

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES
April 12, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 7:00p.m. in the board room at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

President Victor informed the group that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the west wall of the board room accessible to members of the public.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Wakefield Republican with the board approved method of given 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.

Julie Rose was administered the Oath of Office as a newly appointed board member due to Stuart Clark's resignation.

Roll was called with the following board members present: Bebee, Christensen, Kindschuh, Lunz, Rose and Victor. Others present were Superintendent Waddle, and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. The Principals were attending conferences and were not in attendance. Visitors present were Deb Garwood, Susan Metzler, Debbie Borg and Annette Chase.

Awards and Recognitions

Tim Campton and Hayley Zamsow- Class "C" All-State Honor Band

Samantha Bierbower – Jr. High Honor Band

Keri Lunz – 1st Team All-Conference in Basketball

Jenna Henderson and Libby Henschke – Honorable Mention to All-Conference in Basketball

Keri Lunz - 2nd Team All-Area Basketball in the Norfolk Daily News

Keri Lunz and Libby Henschke – NSAA Academic All-State in Basketball

Keri Lunz, Jenna Henderson and Libby Henschke – All-State Honorable Mention in Basketball

The "Big" Art Show was a success.

Twelve students attended FBLA State Leadership Conferences in Omaha

Mrs. Garwood and Mrs. Metzler reported on the NE state reading tests that the fifth grade class will be taking place soon. They will also be participating in the preliminary Woodmen's Speech Contest on Thursday. The fifth grade will be hosting the Arbor Day Program the end of April. Mrs. Metzler stated the science fair went very well. The students had worked very hard on their projects.

President Victor read the rules for participation for the visitors who were present. Debbie Borg and Annette Chase addressed the board concerning departmentalization.

Their questions were directed to the appropriate school personnel.

Elementary Principal

Mr. Wulf presented a written report in his absence. The winter MAP assessments and Universal Screenings have resulted in interventions being developed to support students who have a significant skill deficit in one or more of the areas assessed. The Nebraska State Assessment in Reading will be taken in April. A group of teachers have been attempting to find a core reading curriculum that will address all of our needs K-6. Teachers in grades 4, 5 and 6 have been given the opportunity to observe departmentalization at the elementary level. Overall feedback from the teachers' visits were positive. A schedule is being developed to accommodate this change for next year. A parent meeting will be held in the near future concerning departmentalization. The interview committee will be holding interviews April 15 and 16. The interview committee consists of: Linda Steinman, Cathy Hoffart, Shelly Schultz, Jaime Manz, Matt Brenn and Jolene Klein. Enrollment projections for PK-6 were also presented.

Secondary Principal

Mr. Heitz also presented a written report. He reported on the assessments and implementation of specific accommodation strategies and intervention plans for struggling students. Some elementary and high school teachers attended SMART-board training at the ESU on March 29. These teachers will give a brief presentation at the next late-start faculty meeting on Monday, April 19. Sixth graders and their parents are invited to attend the annual 6th grade orientation meeting on April 26. Information will be given about the transition from elementary to junior high. The high school spring concert will be April 19, with the District Music Contest to be held on April 23.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Waddle has applied for a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant for the 2010-2011 school year. The program offers approximately \$50-\$75 per student for the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables to be given to elementary students as a snack in the afternoon hours. Grants will be awarded in May. Security cameras, locks and air conditioning for the gym are underway. The power upgrade is complete. May 24 is the date for the track project to resume. The weather must be 50 degrees for 15-21 days before they can lay the rubberized track. The final walk through should be held in June. We have been in contact with the public power district in an attempt to receive a reimbursement for replacing the inefficient gym lights.

Committee Reports

Policy: The new 4000's are on the agenda tonight.

Bldg/ Grounds/Transportation: Bebee reported on the list of priority items that have or will soon be completed. A list of other summer projects was also discussed.

Business/Finance: We will be in the 2010-2011 budgeting process soon.

Personnel: Negotiations held their initial meeting with the WEA on April 6 at 7:30a.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30a.m with the WEA. Board negotiations committee will meet immediately after the board meeting tonight.

Strategic Planning: Contacts have been made for joint meetings with other districts on the possibility to share resources

Action Items

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Kindschuh to amend the consent agenda and pay all bills presented except Nemaha Landscaping Construction. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the amount of completed work on the track project by Nemaha Landscaping and the amount of retainage for the project. Motion by Lunz, seconded by Bebee to approve Application #2 on the track project from Nemaha Landscaping Construction in the amount of \$145,335.19. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Bills were paid for April as follows: General: \$217,500.12; Lunch: \$15,914.56; Payroll: \$166,505.79; Depreciation: \$145,335.19; and Employee Benefit Fund: \$4,394.38.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Kindschuh to accept the resignation of Candi Barge as custodian. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Kindschuh to ratify the hiring of Josie Paulsen as full-time custodian. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on refinancing the bonds which would result in a savings to the district.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Kindschuh that the Board authorize D. A. Davidson & Co. to proceed with the issuance of refunding bonds, provided the savings exceed \$13,000, and request that the final rates, savings report and authorizing resolutions to be brought to a future Board meeting. 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 accept the low bid of \$16,730 for a John Deere 72" Diesel mower and bagger unit from Northeast Equipment in Wayne. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

The revised Policy #5004 – Option Enrollment and also the new 4000 group of policies were presented. The committee will begin working on the 5000's and 6000's in an effort to complete the update of revised policies by the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Kindschuh to approve the 4000's Policy Group and the revised Policy #5004 – Option Enrollment. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Bebee to approve the option enrollment request of a minor child of Joel and Connie Bruns to the Pender Public School. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be May 10 at 7:00p.m. The Policy Committee will be at 6:00p.m. prior to the regular meeting on May 10.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Kindschuh to adjourn at 8:31p.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