

WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 8, 2010

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 7:00p.m. in the board room at the Wakefield Community School, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

President Victor informed the group of the Open Meeting 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.

Roll was called with the following board members present: Bebee, Christensen, Kindschuh, Lunz, Rose and Victor. Absent: None. Others present were Superintendent Waddle, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were Jaime Manz, Cassidy Manz, and Jim Lehmkuhl.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Kindschuh, 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 Recognitions:

National Honor Society tapped the following thirteen members: Christian Gallardo, Mirna Camerena, Michal Bodlak, Victoria Nelson, Tori Plummer, Michael Eaton, Brendan Nicholson, Hannah Paxton, Torie Allemann, Bailey Echtenkamp, Ashley Gilliland, Anthony Munson and AnnaLeigh Miner.

Lewis Conference Honor Choir – Sydney Rose, Darien Gustafson, Hannah Paxton, Samantha Biewbower, Henry Ventura, Daniel Muller, Ryan Conyers, and Brendan Nicholson.

Conference Quiz Bowl Team – Tara Bjorklund, Christian Gallardo, Laura Berns, Anthony Munson, Paige Ellis, Jacob Lunz, Josh Dolph and Sam Bierbower.

Mrs. Manz reported on her position as Reading Specialist. They are using the Leveled Literacy Curriculum where the students have intense instruction to assist in bringing up their reading skills to grade level within 18 weeks.

Mr. Clay reported on his half time position as elementary guidance counselor. In K-6 they are discussing what constitutes bullying and how to report it. He meets with certain classes each day and also counsels students as time allows.

Mrs. Manz and Mr. Clay reported on their crisis training presented by Dr. John Dudley from Lincoln. They named security as an area of concern because of the various entrances.

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Wulf shared information about the elementary parent group meeting on Oct. 26. Their next meeting is November 9. Groups began working in sub committees in various areas. Mr. Wulf shared Fall MAP assessment scores in Math and Reading. Mr. Wulf and a group of teachers will be looking at new math curriculum to address needs shown by test scores.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz also shared information about the Fall MAP assessment scores in Math and Reading and the percent of improvement shown. Wakefield will be hosting the Lewis and Clark Conference One-Act competition on Nov. 22. The annual Veteran's Day Program will be held Thursday, Nov. 11 at 9:00 in the main gym. The school will host the monthly community club meeting following the program.

Superintendent Report

A presentation about cyber-bullying will be presented by Karen Haase, attorney with the Harding & Shultz law firm from Lincoln on November 23 at Wakefield Schools. Emerson-Hubbard and Allen Schools will be sharing the cost of the presentation. Ms. Haase will present to grades 5-12 at different times during the school day, staff after school and to parents in the evening. Senator Adams met with area superintendents via distance learning on Oct. 25. State aid will be reduced from \$950 million to \$838 million. The Education Committee will be retooling the state aid formula and other components to "spread the pain evenly" amongst the districts. All standing committees in the Nebraska Legislature will be reducing spending by 10% to address the projected state's biennium budget shortfall. Mr. Waddle will be meeting with the local ministerium on November 10. ALICAP will perform a safety audit on Nov. 9. Mr. Waddle will be attending a First Amendment workshop in Lincoln on Nov. 12. The LEP and Poverty Plans have been approved for the 2011-2012 school year.

Committee Reports

Policy: Met Oct 11 to start the review process.

Bldg/Grounds/Transportation: Will hold a community meeting and ask for feedback on various projects to assist the board in setting priorities. Held discussion on trading in the tractor for a skid loader.

Personnel: Met on Oct 14 with the WEA discussing Grandparent's Day, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Meet and Greet and Crisis Team Training.

Strategic Planning: The city wanted to delay the joint meeting until after election.

Action Items

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Kindschuh 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 November as follows: General: \$288,897.70; Lunch: \$18,024.07; Payroll: \$171,846.47; Depreciation: \$47,528.00; Employee Benefit: \$224.00; Special Bldg: \$510.00; and Qualified Capital: \$60,000.00.

Motion by Kindschuh, seconded by Bebee to radify Brady Nicholson as a volunteer assistant in wrestling. 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 radify Joe Chavis as a volunteer assistant in boys basketball. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

The board tabled Item #7.4 on the purchase of a skid loader until December.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Bebee to declare the listing of equipment from the media center as surplus. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

President Victor shared with the board a complaint he had received concerning a job assignment. After much discussion and advisement from legal counsel that as board policy states now the assignment should stand as assigned.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Kindschuh to enter into closed session at 9:40pm for the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Kindschuh, seconded by Rose to come out of closed session at 10:20. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Dates for future meetings is as follows: Special Board Meeting on Dec. 1 at 7:15a.m. to discuss the purchase of a skid loader; Regular December board meeting on Dec. 13 at 7:00p.m. ; Building and Grounds committee prior to the December board meeting at 6:30p.m. Community Meeting on Jan. 16 at the ESU#1 at 4:00p.m; January board meeting on Jan 17th at 7:00p.m.

There being no further business President Victor adjourned the meeting at 10:44p.m.

Lisa Lunz

Marcia Kratke

Secretary

Recording Secretary