

WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012 at 7:00p.m. in the boardroom at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

President Victor called the meeting to order and informed the group that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was 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.

Roll was called with the following board members present: Bebee, Nicholson, Lehmkuhl, Rose, Lunz and Victor. Others present were Superintendent Bejot, Secondary Principal Jason Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Lori Harding was a visitor.

President Victor noted a correction on the agenda with the date corrected to 2012 instead of 2011.

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

Awards/Recognitions

Mr. Heitz reported that he had nominated 17 students for the Lewis/Clark Principal's award. These student must have a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Wakefield Quiz Bowl team consisting of Anthony Munson, Eduardo Salazar and Cleofes Sarmiento won the first round of the KTCH Quiz Bowl. They will be participating in the second round at a later date.

Elementary Principal Report

In the absence of Mr. Wulf, Mr. Bejot reported on the MAP assessments which will begin Jan. 16. The state writing test will be given to the 4th graders on Feb 1 and 2. The 2nd annual One Book, One School initiative was held the last two weeks of December with all students PK-6 receiving a copy of *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*. Elementary 2012-2013 projections total 286 at the present time.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz stated the Technology Committee will be visiting Beresford, S.D tomorrow to observe their use of a 1:1 initiative of iPads. The committee has already visited O'Neill Public School and Ashland-Greenwood and observed their use of the 1:1 initiative of PC laptops and Apple laptops. MAP testing will take place at the secondary level during Jan 16 and Feb 3. The renovation of Mr. Volk's I.T. classroom is nearly complete. New countertops have been installed and the new touch-screen

computers are being imaged. Enrollment projections in the high school for next year are at 191. Mrs. Carson and Mrs. Montoya will be sharing a WSC student teacher this semester. Lisa Sievers will be having a WSC student teacher the last nine weeks of the semester.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Bejot reported that the Math and Science curriculum teams are planning on presenting to the Board Curriculum Committee the first week of February. He also asked the Board their input concerning graduation requirements in the areas of science, social studies and foreign language. The state will require another year of science beginning with this year's freshmen. Changes in next year's schedule will need to reflect this requirement. The schedule committee is planning on making a recommendation to the Board in February for their review.

MPM farms has made a donation to the district of \$4000 to be used as the school wishes.

Mr. Bejot noted the following dates for summer activities: Providing facilities for BRAN activities on June 20; and the all-school Alumni Banquet will be held on Friday, July 6 in the activity center.

We received recognition from the Nebraska Secretary of State, John Gale for the Veterans Day Ceremonies held in November.

Mr. Bejot urged the board to keep watch on LB 913 which affects the budget growth rate. He will be attending the Legislative Conference in Lincoln later this month to keep abreast of other education related laws.

Board Committees

Policy: Committee will be recommending revisions later in the meeting.

Bldg/Grounds/Transportation: Will be meeting with John Carlson the first week in February concerning facility improvements.

Action Items:

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Nicholson, 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 January as follows: General: \$318,217.11; Payroll: \$172,707.54; Lunch: \$16,180.33; Depreciation: \$9,775.00; Employee Benefit: \$254.25; and Special Building: \$1,458.33.

The meeting adjourned Sine Die to elect officers for the 2012 calendar year.

The results of the election were as follows: President, Lisa Lunz; V-President, Tim Bebee; and Secretary Lori Nicholson.

Newly elected President Lunz thanked Mark Victor for his tenure as President.

President Lunz reappointed all members to their present committees with the chairman of each committee to remain the same.

Motion by Victor, seconded by Bebee to authorize the Board Officers to sign checks for the General Fund; Contingency Fund; Special Building Fund; Depreciation Fund; Employee Benefit Fund; Bond Fund; Cooperative Fund; and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bejot read and reviewed the School Board Code of Conduct and each member signed the document and was put on file.

President Lunz asked the board if there were any additional Potential Conflict of Interest Statements that needed to be addressed as required by the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. There being none other than the statements presently on file she continued the next order of business.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Nicholson to designate Iowa-Nebraska State Bank as official depository for school district funds. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lehmkuhl, seconded by Bebee to designate the Wakefield Republican as the official news publication for the school district. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Lehmkuhl to designate Harding & Schultz as official legal counsel for the school district. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bejot presented the policy committee's recommended revisions to the 4000 series of board policy. Minor wording changes for clarification were recommended for some policies and others will remain the same.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Lehmkuhl to approve the review and recommended revisions recommended by the policy committee on the 4000 series of board policy. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lehmkuhl, seconded by Rose to waive the deadline on the option enrollment applications and allow the children of Robbie & Deb Allen from the Wakefield Community School District to the Wayne Community School District for the 2011-2012 school year. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lehmkuhl, seconded by Bebee to waive the deadline on the option enrollment application and allow a minor child of Scott and Trish Mackling of Emerson to attend Wakefield for the 2011-2012 school year. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Victor to waive the deadline on the option enrollment applications and allow the children of Hugo and Juana Lozano to attend Wakefield from the Wayne district. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bejot presented the NJUMP inter-local agreement for renewal. NJUMP allows the purchase of natural gas and related services at lower contracted prices which is a savings to the district.

A resolution for an Amendment and Addendum to our NJUMP Inter-local Agreement was made by Bebee, and seconded by Lehmkuhl. The following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of said Resolution: Bebee, Nicholson, Lehmkuhl, Rose, Victor and Lunz. This Resolution will be effective July 1, 2012.

Upcoming meetings are as follows: Curriculum Committee – Feb 1 at 4:00;
Building/Grounds/Transportation—Feb. 9 at 6:30p.m.; and February Board Meeting –Feb 13 at 7:00p.m.

There being no further business President Lunz adjourned the meeting at 9:14p.m.

Lori Nicholson, Secretary

Marcia Kratke, Recording Secretary