

WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES
April 10, 2017

The Board of Education Regular Meeting convened in open and public session on April 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

President Borg informed the group of the Open Meetings Act posted in the boardroom 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/posted in a timely manner prior to the meeting date.

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members: Karen Borg, Bree Brown, Arianne Conley, Ben Donner, Shannon Johnson, and Mark Victor

Also in attendance: Superintendent Bejot, Elementary Principal Wulf and Recording Secretary Gothier

Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: To approve the agenda passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Victor.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

No: None

Awards and Special Recognition

- The Wakefield Speech Team are the District Champions. All 14 speech students earned medals at Districts and 10 students competed at the State Speech Contest in Kearney on March 24. Five students earned state medals. State Qualifiers and their events:
 - OID Team: Victoria Frahm, Cameron Stickley, Payton Rusk, Zoe Conley, Katelyn Pommer (6th place)
 - OID Team: Fryda Marquez, Avery Zamzow, Giulia Ballarini, Jamie Dolph
 - Duet Acting: Rusk and Stickley (6th place)
 - Poetry: Marquez and Zamzow
 - Persuasive Speaking and Serious Prose: Emma Pommer
- Wakefield FCCLA Chapter won 6 awards at Nebraska State FCCLA Leadership Conference:
 - Chapter Developer: 3rd Place
 - Chapter Award: Gold
 - Feed Nebraska
 - Red Leader
 - Nebraska National Programs
 - Membership Increase
- Zoe Conley, Fatima Dominguez, and Josselyn Vazquez each won an award – Power of One.
- Mrs. Galles was awarded for Outstanding Adviser, FCCLA 5 Years of Service, and Advisory Council.

- 11 junior high students attended the Nebraska Junior Science Academy Regional Science Fair at Wayne State College. Mitchell Fisher and Dillon Borg earned a blue ribbon for their project.
- Wakefield art students “swept” most of the awards for the Lewis and Clark Conference Art Show receiving 2D Best of Show, 3D Best of Show, 8 Best of Category, 7 Honorable Mention Best of Category, 5 Blue Ribbons, 2 Red Ribbons, and 1 white Ribbon.

Recognition of Visitors/Communication from the Public

President Borg shared information from the City of Wakefield regarding proposed land to be annexed into city limits.

WEA

Deb Garwood and Lynette Haisch shared with the board about 5th Grade. They have been taking the Math NeSA test, they will be coordinating the Arbor Day program, planting flowers at the ball field for their community service project. They also reminded everyone to continue to collect Box Tops as they financially benefit the school.

Reports

Elementary Principal Report

- Students in grades 3-6 have started the Nebraska State Assessment (NeSA) in various categories. All students will take the reading and writing components and fifth graders will take science. There is a significant difference in the revised English-Language Arts assessment in terms of format and requirements. This will impact student performance.
- Pre-school Enrollment will be held on April 20th from in the multi-purpose room. All students who reach the age of 3 by July 31st are eligible to attend. Wakefield Elementary School will offer a 3-year-old program and a 4-year-old program. Three-year-old students will be allowed to attend ½ time either in the morning or the afternoon session. Four-year-old students will be eligible to attend full time. Enrollment packets were recently mailed to eligible parents.
- Kindergarten Enrollment Night will be held on April 20th. Parents of eligible kindergarten students were recently mailed a packet of information to complete prior to enrollment night. For parents of students who have not attended our program, feel free to contact the school to set up a short visit time to meet the kindergarten teachers and to tour the school.
- Staff Movement: Brian Johnson moving to 4th grade Language Arts; Austin Galles moving to 6th grade Guided Reading; Leah Jech moving to Kindergarten; Timarie Hansen to 1st grade

Secondary Principal Report

- Students in grades 7 and 8 are taking NeSA tests in English Lang. Arts (included reading and writing) and Math, and grade 8 in Science.
- MAP tests in Reading, Math, and Science are completed. Teachers spent time at the April 10 faculty meeting looking at individual students’ results.
- The juniors took the practice ACT test on March 30 at the Legion Hall. Students were very attentive and focused. The actual ACT test will be given on April 19, again at the Legion Hall.

- Orientation for 6th graders and 8th graders (and parents) will be April 25. 8th graders will meet at 6:00, and 6th graders at 7:00, in the lunchroom.
- Honors Assembly for grades 7-12 will be on May 10, during the school day (time TBD).
- FBLA students attended SLC April 6-8.
- The 7-12 pre-contest concert (7-12 instrumental, 9-12 vocal) is April 20. The District Music Contest is April 21.
- The Athletic Banquet is May 9.

