

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD MINUTES**

**October 12, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, October 12, 2009 at 7:00pm. in the media center at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE. The location was changed due to the number of visitors in attendance.

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. Clark, Christensen, Lunz, Kindschuh and Victor. Absent: Bebee. Others present were Superintendent Waddle, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Several parents from the pre-school and the Wakefield Family Resource Center were also in attendance.

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

President Victor read the public participation rules the board would follow and were also handed out to all present.

**Elementary Report:**

Mr. Wulf reported on the presentation that Mrs. Manz and Mrs. Nixon presented during the September late-start. In October the focus will be on comprehension strategies. The elementary had 93% attendance for parent/teacher conferences. Teachers will contact those families not in attendance. The school will be using the MAP assessments this year instead of the Terra Nova tests. It was felt that this type of assessments would better measure the academic process and be more beneficial for instruction. Grandparent's Day will be held on October 23 for grades K-6. Special activities are being planned for the day.

## **Secondary Report:**

Mr. Heitz stated that the high school will also be participating in the MAP assessments. These assessments will be given three times per year. Parent/teacher conferences were attended by 52% of our parents in the high school. K-12 enjoyed dancers from the Winnebago Tribe on October 7. Homecoming coronation will be on Thursday evening and end with a dance following the football game on Friday.

## **Superintendent Report:**

Mr. Waddle reminded the board about the upcoming NASB conference in November. He will be meeting with fencing companies in the next couple of weeks to obtain bids for the elementary playground. A construction meeting was held on Oct. 6 with an update on the track project.

## **Committee Reports**

**Policy** – Will be meeting in Nov prior to our regular meeting

**Personnel** – Met with the WEA and discussed Meet/Greet night, disability insurance and communication issues.

**Building/Grounds** - Met and discussed the bids received for air-conditioning the gym/kitchen/lunchroom areas. Toured the buildings and listed projects to be completed within 1-3 years. Wet weather has slowed the track project tremendously. Steps to be completed hinge on good weather for a long period of time.

## **Discussion and Action Items**

President Victor moved agenda Item 7.4 (Pre-school) to the first item to be discussed.

Motion by Kindschuh, seconded by Clark to approve the consent agenda as amended. 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 October as follows: General: \$240,561.44; Lunch: \$14,397.17; Payroll: \$169,518.03; Cooperative: \$.01; Employee Benefit: \$207.20; and Special Building: \$48,756.19.

Mr. Wulf gave a presentation and timeline on moving the Wakefield Pre-school to the school site by January. Better transition for students and staff, support for staff, Nebraska Department of Ed Rule 11 compliance issues and room availability were some of the reasons necessitating the location change.

Bebee joined the meeting at 7:30pm.

President Victor asked for any comments/questions by visitors concerning pre-school. Those visitors wishing to speak expressed their concerns about parental communication, timeline, daycare, special needs, economic and social impact to the community and the needs of the Hispanic community. The consensus of the group was the daycare issue. It was voiced by the group that the Wakefield Family Resource Center would close if this happened. No confirmation had been received by the Wakefield Family Resource Center Board as of today if that would happen or not.

No action was taken on Item 7.4 at this time.

A tour of the proposed pre-school room was given to the group by Mr. Wulf.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Clark to approve Payment #5 to Jensen Construction in the amount of \$33,362.29. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the bids to air-condition the gym, kitchen and lunchroom.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lunz to accept the low bid of Kalin's Heating/Air Conditioning with the Building and Grounds Committee deciding on the unit tonnage. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

The next meeting will be November 16 at 5:30pm. Policy committee will be meeting immediately after the regular meeting.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lunz to adjourn at 8:47pm. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Lisa Lunz  
Secretary

Marcia Kratke  
Recording Secretary