

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**SPECIAL HEARINGS AND BOARD MINUTES**

**JULY 16, 2012**

Hearings were held prior to the regular meeting with the following board members present: Bebee, Nicholson, Lunz, Lehmkuhl, and Victor. Absent: Rose. Others present were Superintendent Bejot, Recording Secretary and visitor Alice Johnson.

President Lunz opened a public hearing at 6:57p.m. to discuss, consider, receive input, and suggest modifications from district patrons relating to the proposed student fee policy. Mr. Bejot reviewed the policy with revisions and asked if anyone had any questions. There being none President Lunz closed the hearing at 7:05p.m.

President Lunz opened a public hearing at 7:05p.m. to discuss, consider, receive input, and suggested modifications from district patrons relating to the current parental involvement policy. Mr. Bejot explained the various parental activities that were held during the year. No one had any questions regarding the current policy. President Lunz closed the hearing at 7:10p.m.

The regular meeting of the Wakefield Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, July 15, 2012 at 7:10p.m. in the boardroom at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

President Lunz called the meeting to order and informed the group that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was 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.

Roll was called with the following board members present: Bebee, Nicholson, Lehmkuhl, Victor and Lunz. Absent: Rose. Others present were Superintendent Bejot, Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke and Alice Johnson.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Lehmkuhl to excuse Rose from the meeting. 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 Nicholson to approve the agenda as presented. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

**Awards/Recognitions**

Mr. Bejot stated he had received our school accreditation certificate from the state for the upcoming school year.

Alice Johnson appeared before the board and voiced her concern over the possibility of the bell at the elementary being moved if the school did improvements to the main entrance. Bebee, Chairman of the

Buildings and Grounds, did state that it was still under consideration but nothing definite had been decided as to the scope of the main entrance improvement project. The opening school ceremony will be held east of the elementary this year as it has been in the past.

### **Superintendent Report**

Mr. Bejot reported on the School Improvement Team retreat and their goal to improve reading comprehension through vocabulary improvement across the curriculum. Guided reading activities will be introduced at the high school level using the same concepts as the elementary to assist students who show a need based upon classroom data and test scores. The elementary will continue with guided reading intervention strategies with a special focus on ELL/ESL students. Mr. Bejot stated that the finance committee will need to meet to look at the budget for the upcoming year. Other activities will be the iPad Boot Camps being held at various times in August, and "Meat and Greet" will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. for parents and students.

### **Committee Reports**

**Building/Grounds:** Bids came in \$140,000 over the projected costs so the committee is looking at other options for the main entrance improvements. Installation for the new freezer is scheduled for July 20. Upgrades to the electrical system will also be July 20.

**Business/Finance:** Will meet on August 29 at 5:00p.m. to discuss the budget for the upcoming year.

**Personnel:** Met with the WEA and have made a tentative agreement. The WEA will vote on August 10 to accept the offer and then the board will ratify it on August 14.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Victor, to approve the consent agenda as presented. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried. Bills were paid for July as follows: General: \$248,722.10; Lunch: \$463.53; Payroll: \$144,140.69; Employee Benefit: \$254.25 and Special Bldg: \$512.57.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Victor, to approve the proposed Student Fee Policy as presented. 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 reaffirm the current Parent Involvement policy according to state statutes. President Lunz 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 accept Paul Eaton's resignation and thank him for his years of service. 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 Lehmkuhl, to appoint Mark Bejot, Superintendent of Schools, as the authorized representative for all local, state, and federal programs and documents as of July 1, 2012.

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 Nicholson, to appoint Mark Bejot, Superintendent of Schools, as the compliance officer for Title IX. 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 participate in the state and federal hot lunch program with the Elementary Principal, Jerad Wulf, serving as the elementary hearing officer and High School Principal, Jason Heitz, serving as the high school hearing officer. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lehmkuhl, seconded by Nicholson, to appoint Dawn Lubberstedt, High School Secretary, as the determining official for all hot lunch applications received in grades 7-12. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Victor, to appoint LaVon Anderson, Elementary Secretary, as the determining official for all hot lunch applications received from students in grades PK-6. 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 Lehmkuhl, to appoint Marcia Kratke as Recording Secretary/Board Treasurer for the 2012-13 school year. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion on the benefit of joining the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association for the upcoming year was held.

Motion by Victor, seconded by Nicholson, to join the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association for the 2012-13 school year. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Bejot presented the iPad Policy, Procedures & Information for 2012-13. iPad Boot Camps will be held in August for students in grades 9-12. Each student/parent will need to be present and agree to the procedures before an iPad will be allowed to go home. A charge of \$50 per student or \$150 per family will be assessed for insurance purposes as protection for damages/repairs.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Nicholson, to approve the iPad Policy, Procedure and Information for 2012-13. 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 Nicholson, to modify Policy 5004-Option Enrollment as presented. 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 Lehmkuhl, to modify Policy 5037- Student Internet and Computer Access as presented. President Lunz 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 approve Student/Parent Handbook changes for 2012-2013. 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 Luhmkuhl, to enter into closed session for contract negotiations at 9:09p.m. 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 sole purpose of the closed session prior to entering closed session by the board.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Victor, to reconvene into open session at 10:00p.m. 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 raise hourly classified staff by \$.40 per hour. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Victor, to raise the business manager's salary by \$1,430.00 for 2012-13. 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 Lehmkuhl, to increase Mr. Heitz's salary by \$2,750 and Mr. Wulf's salary by \$2500 for 2012-13. 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 Lehmkuhl, to increase Mr. Bejot's salary by \$3,400 and days of service to remain at 260 days. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote of those present being all ayes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be August 14 at 7:30p.m.

There being no further business President Lunz adjourned the meeting at 10:11p.m.

Lori Nicholson, Secretary

Marcia Kratke, Recording Secretary

