

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD MINUTES**

**April 13, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 7:00pm. 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 the 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 members were present: Bebee, Christensen, Clark, Lunz, Kindschuh and Victor. Also present were Superintendent Heimann, Elementary Principal Patzel, Secondary Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Also present were Jan Johnson, Brian Johnson, Laura Dendinger of the Wakefield Community Foundation, and Debbie Hubbard of the Siouxland Community Foundation.

Motion by Kindschuh, 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.

Jan Johnson and Brian Johnson reported on their second grade reading activities.

Laura Dendinger and Debbie Hubbard shared information about having a school foundation within the Wakefield Community Foundation/Siouxland Community Foundation.

**Elementary Principal Report**

Kindergarten Round-up was held on Friday, March 27. Twenty-six kindergarteners were registered. Orientation meeting for next year's 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents will be held on Monday, April 27 at 7:00pm in the multipurpose room. Young Author's Assembly was held on March 25 with the overall winners being Ben Chase and Ryan Bodlak. The elementary teachers will be participating in "transition" meetings during the next two late starts. These meeting are designed to give teachers time to discuss with colleagues strengths, concerns, special services, interventions, etc. related to each student.

## **Secondary Principal Report**

Prom was postponed due to weather until Friday, April 17. All prom and post-prom activities will go on as planned on the rescheduled date. The junior high students will hold a spring music contest on April 2. The high school spring concert will be held April 20.

## **Superintendent Report**

The last day of school for students will be May 22 with a 2:00pm dismissal. Teachers will complete their contract days on May 26-28. We have met with D.A Davidson concerning the refinancing of our bonds. At this time it would not be advantageous for us to refinance due to our present low rate. ALICAP conducted our workman's comp safety audit on April 7. Award notifications for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Grant will not be determined until mid to late May. This grant would pay for 25% of the surfacing cost for the track.

## **Committee Reports**

**Policy:** Met to review transportation policy

**Bldg & Grounds/Transportation:** Pre-construction meeting will be April 22. The changes that we agreed to for the project will be handled as change orders.

**Business/Finance:** Contribution rates for the Nebraska state employee retirement fund will likely increase. Health insurance has taken an overall 7% increase. We will be receiving federal stimulus funds but with lots of "strings" attached. Changes to the state aid formula are being debated by the legislature.

**Curriculum/Americanism/Technology:** Smartboards have been installed in six more classrooms. The remaining rooms are scheduled for installation the first week in June. Upgrades to the distance learning room have been completed. The Title I portfolio has been sent to the NDE for review to ensure our compliance with state and federal program requirements.

**Personnel:** Meeting with the WEA on April 23

**Strategic Planning:** Need to plan for the board/superintendent transition process and also consider staffing plans for the future.

## **Action Items:**

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Kindschuh 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.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Clark to approve the 2009-10 calendar as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Kindschuh to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of Wakefield for mowing and trimming services as presented for 2009-2010. President Victor stated the motion and the roll call vote being: Yes: Clark, Christensen, Kindschuh, Lunz, Victor. No: Bebee, motion carried.

Clarification of the construction contingency costs on the track project was discussed.

We have received no staff resignations yet at this time.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Clark to enter into closed session to protect the reputation of individuals at 9:02pm. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

President Victor restated the reason for the closed session.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Kindschuh to reconvene into open session at 9:45pm. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Board members completed the Superintendent Search Evaluation from NASB.

**Discussion items:**

The strategic planning committee will pursue interests in the Wakefield Community Foundation.

Meeting dates were set as follows:

Strategic Planning Committee – May 11 at 7:00pm

Regular Board Meeting – May 11 at 8:00pm.

Policy Committee-June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Regular Board Meeting – June 10 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bebee to adjourn at 10:05pm. President Victor stated the motion and the meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Lisa Lunz  
Secretary

Marcia Kratke  
Recording Secretary