

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES**

December 10, 2007

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was called to order by President Lunz at 7:02pm with the following members present: Bebee, Cloninger, Christensen, Lunz and Victor. Absent: Bartels. Others present were Superintendent Heimann, Secondary Principal Heitz, Elementary Principal Patzel and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were Deb Youngmeyer, Lisa Sievers, Jean Dorcey and Shelly Schultz.

President Lunz informed the group of the Open Meetings Law posted in the board room and accessible to all members of the public as required by law. All board members had received notice of the meeting and the meeting notice had been published in a timely manner prior to the meeting date.

Shelly Schultz reported on the elementary team meetings that have been held and the WSC students who have been assisting with assessments.

Jean Dorcey, Lisa Sievers and Deb Youngmeyer attended and ILCD file review at the ESU. Changes in the special education laws will affect how information is reported on various forms. Deb Youngmeyer had also attended the Sound Partners Training and felt it to be very worthwhile.

Lisa Sievers reported on the After-School Program for high school students, which is offered 3 days per week. Students receive more individualized help during this time with the aid of NHS students tutoring students.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Victor to approve the consent agenda as presented. Bills for December were approved as follows: General: \$249,969.23; Lunch: \$17,415.40; Payroll: \$159,973.02; Bond: \$68,402.50; Cooperative: \$6,055.47 and Employee Benefit: \$183.60. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Patzel reported the school improvement teams have met in PK-6 grades and explained how the elementary teachers will use the teacher in-service time during the scheduled late starts for the second semester.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz has been meeting with teachers, paraprofessionals, and faculty council to discuss specific individual students. Parents have been very supportive in helping us with ideas for interventions to ensure the student's success.

West Point-Beemer High School's principal and 5 teachers are coming to observe our Reading is Fame program. They will be observing the program taught by Mrs. Dorsey, Ms. Simmons and Mr. Roberts.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Heimann will be meeting with Dixon, Dakota, and Wayne County superintendents and State Senator Engel to discuss possible legislation that will affect school districts, including possible changes to the state aid formula.

All patrons of the district will be receiving a newsletter regarding the change in accessible entrances to the school building which will go into effect Jan. 2, 2008. This change will be for the students and staff safety as well as to reduce potential disruptions to the school day.

Awards and Special Recognition

Numerous conference, area and state football and volleyball awards were received by various players. A complete listing is attached to the minutes.

Coach Smith was chosen "Siouxland Coach of the Year" by the Sioux City Journal.

One-Act Play earned 2nd place at Conference and District competitions.

Committee Reports:

Policy – Will meet in February to continue reviewing policy sections.

Bldg./Grounds/Transportation: Bebee reported on the district priorities the board has chosen and will plan a community meeting in January to receive their input.

Business/Finance – Property tax statements for Dixon, Thurston and Wayne counties were discussed.

Curriculum – Meeting planned for January.

Personnel: Meet with WEA personnel committee on Jan. 16 at 4:00pm.

Lunz, Victor and Cloninger reported on the sessions they attended at NASB state conference.

Old Business:

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bebee to approve the option enrollment request by Jason and Amanda Fischer to allow their son to attend Wakefield beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Victor, seconded by Cloninger to declare treadmills, ellipticals and bikes as surplus fitness equipment. President Lunz stated the motion and the result a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried. Replacement of these items will begin in the near future.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Christensen to approve the at-will employment of Lisa Meyer as a Special Education paraprofessional. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Victor, seconded by Bebee, to approve the at-will employment of Amanda Goodrich as assistant speech coach. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bebee to accept the resignation of Kathy Muller effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year with regret and thank her for her years of service to the District. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Victor to enter into executive session at 8:28pm for the purpose of conducting the performance evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Heimann. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

President Lunz restated the purpose for the executive session.

Motion by Cloninger, seconded by Victor to reconvene into regular session at 9:35pm. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cloninger, seconded by Victor to adjourn at 9:38pm. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Secretary
Tim Bebee

Recording Secretary
Marcia Kratke