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USD #292 GOVE COUNTY – WHEATLAND SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Board Room – Wheatland High School
Monday, November 14, 2016

President Nick Zerr called the regular Board of Education meeting to order on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 7:30 pm.

Board members present were Aaron Dohm, Harvey Heier, Connie Lewis, Damian Melgoza, and Nick Zerr. Gary Kraus, Administrator; Todd Flinn, WHS Intern; Terry Ostmeier, 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 Lewis to approve the minutes of the regular October 10, 2016, meeting as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The board discussed the bills and financial statements. Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to approve payment of check journal #17330-#17377 in the amount of \$78,918.44 and electronic checks #2016615-#2016616 in the amount of \$6,027.79; voided check #17226 in the amount of \$245.66; October payroll check register in the amount of \$59,605.02; October additional checks #17318-#17325 in the amount of \$1,354.46; electronic checks #2016607-#2016614 in the amount of \$33,422.68; September payroll check register in the amount of \$67,558.96; September additional checks #17389-17396 in the amount of \$1,224.54; September electronic checks #2016648-#2016654 in the amount of \$33,569.18; and to approve October financial statements as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

GUESTS: Stephanie Heier, CPA Mapes & Miller LLP, and Heather & Lucas Burmeister were present. Terry reminded the board of the Gove Co. Community Endowment event on Nov. 25.

CURRICULUM REPORT: Mrs. Heather Burmeister congratulated the kids on the WES Veteran's Day program. The high school vocal students attended the WKLL music. There are six students in band and six students in vocal. Discussion continued on pep band and ideas to increase participation.

CPA AUDIT REPORT: Stephanie Heier, Mapes & Miller LLP, presented the fiscal year audit ending June 30, 2016. Motion by Dohm and second by Melgoza to accept the CPA Audit report from Mapes & Miller LLP for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Motion passed 5-0.

DISPOSAL OF 1988 SCHOOL SUBURBAN: The district received the Ford Transit van. The route suburbans are switched. It was the consensus of the board to advertise the 1988 GMC Suburban for sealed bids with the right to refuse bids.

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CAREER CRUISING – Individual Plans of Study: Mr. Kraus presented the information for the software to implement the Career Cruising program for an annual cost of \$1,500. The State of Kansas will reimburse the cost of software setup. Mr. Kraus and Mrs. Countryman attended a workshop and demonstration. Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to purchase the Career Cruising software licensing. Motion carried 5-0.

KASB CONVENTION: The KASB annual convention is Dec. 2-4 in Wichita. A motion by Heier and second by Lewis to appoint Steve Watts as the KASB voting delegate. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS:

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

- The next WKLL meeting is Jan. 18, 2017, at Wheatland;
- Thanked the helpers and volunteers at the home sporting events;
- Thanked the many sponsors for the radio and/or online streaming of the fall games;
- Brooke Bixenman and Melissa Bixenman completed at State Cross Country and finished 17th and 45th respectively. Brooke was named to the All State Cross Country Team;
- The Thunderhawk volleyball team finished as Class 1A DII State Runner Up. Carlie Zimmerman and Zoe Schultz were named to the KVA State Tournament Team;
- The football season ended with a lost in the first round of playoffs;
- Kendra Haffner, Haelie Kniesteadt, Zoe Schultz, Shayla Wood and Carlie Zimmerman were named to the WKLL First Team Volleyball Team. Trina Rathgeber was named to the WKLL Honorable Mention Team. Haelie Kniesteadt competed in the Northwest Kansas Volleyball All Star Game. Jorge Esparza was named to the WKLL All League and K-Preps 6 man All State First Team as a receiver, defensive lineman, and kicker.
- Discussed the KSHSAA classification proposal;
- Attending the KSHSAA executive board meeting on Wednesday;
- Looking for helpers for the WKLL Scholars' Bowl on January 18 at Wheatland;
- Wheatland has been asked to host the State 1A golf meet in Goodland on May 22;
- Basketball practice began today. Castle Rock Classic brackets are available;
- Under a cooperative agreement, Healy will play sports with Western Plains resulting in an open night on January 6.

