

MINUTES-of the regular Monday, April 11, 2016, meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Elk District Office, Howard, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew C. Hilton, President
Dr. Robert Black
Tyson Denton
Tom Eubank
Shelly Hare
Panatha "Penny" Swanson

ADMINISTRATION

Bert Moore, Supt/Director of SPED
Martin Burke, Principal/Asst. Supt
Chris Haag, Asst. to Administration
Paula McAlister, Business Mgr/Clerk

OTHERS

Christy Tyler
Debra Stange
Mike McLean
Bobbie Qualls
Zach Fry

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Angela Allen, Vice-President

At 6:30 p.m., President Hilton called the meeting to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Black moved to accept the Agenda with the addition of "J. Republish Budget". Hare seconded and motion passed. (6-0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Hare moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meetings March 7, 2016
- B. Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report:
Bills: \$68,215.23 Payroll: \$368,341.54

Denton seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

IV. FCCLA NATIONAL CONVENTION – Bobbie Qualls:

After discussion and review of the Itinerary and estimate of the cost for the National FCCLA Convention in San Diego July 3-7, 2016, Eubank moved to pay the estimated cost of \$1143.00 for the sponsor cost of the trip. Swanson seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. READING SERIES FOLLOW UP – Martin Burke:

After discussion and review of the revised cost proposal from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in the amount of \$33,536.07, Eubank moved to adopt and approve purchase of the K-6 ELA series, including six years of consumables and 180 subscriptions. Black seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

B. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE – Mike McLean:

McLean reported:

1. The final items on the punch list are complete. He is working with PBA for final inspection of the punch list.
2. Mark Callison with SBA Construction worked on the yard over spring break.
3. Problems with RTU #29 have been resolved.
4. Small leak in the weight room this morning. Wray Roofing has been contacted.

C. MAINTENANCE REQUESTS & UPDATE – Mike McLean:

McLean reported the following:

1. Top soil was brought in on March 22 and leveled on the 23rd. Rob Wolfe spread the soil and put said in the pits.
2. All violations from the KSFMO inspection are complete.
3. Water heater in the north end of the building has been replaced.
4. Replaced the concession stand/rest room roof.
5. HVAC installed in the District Office.
6. Freezer repaired.
7. New breaker box installed in the baseball dug out.
8. Cracks have been filled in on the track. Mike Dixon has been contacted regarding a quote.
9. Floor in trailer replaced.
10. Water valve replaced again at the concession stand/rest room.
11. Metal work in the softball dug out complete.
12. Repainted hurdle marks on the track.

D. TECHNOLOGY UPDATE – Zach Fry:

Fry reported:

1. There are a number of issues with state assessments, some on our side and some on the state side. Aging laptops from the carts are not working well, however the Chromebooks are working well for testing.
2. The print server issue has been fixed.
3. Martin and Zach met with the Technology Director in Sedan where Chromebooks are currently used for grades 9-12, next year Grades 3 and up will have 1-1 Chromebooks.
4. Presented quotes for Chromebooks for next year's sophomores and to replace one of the carts and the SKT Ethernet Connection quote.

Eubank moved to approve the presented technology purchases in the amount \$13,939.00 and to increase the SKT Ethernet Connection to 100.0M per the quote of \$3243.04 (before e-rate discount). Denton seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

E. TRANSPORTATION UPDATE – Christy Tyler:

Tyler reported as follows:

1. Replaced clutch on Bus #19.
2. Oil changed and serviced Bus #11.
3. 4 new rear tires on Bus #15 from Lanning Auto.
4. Replaced right rear caliper, brake pads and rotors on A-16.
5. 2 new tires on A-10 at Murphy Auto.
6. Replaced door latch assembly on A-12.
7. Oil changed and serviced on A-4 at Murphy Auto.

F. BUSBY, FORD & REIMER AUDITOR CONTRACT – Bert Moore:

Black moved to approve the contract with Busby, Ford & Reimer, and LLC to conduct the 2015-16 fiscal audit. Swanson seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

G. BOARD POLICY UPDATES – Bert Moore:

Black moved to approve the following new and updated Board Policy "D-11 – Payment for Masters/Advanced Degree Course Work", as amended. Hare seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

H. PRINCIPAL REPORT – Martin Burke:

Mr. Burke reported:

1. Received an inquiry about allowing middle school students to run Cross County. Practice and meets would run with the High School schedule and without cost to the district.

Eubank moved to that Cross County to include middle school students. Hare seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

2. The application for the 21st Century Grant was submitted.
3. Updated spring activities and sports.
4. Discussed the condition of the track and moving the High School League Meet.
5. Approached by the Ministerial Alliance about presenting to students a 30 minute documentary on Sex Trafficking and a 90 minute presentation to the public. More information to follow.

I. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Bert Moore:

Mr. Moore reported:

1. Positions announced and yet to be filled are: 1st Grade at West Elk; Music at West Elk; Gifted for the Cooperative; K-3 Interrelated Resource Room for West Elk; K-3 Interrelated Room for Chautauqua County Community; and Preschool (1/2 day)/Interrelated Resource Room/Interventionist (1/2 day) for Elk Valley.
2. Presented a draft calendar for 2016-17 as discussed with Mrs. Simmons, West Elk Chief Negotiator.
3. Working on classified evaluation before May 1.
4. Mr. Burke and Mr. Moore and scheduled to attend a training on the "Individual Plans of Study" as a part of the new accreditation model to align with the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act now called the "ESSA" – "Every Student Succeeds Act" which replaces the prior "ESEA" – "No Child Left Behind"

J. REPUBLISH BUDGET – Paula McAlister:

Black moved to republish the Notice of Hearing on Amending the 2015-16 Budget and the 2015-16 Property Tax Rates. Hare seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

At 8:25 p.m. Hilton declared a 5 minute break.

At 8:30 p.m. Hilton declared the meeting back in session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:32 p.m. Black moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, negotiations and students to protect the privacy interest of identifiable individuals for 45 minutes and to include Bert Moore, Martin Burke, Kevin Weber and Chris Haag. Hare seconded the motion and motion passed. (6-0)

At 9:17 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Hilton and seconded by Black to continue the session for an additional 25 minutes and include Bert Moore, Martin Burke, Kevin Weber and Chris Haag. Motion carried. (6-0)

At 9:42 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Hilton and seconded by Black to continue the session for an additional 5 minutes and include Bert Moore, Martin Burke, Kevin Weber, Chris Haag. Motion carried. (6-0)

At 9:47 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel:

Hare moved to offer a 1st Grade teaching position to Jestin Blake. Eubank seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

Hare moved to accept the resignations of Tim Rohde, Elk Valley 1/2 day Pre-K and 1/2 day IRR/Interventionist at the end of the 2015-16 school year; Marty Koop, Nurse at the end of the 2015-16 school year and O'Neisha Pendleton, Elk Valley Paraprofessional effective April 1, 2016. Black seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

Black moved to approve a merit raise for Trevor Bayless upon formal request from either Elk Valley Superintendent, Jason Crawford or the Elk Valley Board of Education. Denton seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

At 9:55 p.m. Hilton adjourned the meeting.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

CLERK OF THE BOARD
