

# WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

**March 9, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 7:07p.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 was 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, Clark, Lunz and Victor. Absent: Kindschuh. Also present were Superintendent Heimann, Elementary Principal Patzel and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke.

A modification to the agenda was made to include Item 7.5 Superintendent Contract. Motion by Clark, seconded by Christensen to approve the agenda as modified. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being ayes, motion carried.

## **Awards and Special Recognition**

Dr. Heimann reported that the school had received a \$4000 grant from the Wakefield Community Foundation. These funds will be used to purchase laptops for student use.

Christian Gallardo qualified for the state wrestling meet at 103lbs weight class.

Oral Interpretation of Drama qualified for the state speech meet. Members include Morgan Lunz, Ryan Conyers, Mercedes Greve and Hannah Paxton.

## **Elementary Principal Report**

SMARTboard training was held Monday during the teacher inservice with teachers training teachers. More training activities are planned for late starts in March where teachers will learn to develop lessons, explore the software, and share resources. Inservice time next year will have reading instruction with reading comprehension and vocabulary as the main focus.

## **Secondary Principal Report**

The Language Arts department completed their “curriculum-on-the-wall” during the Feb. 23 inservice. Preliminary plans for next year will be of a similar process with science, math and social studies but on a smaller scale.

### **Superintendent Report**

Thank you to the Community Club for hosting a Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day at school on March 3. Dr. Heimann gave an update on the state funding formula, golf course and the new equipment for the distance learning room.

### **Committee Reports**

**Policy:** Update on FMLA policy. Need to set an April meeting date for the committee.

**Bldg/Grounds/Transportation:** Pre-Bid conference showed much interest in the track project. Bid opening will be March 12 at 2:00p.m. Special meeting on March 16 at 5:00p.m. to award the contracts.

**Business/Finance:** No health insurance rates have been received as yet for 2009-10.

**Curriculum/Americanism/Technology:** Installation of SMARTboards in classrooms is proceeding as scheduled.

**Personnel:** Continuing the Superintendent Search process. Will meet with the WEA in April to finalize the “Friends of Education” award.

**Strategic Planning:** No report

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Bebee, seconded by Clark to approve the consent agenda as amended and corrected. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried. Bills for March were paid as follows: General: \$246,720.01; Lunch: \$11,237.52; Payroll: \$166,671.51; Depreciation: \$7,750.00 Employee Benefit: \$209.00; and Special Building: \$3,215.60.

### **Action Items:**

Motion by Clark, seconded by Christensen to declare excess electronic equipment as surplus items. 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 2009-10 ESU#1 service contract in the amount of \$249,088.00. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bebee to approve the changes to Policy #410.03 and suspend the required two readings. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a

roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried. This change will allow the policy to be aligned with federal law.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Lunz to give the superintendent the ability to adjust the Pre-School program for 2009-10 based on student needs. 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 Lunz to approve the certified staff leave request for April 11. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

**Discussion Items:**

The proposed school calendar is being shared with the staff. Any suggestions will be considered before the final school calendar is adopted in April.

Discussion was held on establishing an account with the Siouxland Community Foundation to handle donations specifically for the track and field project. Dr. Heimann was instructed to gather more information from the Wakefield Community Foundation.

Enrollment projections for 2009-10 were shared with the board.

Motion by Clark, seconded Lunz to enter into closed session at 9:07p.m. to discuss the superintendent contract. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

President Victor restated that closed session will be for the sole purpose for discussion on the superintendent contract.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Clark to reconvene into open session at 9:47p.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 Clark, seconded by Bebee to adjourn at 10:00p.m. President Victor stated the motion and the meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Lisa Lunz  
Secretary

Marcia Kratke  
Recording Secretary