

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, February 8th at 7:00pm 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 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.

Roll was called with the following board members present: Bebee, Clark, Christensen, Lunz, and Victor. Others present were Superintendent Waddle, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were Janelle Eaton, Sherri Lundahl, Julie Rose, Sarah Rusk, Jim and Jill Lemkuhl.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Clark to approve the agenda as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Kindschuh arrived at the meeting at 7:05pm.

Awards and Special Recognition – Receiving a top gold award at the District FCCLA STAR competition at WSC in the Senior High Focus on Children category and will compete at the State Leadership Conference in April were Ryan Conyers, Karla Nelson and Kayleen Roberts. Luis Manjarrez received top gold in his category and will also compete at the state level. Jonathan Bodlak, Alex Conley and Justin Dorcey placed 2nd in the Junior High Health and Wellness category.

Visitors

Mrs. Eaton reported that the MAP testing had been completed in the elementary. The scores will be used as a baseline for the next round of testing.

Sherri Lundahl spoke on behalf of concerned parents about the traffic issue before and after school when parents are picking up their children. Mrs. Lundahl presented to the board possible short-term and long-term solutions towards easing the traffic problem.

Mr. Waddle stated that the parking problem has been an agenda item at the safety meetings and possible solutions have been discussed. Letters have already been sent home in both English and Spanish for parents of elementary students. The sheriff's office has also been called to patrol the area before and after school. The building and grounds committee will also be meeting to address the issue.

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Wulf stated the fourth grade students completed their state-wide writing assessments. Mrs. Manz and Mrs. Nixon have been selected to take part in the scoring in Lincoln for the assessments. Teachers and students are preparing to take the NeSA-Reading test in March. We will host a speaker by the ESU#1 staff to show how Project Life can be effective to student learning. Mrs. Haisch and Mrs. Manz have been participating in this process. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on February 11.

Mr. Wulf reported that there are 36 attending pre-school.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz stated that students are finishing their MAP Assessments this week. State-wide writing assessments are also being given. Teachers have been re-learning how to place articles on the school website. Also teachers are sharing specific teaching tools using SMART-Boards and giving ideas/strategies for accommodations given to special education students. Orientation will held for the eighth graders who will be entering 9th grade on March 1 at 7:00pm.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Waddle attended the Labor Relations Conference in Kearney last week. Topics discussed were school finance and the expected drop in state aid in the next few years. If the state budget shortfall is more than \$600 million, a special session is likely in order to make more cuts. He reported on the various legislative bills that would be of a concern for many schools. We are also looking at a different means of communicating with students, families and staff in case of school/activities cancellations. Our new bus arrived in January. Rod Garwood was here on January 29th to conduct our Rule 10 insurance audit.

Committee Reports

Policy – Met prior to the meeting and will act on changed/new policies later during the meeting.

Building/Grounds/Transportation: Will meet at 7:00am on Feb. 16

Strategic Planning: Set goals at board retreat

Personnel: Meet with WEA at 7:30am to discuss the Friend of Education award.

Discussion and Action Items

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Clark 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. Bills were paid for February as follows: General: \$243,127.03; Lunch: \$11,782.37; Payroll: \$167,377.74; Depreciation: \$69,984.00; and Employee Benefit: \$207.20.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Clark to approve the Strategic Planning Goals set at the Board Retreat. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried. A complete listing of the goals are available on the website and in the administration office.

President Victor indicated he was moving item 7.14 for discussion and action at this time.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bebee to approve the leave request to extend a holiday break by a certified staff member. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Clark presented proposed policies for discussion. Among those discussed were fees on returned checks, prohibit the use of tobacco products on school premises, and notification of sex offenders living in the district.

Motion by Kindschuh, seconded by Clark to accept the proposed policies as presented and waive the second reading. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

A complete listing of policies is available on the school website and at the administration office.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Clark to adopt LB1021 Resolution in support of the NSAA. 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 adopt the Revised Language Arts Standards. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Kindschuh to continue membership in NASB. 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 continue membership in the Wakefield Community Club. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Clark to approve the school calendars for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 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 Kindschuh to allow the administration to work out the details with the City of Wakefield concerning the tractor agreement, mowing and weeding agreement and the football field rental agreement. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bebee to accept Dr. Michael Nesbit's resignation and thank him for his years of service. 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 accept Mr. Morris Jacobsen's resignation and thank him for his years of service. 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 enter into closed session at 9:18 to discuss principals' contracts. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

President Victor restated the purpose of the closed session.

Motion by Kindschuh, seconded by Clark to reconvene into open session at 9:40pm. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Kindschuh, seconded by Bebee to renew the contract for Mr. Wulf as elementary principal and set his salary at \$69,500 plus benefits. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Christiansen to renew the contract for Mr. Heitz as secondary principal and set his salary at \$76,500 plus benefits. 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 accept Stuart Clark's resignation from the board with regret and thank him for his service. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being as follows: Yes: Bebee, Christensen, Kindschuh, Lunz and Victor. Abstain: Clark. Motion carried.

President Victor appointed Doug Christensen to replace Clark as the Board Policy Committee Chair.

The next regular meeting will be on March 8th at 7:00pm.

Building and Grounds will meet at 6:15pm prior to the board meeting on March 8th.

Motion by Kindschuh, seconded by Christiansen to adjourn at 10:05. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Secretary

Recording Secretary

Lisa Lunz

Marcia Kratke