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USD #292 GOVE COUNTY – WHEATLAND SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Board Room – Wheatland High School
Monday, February 13, 2017

President Nick Zerr called the regular Board of Education meeting to order on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 7:30 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 Watts and second by Heier to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Heier and second by Lewis to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017, meeting as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The board discussed the boiler repairs as well as other bills and the financial statements

Motion by Lewis and second by Zimmerman to approve payment of check journal #17511-#17568 in the amount of \$39,616.30 and electronic checks #2016740-#2016742 in the amount of \$7,489.05; check journal #17585-#17590 in the amount of \$1,246.13; void check journal #17372 in the amount of \$24.00; void check journal #17578 & #17581 in the amount of \$388.01; check journal #17591-17592 in the amount of \$388.01; January payroll check register in the amount of \$64,920.39; payroll bills check register in the amount of \$33,332.90 and to approve January financial statements as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

GUESTS: Mrs. Deidre Zimmerman and Butch Weber were present.

TRANSPORTATION: A representative of Coach Masters Inc. stopped by the district to display a coach bus that his company has for sale. Butch, Mr. Kraus, Heier, Dohm and Melgoza looked at the bus. Discussion continued on the cost of busses as well as the age and condition of the current fleet and vehicle purchase options. Item tabled.

CURRICULUM REPORT: Mrs. Zimmerman has taught 17 years at Wheatland Elementary in the 3rd grade. She addressed the need for updated textbooks and materials in several of the areas. She is currently sampling a reading series. Mrs. Zimmerman uses the Elmo projector as a visual aide as well as the computer lab. She has nine 3rd graders this year.

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REPORTS:

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

- A circulation pump in the office heating unit went out and was replaced by Aqua Pump;
- Both sink drains in the district office were not draining. Western Plains Pipeline and Plumbing had to snake the drains;
- Recommended replacing all the outside locks on the building as several of the locks are not working from the outside;

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

- The next WKLL meeting is March 7, 2017, at Weskan;
- Thanked all the workers and Mr. Ottley for hosting the WKLL Scholars' Bowl at Wheatland;
- Thanked all the workers at the WKLL basketball tournament;
- The Thunderhawk girls' team finished as champions and the Thunderhawk boys' team finished as runner up at the WKLL basketball tournament;
- Congratulated: Bailey Bixenman, Brooke Bixenman, Haelie Kriedsteadt, Evan Tustin, Trina Rathgeber and Carlie Zimmerman on their selection to the WKLL All Academic First Team as well as congratulated Carlie Zimmerman for her runner-up finish in the WKLL free throw contest during the league tournament;
- Snoball crowning will take place at halftime of boys' varsity game on Friday;
- WKLL Scholarship testing recognition will be at halftime of boys' varsity game on February 21st;
- Senior night is February 24th with parents and seniors being recognized. The cheer squad will host a "Pop A Shot" contest on Friday night as well;
- Congratulated the Scholars' Bowl Team on winning the regional meet and qualifying for state on Feb. 11th at Western Plains. They competed on Saturday and did not advance to finals;
- Thanked the sponsors of the WKLL basketball tournament online streaming as well as the Wheatland vs Quinter game on Feb. 7th;
- KSHSAA Sub-state basketball tournament is in Palco on Feb. 27 – March 4. Teams assigned are: Wheatland-Grinnell; Northern Valley, Logan, Natoma, and Palco.

Building Report: Mr. Flinn reported on the following:

- Updated information on the STEAM project. Final project presentation was Feb. 1 with community members and middle school students in attendance;
- Scholars' Bowl team was recognized with a pep assembly on Feb. 10;
- Treadmill purchased with the BCBS of Kansas Wellness Grant has arrived;
- Student eligibility is improving. Students achieving a 3.5 - 4.0 will be recognized on Achievement Night;
- Free dental screenings took place on February 10th;
- Discussed student absence policy: a parent must call the school and student must bring a doctor's note to participate in practice;
- Discussed condition of the WHS exterior windows;
- Upcoming events include: Snoball crowning and dance; sub-state basketball; parent/teacher conference on March 7; state basketball on March 8 – 11; CPR training on March 17th with seniors and sophomores and upcoming assessment testing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mr. Kraus reported on the following:

- Legislative Update with a summary of proposed bills;
- Major policy provisions on the proposed school finance plan;
- Possible reduction under SB 27 Recission Bill

NKESC REPORT: Steve Watts shared the minutes of the January 19, 2017, NKESC board meeting.

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NWKTC REPORT: No report.

PERSONNEL: Motion by Melgoza and second by Lewis 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 9:30 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:00 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Lewis and second by Watts to accept the resignation of Jodie Wright as WHS Cook, effective Feb. 28, 2017. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Zimmerman and second by Lewis to ratify the supplemental contract for Deanna Farber as Forensics coach. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Heier and second by Dohm to approve the contract addendum with Mr. Gary Kraus and USD #291 Grinnell. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes beginning at 10:03 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:13 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Watts and second by Zimmerman to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 2 minutes beginning at 10:14 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:16 pm with no action taken.

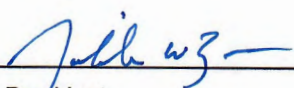
Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 20 minutes beginning at 10:18 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:38 pm with no action taken.

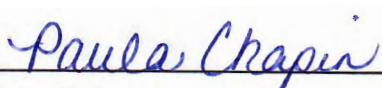
Motion by Zerr and second by Watts to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Mr. Kraus present for 15 minutes beginning at 10:37 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:52 pm with no action taken.

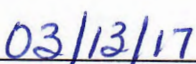
Chairman Zerr declared the meeting adjourned at 10:54 pm.



Board President



Board Clerk



Date

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Connie L. Lewis

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