Superintendent Report

- Driver Education course component of the class is underway. I believe we have a forty students enrolled. This is an unusually high number of students brought on by changes in the licensure. Students in Wakefield will now be able to earn their school permits. Any student residing in a class 2 community or lower is eligible to take driver education at 14.
- ESU #1 Migrant Education Program is going to host summer school at Wakefield Elementary School beginning June 5, 2017 and running through June 23, 2017. Mike will be providing bus transportation to and from school as well as taking students on field trip experiences.
- The seniors last day of school will Friday, May 12th. Graduation is Sunday, May 21, at 2:30pm.

Discussion and Action Items

Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: To approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Johnson.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

No: None

Bills were reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved as follow: General: \$454,226.50; Lunch: \$32,243.24; Employee Benefit: \$252.00; Payroll: \$201,082.84; Activities: \$14,806.32.

Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the resignation of Mrs. Susan Metzler effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Mrs. Susan Metzler has worked for Wakefield Community Schools for the past nine years. Susan submitted her resignation effective the end of this school year. Susan has taken a position at Wayne Elementary school and she will continue to demonstrate her excellent teaching skills.

Motion Passed: To approve the resignation of Susan Metzler at the close of the 2016-17 school year passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Brown.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

No: None

Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the music trip to Kansas City on May 6-7,2017.

Wakefield Band is performing at Worlds of Fun "Music in the Park on Sunday, May 7, 2017. The music department takes a trip every two years. Students have fundraised for the trip to Kansas City, MO to varying levels from partial funding to full trip expenses. Student have to make up the difference in the trip costs. Board policy on trips that are "out of state and overnight" require board approval.

Motion Passed: To approve the music trip to Kansas City, Missouri on May 6-7, 2017 passed with a motion by Johnson and a second by Conley.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

No: None

Discuss and take appropriate action to approve a full time teacher contract for Mrs. Leah Jech as an elementary teacher for the 2017-18 academic year.

Leah Jech is currently serving Wakefield Community School as one-half time para-educator and one-half time English Language Learner (ELL) instructor in the elementary. Mrs. Jech has six years elementary teaching experience at the first grade level.

Motion Passed: To approve a full time teacher contract for Mrs. Leah Jech as an elementary teacher for the 2017-18 academic year passed with a motion by Victor and a second by Donner.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

No: None

Discuss and take appropriate action to approve a teaching contract for Mrs. Tara Dolan for the 2017-18 academic year.

The elementary interview committee interviewed six teacher candidates out of thirty plus candidates. We are recommending the board approve the contract of Mrs. Tara Dolan of Wakefield. Tara has eight years teaching experience. Tara will be teaching second grade next year.

Motion Passed: To approve a teaching contract from Mrs. Tara Dolan for the 2017-18 academic year passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Johnson.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

No: None

Discuss the Navitas energy conservation report.

Periodic performance reviews allow the opportunities to examine the HVAC units, identify problematic concerns and make repairs. This improves our conservation efforts and lowers our district's energy imprint.

Discuss the proposed athletic cooperative agreement with Allen Consolidated Schools.

Monday, March 27th representatives from Allen Consolidated Schools and Wakefield Community School met in the board room to discuss the possibility of cooperating with girls volleyball and basketball for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. The cooperative meeting identified that Allen will have sufficient numbers for the next one-two years and then they will experience a sharp decline. Since there are still many details to work out, the board has postponed the possible coop until the 2018-19 school year.

Discuss and take appropriate action on administrator salaries.

Motion Passed: To enter into executive session to discuss administration contracts at 8:28pm passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Donner.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

No: None

Motion Passed: To return to open session at 9:33pm passed with a motion by Victor and a second by Donner.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

No: None

Motion Passed: To approve the 2017-18 administrator salaries as recommended passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Victor.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

No: None

Upcoming Dates and Times

Policy Committee meeting April 18 at 5:00pm

Curriculum Committee meeting April 26 at 5:50pm

Next regular board meeting will be Monday, May 8, 2017 ay 7:00pm

Adjournment

Motion Passed: To adjourn the meeting at 9:46pm passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Johnson.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

No: None

Bree Brown, Secretary

Becky Gothier, Recording Secretary