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

President Nick Zerr called the regular Board of Education meeting to order on Monday, November 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, Superintendent; Paula Chapin, Clerk; Todd Flinn, Admin. Intern; and Terry Ostmeyer, AD.

Those present recited the Pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Melgoza and second by Dohm to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 9, 2017, as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Motion by Heier and second by Watts to approve the regular bills check journal #18062-#18106 in the amount of \$68,060.09; electronic checks #2018220-#2018222 in the amount of \$8,350.59; October payroll check journal in the amount of \$73,155.83; October additional payroll register in the amount of \$36,470.39; September payroll check journal in the amount of \$68,821.36; September additional payroll register in the amount of \$33,504.34; and to approve the October financial statements as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**GUESTS:** Stephanie Heier, CPA Mapes & Miller; Mrs. Lisa Jacobus and Mrs. Sally Cauble were present. The board welcomed Mrs. Sally Cauble, Kansas State Board of Education District 5 member, to the meeting. Mrs. Cauble represents 86 school districts in 40 counties of District 5 on the state board of education. She highlighted the new vision and mission for education. She also discussed the accreditation process and statewide teacher shortages. Mrs. Cauble discussed the school finance court case.

**CURRICULUM REPORT:** Mrs. Lisa Jacobus teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Wheatland Elementary. She thanked the board for the Connect Ed program that she added to her curriculum this year. The program is being used. She highlighted her daily activities with the students.

\* **CPA AUDIT REPORT:** Stephanie Heier, CPA with Mapes and Miller, reviewed the budget balances, cash balances, general ledger papers as well as adjusting journal entries for the 2016-2017 fund audit. The audit report will be filed with the State of Kansas. Motion by Heier and second by Watts to approve the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2017, audit from Mapes & Miller LLP. Motion passed 7-0.

**MIDWEST ENERGY GRANT ACCEPTANCE:** Mrs. Linda Gillespie applied for and received a \$300 grant from Midwest Energy Community Fund. Motion by Dohm and second by Melgoza to accept the Midwest Energy Community Fund grant in the amount of \$300. Motion passed 7-0.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Mr. Kraus shared information on school busses as well as discussing a bus lease vs a direct purchase. The spare bus ages out next year. Discussion took place on the district bus fleet and vehicles.

**BUS BIDS:** The district received two bids for the 1994 GMC school bus. Motion by Heier and second by Lewis to accept the high bid in the amount of \$557 from Rick Gillespie for the 1994 GMC school bus. Motion carried 7-0.

**REPORTS:**

**WHS MAINTENANCE:** Butch Weber left a written report for the board:

- The transmission went out on the 1994 GMC and the older of the two activity busses was placed on the route and shuttle. Also provided information on the age and mileage of several of the busses and the white Lumina.
- Carpet in the FACS room needs replaced;
- Winter fertilizer has been applied to both football fields and school lawn.

**Technology Report:** Les Barnhart submitted a written report on the technology issues he addresses weekly: uploading software, resolving printing errors, and setting up new printers and Chromebooks. He maintains updates to the server as well.

**AD Report:** Terry Ostmeyer, AD, reported on the following:

- Upcoming WKLL meeting on Jan. 17 at Logan in conjunction with the WKLL HS Scholar's Bowl;
- Thanked the many volunteers at the home sporting events;
- Thanked the many sponsors of the online streaming of the many games;
- Thanked Coach Mense for hosting the Wheatland Invitational Cross Country meet;
- The Lady Thunderhawks finished the season in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at state volleyball. Zoe Schultz, Lanae Goetz and Shayla Wood were named to the KVA State Tournament team;
- Thanked Coach Foster and Thunderhawk volleyball team for assisting with WKLL middle school volleyball tournament;
- The Thunderhawk football team ended the season at Weskan. The football schedule for next season will be Fairfield-Langdon, Logan & Northern Valley as non-district games. Wallace County, Greeley County, Quinter, Triplains-Brewster and Dighton will be district games;
- Post season awards included: KVA All State 1A DII – Zoe Schultz – 1<sup>st</sup> team; Lanae Goetz – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team; Shayla Wood – Honorable Mention. WKLL Volleyball 1<sup>st</sup> Team: Dakota Dohm, Lanae Goetz, Zoe Schultz, Shayla Wood and Mikayla Heier; NW Kansas All Star Game – Zoe Schultz & Shayla Wood; WKLL All League 1<sup>st</sup> Team & K-Preps 6 man All State 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Chandler Ostmeyer as Center/Receiver & Defensive Lineman; WKLL Honorable Mention & K-Preps All State Honorable Mention – Trevor Zarybnicky as Defensive Lineman;
- Attending KSHSAA executive board meeting in Topeka;
- Today is first week of basketball practice; Castle Rock tournament brackets are available.

