

WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011 at 8:03p.m. in the boardroom at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

In the absence of President Victor, Vice-President Bebee 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, Lunz, Lehmkuhl, Nicholson and Rose. Absent: Victor. Others present were Superintendent Bejot, Secondary Principal Heitz, Elementary Principal Wulf and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors in attendance were Austin Galles, Matt Brenn, Sarah Rusk and Chad Metzler.

Motion by Lehmkuhl, seconded by Rose to excuse Victor from the meeting. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Awards and Recognition:

Board members receiving Boardmanship Awards at the area meeting were Rose – Level I, Bebee – Level II and Victor – Level III.

New NHS members tapped on Wednesday were Paige Ellis, Sydney Rose, Megan Bejot, Jacob Lunz, Lauren Barge, Jairo Motino, Angelica Zarate, Victoria Zamzow, Kayleen Roberts, and Janet Rodriguez.

Mr. Brenn reported on his science class activities which included studying wind energy, endangered species and dissecting worms and frogs. The 6th grade class also is responsible for the recycling of paper for the boy scouts and used toner cartridges. He also reported on the elementary student council activities that will be held during red ribbon week.

Mr. Galles reported on his 4-6 English classes.

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Wulf presented a chart of Guided Reading Levels by grade level and reading goals for the elementary. Students who need assistance will be placed on a level where they can succeed and move

up to a new level as they improve. He also distributed the agenda for Grandparent's Day which will be held on Friday, Oct. 14.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz stated that MAP testing was almost completed. He also demonstrated Google Docs using I-pads which both principals use when observing teachers in their classrooms. Wakefield will host conference music contest on Nov 7. There will be no school for students but teachers will have an in-service day.

Both principals are applying to the Gardner Foundation for grants.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Bejot reported that all teachers will attend a Ruby Paine presentation on Oct. 31 in Wayne. There will be no school for students.

We have been in contact with the Nebraska Department of Ed in case we do receive monies from the Gardner Foundation and what would be the best way to accommodate the grants without affecting our state aid. The Nebraska Department of Ed has recommended that we amend our budget to allow us to receive and spend the grants and also to form our own foundation in order to receive and spend grant money from private individuals and foundations. Whatever actions are taken will be in the best interest of the district for the present and for the future.

Board Committees

Policy – Will be presenting the 3000's on the agenda tonight

Bldg/Grounds/Transportation – Met and discussed improving the school entrance, signage, parking issues, and other capital type expenditures. Will meet on Nov 14 at 6:30p.m. to start prioritizing projects.

Personnel – Meet with WEA personnel committee on Monday, Oct 17 at 7:30a.m.

Curriculum/Americanism/Technology – Teachers are excited about our new technology updates.

Strategic Planning – Met with city prior to meeting tonight to share thoughts and ideas for the future of the school and city and how both can work together.

Action Items:

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Lehmkuhl to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried. Bills were paid for October as follows: General: \$230,710.13; Lunch: \$22,351.33; Payroll: \$177,857.96; Employee Benefit: \$304.25.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Lutz to approve Dan Cravatt as a volunteer student mentor. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bejot presented the changes in the 3000's series of board policy as recommended by the policy committee.

Motion by Rose, seconded by Nicholson to approve the 3000's series as recommended by the policy committee with the exception of Policy # 3008 with no change. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion on the pros and cons of off-site hosting of Power-School was held. Mrs. Rusk was present to answer any questions concerning the service.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Lehmkuhl to approve the office Power School Hosting Service by Computer Logic Group. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lutz, seconded by Nicholson to waive the deadline and approve the request of Jim and Estelle Bierbower for a minor child to attend Wayne Community School. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Chad Metzler presented information about reinstating Close-up at Wakefield. After much discussion about cost, time of trip, and fund-raising ideas, the board tabled the decision until Mr. Bejot gathered more information and visited with legal counsel about Close-up.

Motion by Lutz, seconded by Rose to adopt K-12 State Science Standards. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Nov. 14 at 7:30p.m.

There being no further business Vice-President Bebee adjourned the meeting at 10:15.

Lisa Lutz, Secretary

Marcia Kratke, Recording Secretary