the agenda by President Victor to include New Business, Item 4: To consider approval of the architect's contract for proposed projects.

Mrs. Gutzmann reported on the rain forest her third grade class had made. Mrs. Eaton stated that both sections of third grade were focusing on reading and math skills.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Bebee to approve the consent agenda as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of those present were all ayes, motion carried. Bills were approved for March as follows: General \$189,782.56; Lunch: \$14,149.48; Payroll: \$154,089.44; Cooperative: \$6,612.92; and Employee Benefit: \$183.60.

Elementary Principal Report

Due to Mr. Patzel's absence, Dr. Heimann presented the interview schedule for the two elementary teaching positions. The selection process will be completed by March 19.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz reported on the progress of the Student Assistance Team meetings. Serving on the SAT team are Mrs. Knezevic, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Dorsey, Ms. Skogstad and Mr. Heitz. Some of the late-start faculty meeting time will continue to be used to discuss specific intervention ideas for specific students.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Heimann thanked the Community Club for serving ice cream and brownies for Teacher Appreciation on March 4.

Legislative bills that the board needs to be aware of are as follows:

LB1092 – Installation of bus seat belts on new buses purchased beginning in 2010
LB1157 - State test for assessment/accountability beginning with reading in 2010; math in 2011.
LB988 – State aid formula – Re-certification of the state aid for 2008-09 by April 30.

Awards and Recognition

Numerous awards the past month include State Speech qualifiers, Lewis and Clark All-Conference Basketball , Conference Principal's Academic Awards, Jr. Hi Band and Vocal awards, and Quiz Bowl – 2nd place. A complete listing is attached to the minutes.

Committee Reports

Board Policy – No report

Bldg/Grounds – Bebee deferred to New Business, Item 2.

Business/Finance – EHA insurance rates changed to a 4-tier structure. EHA will offer an open enrollment period for 2008-09.

Curriculum- No report

Personnel – Negotiation meeting set for April 7 at 6:00pm; Personnel meeting with WEA will be March 19.

Strategic Planning - Presented possible dates for a board retreat in June or July.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

An analysis of the ESU contract services versus the actual expenditures was presented for the past six years.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Lunz to approve the 2008-09 ESU#1 service contract for \$342,594.84. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Bebee presented the facility needs priority list of projects. The priority list is as follows:

1. Air movement in main gym/lunch room
2. Track
3. 15- passenger van replacement
4. Safety and security of facilities
5. Main gym floor replacement
6. Bus Barn

Projects were determined by district needs, community input, legislation, size of project and availability of funding.

After discussion on each project the consensus of the board was to approve the priority list as outlined.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Lunz to implement the air movement project. 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 Lunz to proceed with the track facility plan. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bebee to approve a certified teacher's request for personal leave. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bebee to approve the agreement with the architectural firm Carlson-West-Povandra on proposed projects. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

The April board meeting was moved to April 10 at 7:00pm due to the Music Concert on April 14.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bebee to adjourn at 9:12pm. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Lisa Lunz
Secretary

Marcia Kratke
Recording Secretary