

WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2011

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, Nov. 14, 2011 at 7:30p.m. in the boardroom at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

President Victor 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, Nicholson, Rose and Victor. Absent: Lehmkuhl. Others present were Superintendent Bejot, Secondary Principal Heitz, Elementary Principal Wulf and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors in attendance were Sara Schlickbernd and Brian Johnson.

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

Awards and Recognition:

All-state choir – Samantha Bierbower

Elementary Honor Choir – Gabrielle Pietz and Devaney Brown

Thank you to the Gardner Foundation for their generous grants awarded to the school in the amount of \$300,029.15 for numerous technology items, increased guided reading books, the purchase of 1 or 2 books per month for each elementary student to add to their home library, signage, chairs, and updated activity center equipment.

Mrs. Schickbernd and Mr. Johnson reported on the activities in the second grade. They are setting up student blogs on the website, reading at the Care Center, and hoping to work with the high school speech students to record audio books for the class. Both teachers are involved in the curriculum committee which is aligning curriculum to state standards in the areas of math and science.

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Wulf presented charts depicting MAP assessment results and previous year comparisons. The students and staff have worked diligently to improve and the reading scores reflected it.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz also presented MAP assessment results. He stated that during the November inservice they have discussed the individual students' strengths and weaknesses. Teachers have already begun using suggestions given at the Ruby Payne Symposium in their classroom to help students with vocabulary and reading comprehension strategies. Mrs. Rusk, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Vander Weil, Mr. Volk and Mr. Heitz visited O'Neill Public Schools to discuss their 1:1 laptop initiative. Veterans were honored at the annual Veteran's Day Program on Nov. 11.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Bejot distributed an enrollment summary as of October 20 for the past 6 years. It is evident that the preschool program has had a positive impact on our enrollment. Nebraska Department of Ed has completed their year-end recalculations for state aid which will cause us a loss of approximately \$24,000. We will be watching the upcoming legislative sessions closely for changes that will affect us in the future. Since the trailer court will be closing meetings are being held with St. John's, the City, trailer owners and residents to discuss their options. On Nov. 7 staff gathered at the ESU#1 to begin work on reviewing our mission and vision statements and recommending changes to the board.

Committee Reports

Policy: Will meet at 6:00p.m. on Dec. 12

Building/Grounds/Transportation: Asked opinions of the board on some major items and will prioritize them at a later meeting

Curriculum/Americanism/Technology: Will meet with staff curriculum committee when curriculum alignment is complete.

Personnel: The WEA would like to have another "MEAT and GREET" next year.

Action Items:

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Bebee to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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 November as follows: General: \$349,413.97; Lunch: \$18,669.79; Payroll: \$200,466.48; Employee Benefit: \$ 254.25; Qualified Capital Purpose: \$60,000.00; and Special Building: \$4,085.34.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Nicholson to purchase a color LED display sign from Tri-City Sign for \$25,450 and an additional \$2,810 to Klein Electric to complete the electrical portion. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried. Signage will be paid from the Gardner Foundation grant.

Due to clarification and possible recommended add-ons to all bids a motion by Lunz, seconded by Nicholson to allow the Transportation Committee to select a special education van not to exceed \$26,000. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Lunz to approve Amanda Wirth as a local substitute for Wakefield. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Bebee to ratify Wyatt Jacobsen as a volunteer assistant coach for wrestling. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bejot presented the completed audit prepared by Mike Pommer, CPA. After reviewing the audit a motion by Bebee, seconded by Nicholson to accept the audit ending August 31, 2011 as presented. President Victor stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

The AdvancED report for the on-site North Central Evaluation was reviewed. Mr. Bejot noted the commendations and recommendations for Wakefield. We will be receiving our accreditation with improvements.

Our next meeting will be on Dec. 12 at 7:00p.m. Our January meeting will be Jan 11, 2012 at 7:00p.m.

There being no further business President Victor adjourned the meeting at 9:40p.m.

Lisa Lunz, Secretary

Marcia Kratke, Recording Secretary