

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES**

May 11, 2009

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 8:00pm. 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: Christensen, Clark, Lunz, Kindschuh and Victor. Absent: Bebee. Also present were Superintendent Heimann, Elementary Principal Patzel, Secondary Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Also present was Shelly Schultz.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Kindschuh to excuse Bebee from the board meeting. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Clark to approve the 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 May as follows: General: \$187,988.40; Lunch: \$15,970.29; Payroll: \$167,209.13; Employee Benefit: \$209.00; Special Building: \$18,009.60; and Qualified Capital Purpose: \$5,173.75.

Awards and Special Recognition:

The golf team received 3rd place in the Wakefield Invitational.

Mrs. Schultz shared with the board how the first grade teachers exceeded their professional goal for 2008-09. 91% of the students scored at proficient or advanced on the 150 High Frequency Word List compared to their goal of 85%.

Elementary Principal Report:

Family Math night had a total attendance of 175. Summer school schedule this year will be a four day week for three weeks. The goals and focus for next year are planned for the first semester. This will allow for a smooth transition with the new elementary principal.

Secondary Principal Report:

Our May 4 late-start meeting included continued work on the science and social studies curriculum. Honors Night was held on May 4. The school was presented a plaque by the Army National Guard as being the “Most Patriotic High School in Nebraska”. Thirteen seniors are joining the military after graduation. The last day of school is May 22, with a 2:00 dismissal.

Superintendent Report:

We were notified that Wakefield did not make sufficient progress from 2006-07 to 2007-08 in regards to our ELL students according to the ELDA test. ELDA is a reading, listening and speaking test that the federal government requires us to administer to all ELL students, regardless of their language skills. Fewer students were proficient on the test in 2008 than in 2007, although we were not testing the exact same students because of their mobility. We have many programs in place to identify student needs and we will continue to help these students.

Board Committees:

Policy: Next meeting will be June 10 at 6:00pm.

Bldg/Grounds/Transportation: Contract issues have been finalized. The topsoil is being stockpiled to reshape the hill, then the topsoil will be replaced. Next construction meeting is scheduled for June 2 at 9:00am.

Business/Finance: State aid not finalized as yet. The revenue forecast was lower than anticipated so we may see another change in August on state aid. We will be using approximately \$55,000 of federal stimulus funds for IDEA in 2008-09. We will use the balance of IDEA stimulus funds in 2009-10. We will access our Title I stimulus funds in 2009-10.

Curriculum/Americanism/Technology: Mrs. Rusk is preparing a proposal to purchase technology hardware/software for next year.

Personnel: “Friends of Education” award was presented to the Class of 1955 on Honor’s Night. Committee will meet on June 10 at 4:00pm.

Strategic Planning: We will visit with Mr. Waddle to see if he wants to meet with the board during the transition process.

Action Items:

Motion by Clark, seconded by Kindschuh, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Bills were paid for May as follows: General: \$189,996.52; Lunch: \$15,970.29; Payroll: \$167,209.13; Employee Benefit: \$209.00; Special Building: \$18,009.60; and Qualified Capital Purpose: \$5,173.75. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lunz to approve the changes to the following policies: 402.05, 403.05, 404.09, 402.12, 604.03, and 801.06 as presented for first reading. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lunz to approve the changes to the 2009-10 student handbook as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

No action was taken on Item 6.4 due to no items needing approval on the track project at this time.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Christensen to approve the conditional list of Wakefield High School Class of 2009 pending completion of all graduation requirements. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lunz to authorize the superintendent or designee to enter into an agreement with the Wakefield Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Siouxland Community Foundation, to establish a Wakefield Community School Foundation. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Kindschuh to accept the resignations of Mr. Kravig, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Patzel and thank them for their years of service to the district. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Waddle was present on May 7 to assist in the screening process for elementary principals. Interviews are scheduled for May 14.

Mr. Smith's teaching position will not be replaced. We have the ability to reshuffle teaching duties to cover English classes without reducing our offerings and still utilize teachers endorsed in their appropriate content area.

Candidates for the science position are being interviewed at the present time.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Kindschuh to enter into closed session at 9:03pm to discuss the principals contracts. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Before entering closed session, President Victor restated the sole purpose of the closed session.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Kindschuh to reconvene in open session at 9:38pm President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

No action was taken at this time as the result of the closed session.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 9:43pm. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Lisa Lunz
Secretary

Marcia Kratke
Recording Secretary