

WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPT. 12, 2011

Two hearings were held prior to the regular meeting with the following board members present: Bebee, Nicholson, Rose, and Lunz. Absent: Lehmkuhl and Victor. Others present were Superintendent Bejot, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were Janelle Eaton and Janie Gutzmann.

Vice - President Bebee conducted a public hearing at 6:53p.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations from district patrons relating to the adoption of the proposed budget for 2011-12 and to consider amendments relative to the proposed budget. Mr. Bejot explained the proposed budget expenditures and tax requirements for each fund. The proposed budget takes into consideration the loss of federal funds for 2011-12 of \$372,206. All in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions or voice their concerns. There being no other input Vice-President Bebee closed the hearing at 7:00p.m.

Vice-President Bebee opened a public hearing at 7:01p.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. The total tax levy requested is slightly lower than last year. There being no questions or concerns Vice-President Bebee closed the hearing at 7:04p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, September 15 at 7:05p.m. in the boardroom at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

Vice-President Bebee informed the public of the Open Meetings 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 posting notices 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: Nicholson, Rose, Lunz and Bebee. Absent: Victor and Lehmkuhl. Others present were Superintendent Bejot, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary

Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were Janelle Eaton and Janie Gutzmann.

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

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Rose to approve the agenda as presented. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Gutzmann shared with the board a power point of how they are utilizing the new Math curriculum in their classrooms.

Awards/Recognition : None

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Wulf shared with the group the elementary school improvement goal for this year will be in the Math area concerning problem solving and critical thinking. Our new Math curriculum is very challenging and encourages students to use critical thinking skills as opposed to simply recalling information. We will still monitor our reading comprehension goal and assist students who need interventions. Opportunities will be given for staff development during the year to aid in meeting our goals. MAP testing will begin in September.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz reported the high school's focus will be in the area of vocabulary to increase reading comprehension. Homecoming will be this week with coronation on Wed. at 3:00p.m. A bullying assembly was presented to the 4-12 grades on Sept 7.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Bejot reminded the board to take tickets at the football game on Friday night. Other reminders were the area membership meetings in Norfolk on Sept 28 and the state school board conference in LaVista on Nov 16-18.

Both principals and Mr. Bejot shared NeSA testing results in Reading, Math and Writing scores. Successes and improvements were shown as well as challenges that will be addressed this year.

Jim Lehmkuhl joined the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Committee Reports:

Policy: Revisions on the 1000's and 2000's are on the agenda for tonight.

Bldg/Grounds/Transportation: Items on the agenda for discussion/approval. Signage had been discussed.

Personnel: Will try and meet with the teachers on October 17 at 7:30a.m.

Strategic Planning: Committee will meet with the city on Oct 12 at 7:00 prior to our regular meeting. Board Retreat needs to be rescheduled due to a conflict. Mr. Bejot will notify the board via e-mail of the change in dates. The board will work on reviewing district goals and update the goals at this work session.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Lutz to approve the consent agenda as presented. Year- end fiscal years bills were approved as follows: General: \$271,820.17 and Special Building: \$6,016.00. Bills for September were approved for payment as follows: General: \$239,395.22; Lunch: \$18,004.01; Payroll: \$165,911.52; and Employee Benefit: \$254.25. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Lutz to approve the proposed budget for 2011-12 as presented. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote: Yes: Bebee, Rose, Lehmkuhl, Lutz and Nicholson; No: None; Absent: Victor. Motion carried.

Vice-President Bebee presented the Property Tax Resolution. Moved by Nicholson, seconded by Rose to pass the Property Tax Resolution as follows: the Tax Request for the General Fund should be set at \$2,588,750.00; the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be set at \$77,555.55; the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be set at \$216,565.00; and the Tax Request for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund should be set at \$71,650.50. Roll call vote as follows: Yes: Lehmkuhl, Bebee, Nicholson, Lutz, and Rose. No: None; Absent: Victor. Resolution passed.

Motion by Lehmkuhl, seconded by Nicholson to accept the district's property/liability insurance coverage provided by NE Nebraska Insurance Agency in the amount of \$27,900. 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 ratify Susan Metzler as Jr. High Volleyball coach and Iris Borg as One- Act play assistant. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Lehmkuhl to approve the renovations to the boys and girls locker room in the main gym at \$8,435.36 as recommended by the Building and Grounds committee. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rose, seconded by Nicholson to accept the bid of Electronic Engineering Co. to replace and update the radio system to narrow band units at a cost of \$9,945.00 to comply with FCC regulations. 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 purchase "Mirrors and Windows: Connecting with Literature" for grades 7-10 and grade 12 at a cost not to exceed \$18,145. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Nicholson presented the minor changes in sections 1000's and 2000's after reviewing them in committee.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Lehmkuhl to accept the 1000 and 2000 series policy revisions as recommended by the policy committee. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and after a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lunz, seconded by Nicholson to declare excess equipment as surplus for sale or disposal. Vice-President Bebee stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting will be Wed., Oct. 12 at 8:00p.m.

There being no further business Vice-President Bebee adjourned the meeting at 9:30p.m.

Lisa Lunz, Secretary

Marcia Kratke, Recording Secretary