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

- New tires were put on 1999 suburban;
- Started boiler and American Boiler inspected safety equipment and adjusted settings;
- Checked service light on 2000 Chevy Lumina with no repairs required;
- Aqua Pump installed the three pressure tanks;
- New van is tagged, inspected and in use. The 2002 suburban is on the route with the 1999 as the spare suburban.

Building Report: Mr. Flinn reported on the following:

- Joint in service with USD #291 faculty;
- Outlined the STEAM project based on an aquatic robot. The project begins Dec. 20 with a career mini fair and concludes on Feb. 1st with student presentations;
- WHS students attended the FHSU Math Relays;
- HS students attended the GMS Veteran's Day program. The three Voice of Democracy winners were recognized at the WES program;

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- Thanked all fans and supporters of WHS activities as well as Thunderhawk Booster Club for its support;
- Recapped the football program and showed the promotional video from the state 6 man football game in Dodge City;
- Discussed student eligibility;
- Has received positive feedback on the new van;
- Addressing behavioral concerns on the bus route and discussed winter driving conditions;
- Upcoming events include Thanksgiving break, Castle Rock Classic and the Fun, Food, Fitness Day on December 7th;
- Continuing to address reports of bullying.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mr. Kraus reported on the following:

- Attended KSDE Annual Conference in Wichita;
- Discussed State of Kansas revenue estimates;
- Attending the KASB legislative luncheon at Smoky Hill Educational Service Center;
 - Upcoming KPERS proposals to correct unintended consequences from prior year legislation;
 - It is anticipated that the Juvenile Justice statute passed last will undergo major revision or possibly repealed;
- State Assessment program continues to evolve. It is hoped that the reporting of results will be modified to become more valid and user friendly;
- The Education SuperHighway is a non-profit organization with a goal of providing all schools with access to adequate bandwidth at a reasonable rate. They are in the process of gathering data related bandwidth and cost from all districts in Kansas;
- Shared information from KS State Board of Education as well as the KASB Legislative Committee Report.

The board and Mr. Kraus discussed points of recommendation in the CPA audit review. A report addressing the recommendations is expected at the December meeting.

NKESC REPORT: No report.

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 10 minutes beginning at 9:28 pm in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion passed 5-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:38 pm with no action taken.

Motion by Lewis and second by Dohm to offer a supplemental contract to Aaron Thiemann as assistant boys' basketball coach. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Lewis and second by Melgoza to accept the resignation from Amy Anderson as WHS Cook, effective Nov. 30, 2016. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Dohm and second by Lewis to offer the WHS Head Cook position to Jodie Wright, effective November 28, 2016. Motion passed 5-0.

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Personnel, continued:

Motion by Heier and second by Dohm to approve the WHS Head Custodian contract addendum as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

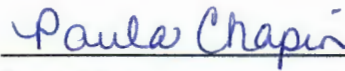
Motion by Zerr and second by Heier to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as student except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by that person with Mr. Kraus and Mr. Flinn present for 5 minutes beginning at 9:41 pm in order to protect the privacy rights of a student who is identifiable. Motion passed 5-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:46 pm with no action taken.

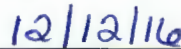
Chairman Zerr declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm.



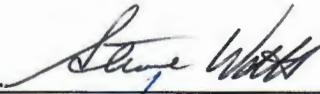
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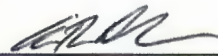
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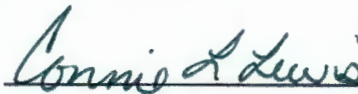
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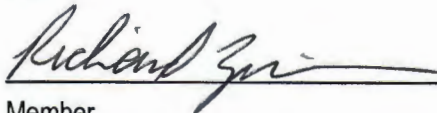
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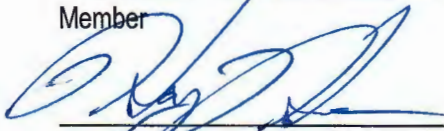
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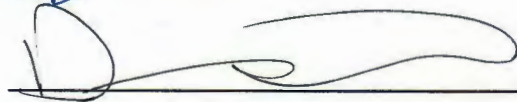
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