**WHS Report:** Mr. Flinn reported on the following:

- Discussed continuing progress with Career Cruising;
- WES students and WHS Sophomores along with sponsors, Mrs. Zerr & Mr. Heier, are designing snowflakes and presentation skills;
- Students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade toured the 9/11 traveling exhibit in Oakley;
- Twelve students competed in the FHSU Math Relays;
- Thirty three art students visited the Nelson-Atkins Museum in Kansas City;
- Melissa Bixenman was recognized as a Kansas Honor Scholar;
- Zoe Schultz signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at DCCC;



- o Thanksgiving break is Nov. 22 – 24; WHS basketball season begins Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at Golden Plains; Castle Rock Classic is Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>; Forensics practices begins next week;
- o Finishes his Master's program in mid – December and thanked the board and staff for their support during this process.

**Administrative Report:** Mr. Kraus reported on the following:

- o Explained a State of Kansas future expenditure survey conducted on behalf of a legislator;
- o Attended the Legislative Luncheon last Thursday at Smoky Hill Education Service Center;
- o Steve was nominated for the position of President Elect of SQE;
- o Discussed the local board of education election and future board membership;
- o Explained the Lucy Calkins reading program. The program will be discussed at the January teacher in-service.

**NKESC Report:** Steve Watts provided the minutes of the October 19, 2017, board of directors meeting for NKESC.

**KASB CONVENTION & VOTING DELEGATE:** KASB convention is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wichita. Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to appoint Steve Watts as the voting delegate at the KASB Annual Convention. Motion passed 7-0.

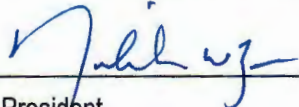
**PERSONNEL:** Motion by Zerr and second by Dohm to enter into executive session with Mr. Kraus present for 10 minutes beginning at 9:50 pm to discuss individual employee performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 10:00 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

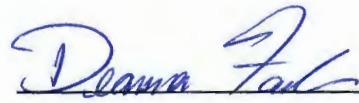
The board returned to open session at 10:00 pm with no action taken.


Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to ratify the supplemental salary contract for Steve Reed as assistant boys' basketball coach for as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

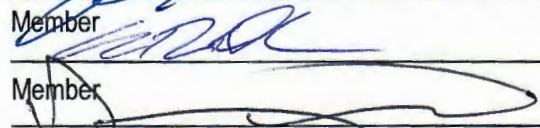
The board commended the WES students, Mr. Martell and WES faculty and staff on the outstanding Veteran's Day program. They also commended the Lady Thunderhawks volleyball team, cheer squad and coaches for their outstanding representation at the state volleyball tournament.

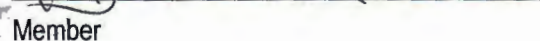
Chairman Zerr declared the meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

  
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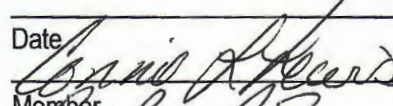
  
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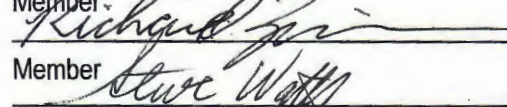
  
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