

Wakefield Community School
Special Hearings and Board Minutes

Sept 16, 2013

Two hearings were held prior to the regular meeting with the following board members present: Bebee, Nicholson, Rose, Lehmkuhl, Victor and Lunz. Others present were Superintendent Bejot, Secondary Principal Heitz and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were Jim Rusk and Mike Anderson.

President Lunz conducted a public hearing at 6:50p.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations from district patrons relating to the adoption of the proposed budget for 2013-14 and to consider amendments relative to the proposed budget. Mr. Bejot explained the budget document. All in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions or voice their concerns. President Lunz closed the hearing at 7:00p.m.

President Lunz opened a public hearing at 7:00 p.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 approximately 2 cents lower than the previous year. There being no questions or concerns President Lunz closed the hearing at 7:02p.m.

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

President Lunz informed the group of the Open Meetings Act posted on the north wall of 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.

Roll was called with the following members present: Victor, Nicholson, Lehmkuhl, Rose, Bebee and Lunz. Others present were Superintendent Mark Bejot, Elementary Principal Jerad Wulf, Secondary Principal Jason Heitz, and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors were Jim Rusk and Mike Anderson.

Motion by Victor, seconded by Bebee to approve the agenda as presented. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote: Yes: Nicholson, Lemkuhl, Rose, Bebee, Lunz and Victor; No: None; Motion carried.

Awards & Recognitions:

Brenda Gallardo, Jack Heitz and Jeremy Chase received a perfect score in the state writing assessment. Joyce McQuire had a perfect score on the NeSA writing assessment.

President Lunz read thank you's from Mr. Bejot and his family for their recent family losses.

Visitors:

Mr. Rusk and Mr. Anderson asked the board to review current policy and possibly set administrative protocol for future safety concerns.

Elementary Principal Reports

Prior to the meeting tonight Mr. Wulf presented to WSC students the reasons why we do what we do at the elementary level and why it works. Mr. Wulf reported that the findings in their data retreat showed additional ESL support in the primary grades was needed. This support, consisting of Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Schlickbernd, both of which are endorsed in ESL are handling support for the K-2 grades. Mrs. Montoya is the ESL support for all grades 3-12. School improvement goals have been set for reading and math this year. Wakefield Elementary will also increase their sense of school pride.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz stated that Trojan Time is scheduled for mid morning where reading groups will meet until their MAP tests improve. Others may use that time for completing homework. Our first late start was spent talking about our School Improvement goals which were Literacy and School Pride. Homecoming week will be Sept. 23-27 with coronation on Sept 23 at 3:00 and pep rally on Sept 27 at 3:05p.m.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Bejot reminded the board of the preliminary energy audit presentations on Wed. at 6:00p.m. A new copier contract has been entered into with Marco, Inc. Two copiers should be arriving in about 10 days. He will begin interviews for the Activity Center Supervisor this week. The board will take tickets on Sept. 27.

Committee Reports

Buildings/Grounds/Transportation: Meeting Wed, Sept 18 at 6:00p.m.

Finance: Met and went over budget for upcoming year.

Personnel: Need to set a meeting date.

Strategic Planning: Board retreat on Oct. 12 at 8:00-12:00.

Action Items:

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Bebee to approve the consent agenda as presented. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote: Yes: Lehmkuhl, Rose, Bebee, Lunz, Victor and Nicholson; No: None; Motion carried. Bills were paid for September as follows: General: \$263,109.07; Lunch: \$14,090.29; Payroll: \$164,723.70; Depreciation: \$15,775.93; Employee Benefit: \$255.20; Special Building: \$1300.00; End of 2012-13 Year bills: General: \$21,194.66; Lunch: \$1,709.53; and Special Building: \$22,013.71.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Bebee to approve the 2013-14 budget for the following funds: General, Depreciation, Employee Benefits, Contingency, Activities, Special Building, Bond, School Lunch, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking, Cooperative, and Student Fee funds. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote: Yes: Rose, Bebee, Lunz, Victor, Nicholson and Lehmkuhl; No: None; Motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Victor to pass the resolution to set the tax request for the General Fund at \$3,229,808.05; tax request for the Bond Fund at \$78,194.95, tax request for the Special Building Fund at \$169,989.90 and the tax request for the Qualified Capital Purpose Fund at \$71,395.96. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote: Yes: Bebee, Lunz, Victor, Nicholson, Lehmkuhl and Rose; No: None; Resolution passed. (A copy of the complete resolution is attached to the minutes.)

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Lehmkuhl to approve the school district property and liability insurance from Columbia Insurance through Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency in the amount of \$32,076.00. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote: Yes: Lunz, Victor, Nicholson, Lehmkuhl, Rose, and Bebee; No: None; Motion carried.

Motion by Victor, seconded by Nicholson to ratify Richard Lewis as Assistant High School Wrestling Coach and Megan Nixon as Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote: Yes: Victor, Nicholson, Lehmkuhl, Rose, Bebee and Lunz; No: None; Motion carried.

Mr. Bejot presented possible teacher job descriptions to the board. He asked the board to review them and call him if they would like any changes before the next board meeting.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Nicholson to declare the listing of equipment as surplus property and to sell or dispose of it at the superintendent's discretion. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote: Yes: Nicholson, Lehmkuhl, Rose, Bebee, Lunz and Victor; No: None; Motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Rose to recognize the WEA as the sole bargaining unit for the teachers for the 2015-16 school year. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote: Lehmkuhl, Rose, Bebee, Lunz, Victor and Nicholson; No: None; Motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Nicholson to enter closed session to receive legal advice from the school district's attorney related to legal correspondence which the board has received. A closed session is clearly necessary to protect the public's interest and to maintain the attorney-client privilege. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote: Yes: Rose, Bebee, Lunz, Victor, Nicholson and Lehmkuhl; No: None; Motion carried.

President Lunz restated the board as adopted a motion to enter closed session to receive legal advice from the school district's attorney related to legal correspondence which the board has received in order to maintain attorney-client privilege. The board will limit itself to discussion of this issue. Closed session began at 8:30p.m.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Lehmkuhl to reconvene in open session at 8:50p.m. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote: Yes: Bebee, Lunz, Victor, Nicholson, Lehmkuhl and Rose; No: None; Motion carried.

Possible dates were discussed for various committee meetings. Dates were set as follows: Oct. 14 at 7:00p.m. - Regular board meeting; Oct. 2 at 6:00p.m. - Policy Committee; and Oct. 2 at 7:00p.m. - Negotiations.

There being no further business President Lunz adjourned the meeting at 9:01p.m.

Lori Nicholson, Secretary

Marcia Kratke, Recording Secretary