

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
HEARING AND BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2011**

A hearing was held prior to the regular meeting with the following board members present: Bebee, Victor, Lunz, Rose, Lehmkuhl and Nicholson. Absent: None.

President Victor conducted a public hearing at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations from district patrons relating to the adoption of the proposed amended budget for School Year 2010-2011 and to consider amendments relative to the proposed budget.

Roll was called with the following board members present: Bebee, Victor, Lunz, Rose, Lehmkuhl, and Nicholson. Absent: None. Others present were Travis Volk, Bill Trenhaile, Shelly Shultz, Cathy Hoffart, Superintendent Waddle, and Secondary Principal Heitz.

Mr. Waddle explained that the purpose of the amendment is to lower cash reserves, increase total resources and disbursements to allow for future budget flexibility and financial security for the school district. This amendment creates no change in the tax levy for the district. All present were given the opportunity to ask questions concerning the proposed amended budget. President Victor closed the hearing at 7:03p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 7:03 p.m. in the boardroom at the Wakefield Community School, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE .

President Victor informed the group of the Open Meetings Law posted in the meeting room and accessible to all members of the public as required by law.

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

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Motion by Bebee, seconded by Nicholson to approve the agenda as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote were Yes: Victor, Lunz, Rose, Lehmkuhl, Nicholson and Bebee; No: None; motion carried.

Awards and Recognition: Congratulations to FCCLA STAR participants: Wakefield FCCLA members represented our school with superb leadership and responsibility at SLC this week! Justin Dorcey, Owen Salmon & Jon Bodlak received a Good rating on their Advocacy presentation, Luis Manjarez received a Good rating on his Recycle & Redesign project, Ryan Conyers & Kayleen Roberts received an Excellent rating on their Focus on Children presentation & Alex Conley, Hannah Lorenzen & Heath Greve received a Superior rating and State Runner-up on their presentation on Health and Wellness.

The BIG Show was a huge success once again this year with 12 area schools attending. Wakefield Students pulled in 35 Judge's Merits (top honors) and 48 1st place ribbons out of 120 pieces of artwork entered. Marcus Kaufman was awarded with the Judge's Best of Show and Student's Best of Show and Fatima Avila received the People's Best of Show. Mr. Hassler said he will do it again next year and is looking to add schools from South Dakota and Iowa and get the total number of schools attending up to 20.

Ten Wakefield Independent Art Students attended the Keya Paha Art Show in Springview, Nebraska on April 6th. 90 Judge's Merits were handed out to 12 attending schools from across Nebraska and South Dakota, Wakefield art students received 35 of them. Wakefield and Emerson-Hubbard Students displayed close to 150 pieces of artwork.

Girls Basketball Honors- Keri Lunz- 1st Team Lewis and Clark All-Conference, Class C 1st Team All-Area Norfolk Daily News, Honorable Mention All-State in Lincoln and Omaha Papers, Honorable Mention All-State Huskerland Prep, NSAA Academic All-State; Lauren Lehmkuhl- 1st Team Lewis and Clark All-Conference, Honorable Mention Class C All-Area Norfolk Daily News, All-State Honorable Mention in the Omaha paper; Katelyn Tuttle- All-Conference Honorable Mention, All-State Honorable Mention in the Omaha World Herald; Ashley Gilliland- NSAA Academic All-State

Mrs. Harding took students to the Wayne State College Business Competition Day Thursday, March 31. No one placed in any of the events. The list of students and their events are listed on the school's web page. Also, 10 students attended the FBLA State Leadership Conference which took place April 7-9 in Omaha. The students are: Tara Bjorklund, Alison Luhr, Amanda Luhr, Tori Plummer, Kristyne Cederlind, Katie Weinrich, Paige Ellis, Sydney Rose, Brendan Nicholson, and Jacob Nelson.

Recognition of Visitor/Communication from the Public: Mr. Volk thanked the administration and school improvement committee for the opportunity to be a part of the external visit. Mrs. Schultz thanked everyone for her great 16 years at Wakefield. Mrs. Hoffart reported that the first grade teachers are getting used to the new language arts series and are looking forward to the new math series next year.

Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Nixon gave a report from the newly formed community center committee. They gave suggestions on rule changes and asked for guidance from the board on the next steps that could be taken to better supervise the center while it is open. The buildings and grounds committee will meet with the community center committee.

Mr. Wulf joined the meeting at 7:45p.m.

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Wulf reported on the new math curriculum that has been purchased for the 2011-2012 school year, NeSA-Reading has been completed, and that NeSA-Math has been started at the elementary. He also reported on the potential numbers for kindergarten and preschool next year. He is predicting that there could be 37 kindergarteners, 40 four-year olds, and 34 three-year olds next year. Mr. Wulf stated that he has been working with members of the daycare committee to give suggestions. He was pleased to announce that the elementary student council raised \$580 in one week for the American Red Cross and as a result, Mr. Wulf, Mrs. Garwood, and Mr. Brenn had their hair colored by the students.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz reported that the state tests are under way and that for an upcoming board meeting, the principals will be reporting on the school improvement external visit held March 17th and 18th. He also stated that 8th grade orientation was held on March 28th with lower attendance than previous years.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Waddle stated that projected spending at the end of March will be 7.01% under budget. He reported on the NRCSA Conference and suggested to the board that they consider joining the organization for the 2011-2012 school year. In addition, he discussed pending legislation including bills that would change the state aid formula and retirement contributions.

Committee Reports:

Policy: The committee will plan on meeting in June.

Bldg/Grounds/Transportation: The committee met after the last meeting to discuss the activity center and security items for the front doors. They are planning to meet prior to the next meeting with the Activity Center Committee.

Curriculum/Americanism/Technology: No report

Personnel: This committee met on March 31st to discuss the superintendent evaluation process. Further discussion will take place to discuss the alignment of any changes with board policy.

Strategic Planning: No report

Action Items:

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Nicholson to approve the consent agenda. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call were Yes: Bebee, Lunz, Rose, Nicholson, Lehmkuhl and Victor; No: None; motion carried. Claims were paid as follows: General: \$352,566.88; Lunch: \$22,827.68; Payroll: \$174,328.33; Employee Benefit: \$224.00; and Special Building: \$19,920.20.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Bebee to approve the Amended 2010-2011 Budget as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote were Yes: Lunz, Rose, Nicholson, Lehmkuhl, Victor and Bebee; No: None; motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Lehmkuhl to approve the purchase and installation of an access control system for the main doors and to accept the bid as presented from ADT. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote were: Yes: Rose, Nicholson, Lehmkuhl, Victor, Bebee and Lunz; No: None; motion carried.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Bebee to approve the purchase of new phone handsets. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote were Yes: Nicholson, Lehmkuhl, Victor, Bebee, Lunz and Rose; No: None; motion carried.

The next meeting dates will be as follows: Buildings and Grounds Committee on May 9th at 6:00p.m. and the next regular meeting will be May 9th at 7:00p.m.

There being no further business President Victor adjourned the meeting at 9:23p.m.

Lisa Lunz, Secretary

Clayton Waddle, Superintendent