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USD #292 GOVE COUNTY – WHEATLAND SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Board Room – Wheatland High School
Monday, December 12, 2016

President Nick Zerr called the regular Board of Education meeting to order on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 8:32 pm.

Board members present were Aaron Dohm, Harvey Heier, Connie Lewis, Damian Melgoza, Steve Watts, Nick Zerr and Richard Zimmerman. Gary Kraus, Administrator; Todd Flinn, WHS Intern; Terry Ostmeyer, AD; and Paula Chapin, Clerk.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Heier and second by Lewis to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016, meeting as approved. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The board discussed the bills and financial statements. Motion by Lewis and second by Heier to approve payment of check journal #17397- #17428 in the amount of \$25,010.60 and electronic checks #2016655-#2016656 in the amount of \$5,444.60 and check journal #17429-#17431 in the amount of \$742.15 and to approve November financial statements as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

GUESTS: Mark Heier, Duane Vollbracht, and Loren Stephens were present.

CURRICULUM REPORT: Mr. Mark Heier has 52 students in his classes working on drafting, AutoCAD, Plasmacam and 3D printer. The freshman class made snowflakes as a fundraiser and have made and sold over 50 snowflakes. The other classes have made several signs that support technology such as the AutoCAD and Plasmacam. He, Mrs. Countryman, and Ms. Wetter presented the prior year's STEM project at the FHSU drive in conference. The faculty is busy planning the first day of the next STEAM project, beginning Dec. 20.

NHS SAFE PROGRAM OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUEST: The WHS NHS Chapter has been invited to speak to the Kansas legislature about the SAFE program. There are six students and a teacher attending. Motion made by Watts and second by Melgoza to approve the overnight trip request for six NHS students and Mrs. Countryman to Topeka on January 16 and 17, 2016. Motion carried 7-0.

SCHOOL SUBURBAN BIDS: Doug Zimmerman submitted a bid for the 1988 GMC Suburban. The board discussed the school vehicles. Motion by Dohm and second by Melgoza to reject the bid for the 1988 GMC Suburban and retain it for custodial use. Motion passed 7-0.

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REPORTS:

A.D. Report: Mr. Ostmeyer reported on the following:

- The next WKLL meeting is Jan. 18, 2017, at Wheatland;
- Winter sports participation numbers are: girls basketball – 16; boys basketball – 17; and cheerleading – 4;
- Both basketball teams finished in fourth place at the Castle Rock Classic;
- Wheatland will host the WKLL Scholars' Bowl on Jan. 18. Meet volunteers are needed;
- The Scholars' Bowl team results are as follows: 4th at Golden Plains, 1st at Triplains, 2nd at Cheylin; 1st at Wallace County, 5th at Greeley County; and 3rd in pool at Colby. Wheatland is assigned to the regional meet at Greeley County on Feb. 2.

WHS Maintenance Report: Butch Weber provided the board with a written report:

- Annual inspection has been completed for the three district boilers and certificates are in place;
- Using the Kubota tractor until a new Case IH is available under the lease agreement.

Building Report: Mr. Flinn reported on the following:

- Fun, Food & Fitness day was Dec. 7th with a presentation from Jana's Campaign and sessions on fitness, nutrition, and manners/etiquette;
- STEAM project begins Dec. 20th;
- District is the recipient of ten CPR manikins. They will be used to train faculty and staff in CPR;
- New student has enrolled;
- Surplus desks are still in storage;
- Upcoming events: Class tree decorating contest; "Ugly" sweater contest; WHS Music Program and the last day of the semester on Dec. 20th.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mr. Kraus reported on the following:

- Legislative update information. Don Hineman was appointed as the House Majority Leader;
- Fair Labors Standard Act requirement for hourly rate was placed on hold;
- Reviewed audit responses.

NKESC REPORT: Steve Watts shared the minutes of the November 17, 2016, NKESC board meeting.

KASB CONVENTION REPORT: Steve Watts and Mr. Kraus attended the KASB Annual Convention. They reported on sessions at the convention.

NWKTC REPORT: No report.

PERSONNEL: Motion by Zerr and second by Watts to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Mr. Kraus, Mr. Flinn, Duane Vollbracht, and Loren Stephens present for 30 minutes beginning at 9:28 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 7-0.

Vollbracht and Stephens left the executive session at 9:52 pm. The board returned to open session at 9:58 pm with no action taken.

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Personnel, continued:

Motion by Lewis and second by Dohm to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 30 minutes beginning at 10:00 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:30 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Dohm and second by Melgoza to ratify the contract of Jodie Wright as WHS Head Cook. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to ratify contract of Aaron Thieman as assistant boys' basketball coach. Motion passed 7-0.

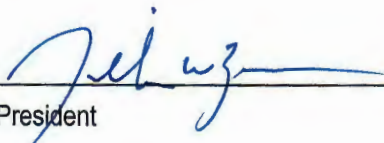
Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to approve the annual substitute wages as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Lewis and second by Watts to issue the \$20 in district gift certificates to faculty and staff. Motion passed 7-0.


Motion by Dohm and second by Zimmerman to ratify the WHS Head Custodial Contract and Bus Maintenance contract for Vernon Weber as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Zimmerman and second by Dohm to approve a shared contract with USD #291 Grinnell for interim Superintendent. Motion carried 6-1.

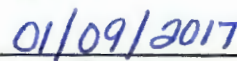
Chairman Zerr declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.



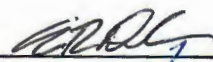
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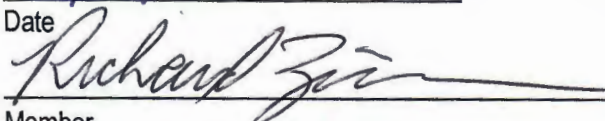
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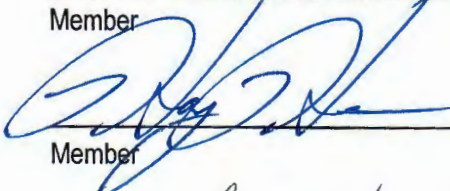
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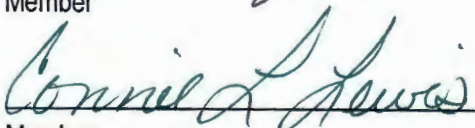
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