

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES
November 16, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 5:30pm 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 east wall of the media center 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. Absent: Kindschuh. Others present were Superintendent Waddle, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors attending were Linda Steinman and Timarie Hansen.

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

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.

Awards and Special Recognition:

All Jr. High wrestlers earned medals at their meet last week. Mr. Volk and his journalism class will be featured in an upcoming edition of the Norfolk Daily News.

Mrs. Steinman reported that the jean money was given to the Lions Club for Christmas gifts this holiday season. Teachers have been learning from their peers during the late-starts with the focus being reading and writing. Mrs. Hansen stated that by using the SMARTboards to enhance curriculum in the kindergarten the students are excited about learning to read.

Elementary Report

Mr. Wulf stated the focus for October late-start was Reading and Comprehension led by Mrs. Garwood and Mrs. Metzler. The November late-start focus was on Questioning Strategies presented by Mr. Brenn and Mrs. Haisch. Grandparent's Day was a huge success. Plans are to make this an annual event. We relocated the preschool on November 2 with 11 students. We are currently serving 24 students either half days or

whole days with all slots full. In addition, we have 13 students on our waiting list. We have established criteria to accepting students based on age, need, etc. The administration is looking at the possibility of adding another room in the future.

Secondary Report

The One-Act play “The Hilarious History of Troy” will be performed for the public on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 7:00pm. Mrs. Rusk presented new ideas for uses of the SMARTboards at the Nov late-start. Allen Schools has requested to join our boys golf team in the spring. A cooperative agreement between the two schools will be needed as per NSAA guidelines. Students who appear as “ineligible” will be required to attend the After-School Program for needed targeted assistance until they are no longer “ineligible”.

Superintendent Report

The legislative special session will be dealing with the budget shortfall. Education will be taking the biggest hit as the state aid formula will be adjusted on the amount of money distributed to the schools. Of the 47 million projected state budget shortfall; 31 ½ million will come from education. Due to the weather the track project has been put on hold until next spring.

Committee Reports:

Policy: Meeting after the board meeting tonight.

Personnel Relations: Superintendent evaluation needs to take place. Victor distributed the superintendent evaluation form to board members.

Strategic Planning: Board retreat on January 16th from 9:00am. to 12:00pm.

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 of those present being all ayes, motion carried. Bills were paid for November as follows: General: \$203,498.83; Lunch: \$20,399.05; Payroll: \$182,766.46; Bond: \$67,977.50; Employee Benefit: \$207.20; Depreciation: \$193,322.52; Special Building: \$8,569.25; and Qualified Capital Purpose: \$58,500.00.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Clark to declare football uniforms as surplus but not to sell them until new uniforms can be purchased. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Christensen to pass the following resolution concerning conflicting school board policies:

WHEREAS, the organization, management, and control of the Wakefield Public School District is vested in its Board of Education; and,

WHEREAS, the organization, management, and control of the school district is articulated through its adopted board policies; and,
WHEREAS, in August of 2009, the board of education determined that it is in the school district's best interest to adopt a new and updated set of policies; and,
WHEREAS, beginning in September of 2009, the board of education began to systematically update its policies by reviewing each section of policies; and,
WHEREAS, there may be conflicting policies regarding the organization, management, or control of the school district while the board is in the process of systematically updating its policies;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that newly adopted policies shall supercede any prior conflicting policies.

President Victor stated the resolution and after a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, the resolution was passed.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Lunz to approve Payment #1 to Nemaha Landscape Construction in the amount of \$193,322.52 for the track project. 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 Bebee to ratify the volunteer status of Brady Nicholson as a wrestling coach. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Kindschuh joined the meeting at 6:45pm.

Allen Schools has approached us about the possibility of joining our boys golf team in the spring. An agreement between the two schools would have to be signed and NSAA would need to approve this agreement. Discussion followed as to the particulars of the agreement.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bebee to enter into a cooperative agreement with Allen Public Schools concerning boys golf. 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 hire Klein Electric for the electrical upgrade for the air conditioning project. 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 accept the fencing bid of Nordby Fencing in the amount of \$12,142. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

The policy committee will be meeting immediately following the meeting to continue work on the policy updates.

The next regular meeting will be Dec. 14 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Bebee to adjourn at 7:32pm.

Lisa Lunz
Secretary

Marcia Kratke
Recording Secretary