

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
HEARING AND BOARD MINUTES**

September 14, 2009

Two hearings were held prior to the regular meeting with the following board members present: Bebee, Christensen, Kindschuh, Lunz and Victor. Absent: Clark. Others present were Superintendent Waddle, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Deb Youngmeyer was also in attendance.

President Victor conducted a public hearing at 6:50p.m. for the purposes of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations from district patrons relating to the adoption of the proposed budget for School Year 2009-2010 and to consider amendments relative to the proposed budget. Mr. Waddle explained the proposed budget expenditures and tax requirements for each fund. This budget reflects a lower levy than the previous year. All present were given the opportunity to ask questions concerning the proposed budget. There being no other input President Victor closed the hearing at 6:55p.m.

President Victor opened a public hearing at 6:56p.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations from district patrons relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. Mr. Waddle explained the Special Hearing Notice to Set Final Tax Request which was published in the paper contained a clerical error in the 2008/09 budget information. It does not change the 2009/10 budget information and therefore does not have to be republished. The proposed tax rates for the following funds are as follows: General: \$.950981; Bond: \$.033537; Special Building: \$.074543 and Qualified Capital Purpose: \$.030849. There being no other discussion President Victor closed the hearing at 6:59p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7:00p.m. in the board room at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

President Victor informed the public of the Open Meeting Laws 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 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, Lunz, Kindschuh and Victor. Superintendent Waddle, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke and Deb Youngmeyer were also present. Clark joined the group at 7:04p.m.

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 being all ayes, motion carried.

Deb Youngmeyer expressed her thanks for the SMART boards that had been installed in all the rooms. This year she and Mrs. Johnson are going into some of the classrooms to assist students at various times.

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Wulf reported that there are 200 elementary students. He has begun a “Nice Bike Award” in grades K-6 which promotes making good choices. Students receive recognition on Fridays during lunch. During our in-service on Monday, Janet Lowe presented ideas of how to assist the students in their reading fluency and comprehension. Next week we will be starting a universal screening K-8 which will test students reading and math skills. This screening will assist the teachers in determining if help is needed in those areas.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz stated that Homecoming has been changed to the week of Oct 12 due to scheduling conflicts. Coronation will be held on Thursday evening, Oct. 15. Mr. Wulf and Mr. Heitz have been preparing for the online state reading tests. During Monday’s in-service Mary Unger presented strategies in teaching vocabulary in content areas.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Waddle stated that State Senator Adams, Chairman of the Education Committee and State Senator Giese will be here on Tuesday to visit with Mr. Waddle and tour our facility. They have chosen to visit some of the new superintendents throughout the state to get their view on topics related to education. Mr. Waddle has been notified that the federal government has issued more restrictions on how we can spend our migrant funds this year. The heavy rains have caused problems with water runoff from the track project but as soon as all the drains are installed and completed the contractor has assured us that this will alleviate the problem.

Committee Reports

Policy: Meet in November

Bldg/Grounds/Transportation: Will be meeting before the next regular meeting.

Business/Finance: Reviewed proposed budget prior to the budget hearing

Action Items

Motion by Kindschuh, seconded by Bebee to approve the consent agenda as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried. 2008-09 Year-end Bills were paid as follows: General: \$228,644.53; and Lunch: \$519.21. Bills were paid for September as follows: General: \$217,967.44; Lunch: \$9,869.62; Payroll: \$156,123.40; Cooperative: \$234.63; Employee Benefit: \$207.20; and Special Building: \$37,918.99.

Motion by Kindschuh, seconded by Clark to approve the proposed budget for the School Year 2009-2010 which includes the following funds: General, Depreciation, Employee Benefit, Activities, Contingency, Special Building, Bond, Lunch, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking, Cooperative and Student Fee. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Kindschuh to pass a resolution to set the tax request for the General Fund at \$2,165,050; Bond Fund at \$76,350.95; Special Building Fund at \$169,707.77 and the Qualified Capital Purpose Fund at \$70,233.38. President Victor stated the resolution and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Kindschuh to ratify the decision to hire Kelly Northwick as a paraprofessional. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Kindschuh, seconded by Bebee to ratify the decision to hire Shawn Lierman to fill the custodial/maintenance position. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Kindschuh to ratify the decision to hire Chase King as the one-act play coach. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Kindschuh to approve Payment #4 to Jensen Construction in the amount of \$36,484.99. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

No action was taken at this time concerning air conditioning in the main gym, lunchroom and kitchen.

Discussion on purchasing a new bus prior to new regulations going into effect January 1, 2010.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lunz to accept the low bid from Omaha Truck Center for a 2010 60 passenger Thomas bus. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on relocating pre-school to our elementary school site allowing our resources to better serve the needs of the districts' pre-school students.

Discussion was held on a proposal for short and long term disability insurance. The personnel committee will meet at a later date to discuss the proposal.

Meeting dates were set as follows:

Bldg & Grounds on Oct. 6 at 7:00p.m.;

Personnel on Oct 7 at 7:00a.m.;

Regular meeting on Oct. 12 at 7:00p.m.

Board retreat on Jan. 16, 2010 at 9:00a.m at the ESU

Motion by Clark, seconded by Bebee to adjourn at 9:38p.m. 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