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USD #292 GOVE COUNTY – WHEATLAND SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Board Room – Wheatland High School
Monday, January 9, 2017

President Nick Zerr called the regular Board of Education meeting to order on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 7:30 pm.

Board members present were Aaron Dohm, Harvey Heier, 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 Dohm and second by Heier to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Heier and second by Zimmerman to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016, meeting as read. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The board discussed the bills and financial statements. Motion by Dohm and second by Watts to approve payment of check journal #17449-17494 in the amount of \$56,766.29 and electronic checks #2016697-#2016698 in the amount of \$6,286.34 and check journal #17495-17499 in the amount of \$699.50 and to approve December financial statements as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

GUESTS: Mrs. Lisa Jacobus, Mrs. Susan Beesley and Roger Schuster were present. Connie Lewis arrived at 7:38 pm. On behalf of the Knight of Columbus, Roger Schuster presented a check for \$331.42 to the school special education program. The funds were raised during the annual Tootsie Roll drive. Roger also requested use of the WHS gym for the annual free throw contest on Jan. 15, 2017.

Motion by Heier and second by Dohm to accept the donation from the Knights of Columbus and to allow use of the gymnasium on January 15 for the K of C free throw contest. Motion passed 6-0.

WHS ART CLUB TRIP: WHS Art Club members: Alexis Barnett, Harrison Stephens, Brooke Bixenman, Bailey Bixenman, Jesse Bernbeck & Eidree Chapin and sponsor Mrs. Ronna Schultz presented a slide show and talked about the recent art club trip to Colorado Springs, CO. They toured the Olympic Training Center and the Colorado Springs Art Center as well as visiting a trampoline park

CURRICULUM REPORT: Mrs. Jacobus started teaching 2nd grade at Wheatland Elementary school at the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Jacobus displayed a math problem and asked the board of education to complete the problem. She highlighted her curriculum. The 2nd graders are pen pals with the 2nd grade from Grinnell Elementary. There are nine 2nd graders.

Mrs. Beesley attended the meeting. The board of education expressed a sincere thank you to Mrs. Beesley for her many years of service.

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~~**NHS SAFE PROGRAM OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUEST:** The WHS NHS Chapter was selected to present the SAFE program at the Kansas State Capitol. There are six students and a teacher attending. Motion made by Watts and second by Melgoza to approve the overnight trip request for NHS students and Mrs. Countryman to Topeka on January 16th–17th, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.~~

EARLY BILL PAYMENT: Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to approve the early payment of bills in order to avoid a penalty. Motion passed 6-0.

REPORTS:

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

- The next WKLL meeting is Jan. 18, 2017, at Wheatland; in conjunction with WKLL Scholars' Bowl.
- Volunteers are needed to help with scholars' bowl;
- WKLL basketball tournament begins Jan. 28 with games at Wheatland. Grinnell and Wheatland are host sites for Monday night with tournament play continuing at Colby on Jan. 31, Feb. 3 and Feb. 4;
- WHS Academic Achievement recognition is Feb. 7 between varsity games. WHS Cheer squad is hosting the Little Thunderhawks cheer rally during half time of boys' varsity on Feb. 7. Snoball is Feb. 17th;
- Feb. 21 is WKLL Academic Team recognition night with Feb. 24 as Senior recognition night;
- New golf shirts are next on the rotation with men's' shirts at \$48.25 and women's' at \$45.00;
- Wheatland will host the state golf tournament at Goodland on May 22nd and receive a \$500 stipend;
- Thanked board of education for the employee appreciation certificate;
- Driver's education students have completed written final and will drive this nine weeks.

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

- WHS boiler was down on Sunday, December 18th. American Boiler had to install a new transformer and it has been working fine;
- Heater quit in bus #5 and had to have a thermostat installed. The clutch was also adjusted;
- Fire Alarm Specialist conducted annual fire alarm system inspection. One fire buzzer needs to be replaced;
- Route bus #12 and route suburban were recently serviced;
- Bus #10 had repairs completed to a clearance light switch and a brake pressure light.

Building Report: Mr. Flinn reported on the following:

- Thanked Aqua Pump, American Implement, Faith Technologies and FHSU for presenting at the STEAM kick off day; Test runs will be January 25 with final presentation on February 1st;
- An embroidery machine to be used in the FACS classroom was purchased with a Gove County Community Foundation grant in the amount of \$3,000;
- A treadmill and mats will be purchased with a \$1,000 Wellness Grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. Students will have access to the treadmill before/after school and during PE as part of the Wellness plan;
- Upcoming events: NHS SAFE trip – Jan. 17-18; WKLL Scholars Bowl – Jan. 18; WKLL basketball tournament – Jan. 28 – Feb. 4; Regional Scholars Bowl – Feb. 2; and State Scholar's Bowl – Feb. 11th;
- There has been student interest expressed in a Forensics program.

Motion by Heier and second by Lewis to approve the BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas Wellness Grant for \$1,000 to purchase a treadmill and mats. Motion passed 6-0.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mr. Kraus reported on the following:

- Legislative session started today;
- Attending KASB Governmental Relations workshop in Topeka on Wednesday;
- Discussed WES boiler;
- Grinnell is host site for the Gove Co. Spelling Bee on Jan. 11;
- GMS students will participate in an interactive Career Day on Jan. 11;
- In-service for Monday, Jan. 18, will focus on the upcoming accreditation process for both USD #291 and USD #292 staff.

NKESC REPORT: Steve Watts shared the minutes of the December 15, 2016, NKESC board meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Executive committee members from USD #292 and USD #291 recently met to discuss the shared superintendency as well as additional opportunities for both districts to work together.

NWKTC REPORT: No report.


PERSONNEL: Motion by Zerr 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 8:54 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Flinn left the executive session at 9:07 pm. The board returned to open session at 9:24 pm with no action taken.

The board received copies of the Superintendent Evaluation Tool. Individual board members will complete it prior to the February 13th meeting and where it will be compiled.

Motion by Lewis and seconded by Zimmerman to accept the resignation and retirement of Mrs. Susan Beesley with sincere thanks and appreciation for years of service. Motion passed 6-0.

Chairman Zerr declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.




Board President



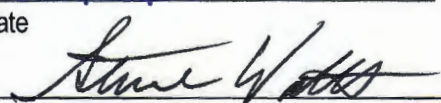
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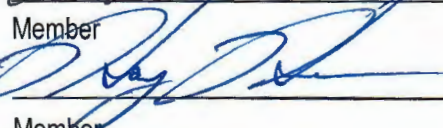
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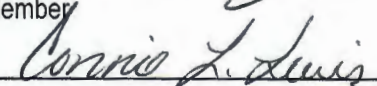
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