

**MINUTES**-of the regular Monday, January 8, 2018, meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Elk District Office, Howard, Kansas.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Panatha "Penny" Swanson  
Tyson Denton, Vice-President  
Tom Eubank  
Richard Fechter  
Tyson Wilson

**ADMINISTRATION**

Bert Moore, Supt/Director of SPED  
Martin Burke, Principal/Asst. Supt  
Kevin Weber, Asst. Principal  
Paula McAlister, Business Mgr/Clerk

**OTHERS**

Christy Tyler  
Zach Fry  
Martha McGee  
Laura Woods  
Tana Harrod

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Shelly Hare  
Matthew C. Hilton

At 7:00 p.m., President Swanson called the meeting to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.**

Fechter moved to adopt the agenda as printed with the following additions:

Payroll **\$423,512.53** and Discussion/Action Item **I. High Jump Pit Quote**. Denton seconded and motion passed. (5-0)

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

Denton moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting December 11, 2017;
- B. Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report  
Bills: \$66,114.02 Payroll: \$423,512.53
- C. Donations:
- D. Kelly and Scott Hunter - \$410.00 to the West Elk Music Department, a Kimball Piano and Organ in memorial of Florene Smith.

Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

**IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. SENIOR TRIP UPDATE – Martha McGee:**

McGee presented information for the Yankee Candles, their final fund raiser for senior trip to be sold January 15 through February 15, 2018.

**B. FFA TRIP REQUEST –Laura Woods:**

Laura Woods thanked the board for allowing the dates of the Houston Stock Show to be changed to March 9 through March 12.

**C. MAINTENANCE REPORT – Bert Moore:**

Moore reported that the Kansas State Fire Marshall had inspected the facility in December. Corrective action and a timeline have been done to correct the minor infractions.

**D. TECHNOLOGY REPORT – Zach Fry:**

Fry reported:

1. Wireless Controller was updated over break.
2. Added several access points
3. He and nine staff members attended the Google training at Elk Valley.

**E. TRANSPORTATION REPORT – Christy Tyler:**

Tyler reported:

1. Bus #8 – replaced starter.
2. Late start on January 2 due to severe cold weather.

**F. SCHOOL CALENDAR OPTION FOR 2018-19:**

By consensus, the Board agreed to send the 2018-19 calendar options to the teachers and ask that they provide input before the February meeting.

**G. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Martin Burke:**

Burke reported:

1. Provided the BOE with an example of the Interim Assessment date.
2. HS Boys and Girls Basketball remain undefeated. Jr High is also having a winning season. Ten high school wrestlers are competing well.
3. West Elk is scheduled to host SCBL Forensics/Speech on Friday, April 6, 2018. Mr. Burke will work with other SCBL districts to see if another district is willing to host this event to avoid moving April 6 to a non-school day which would need to be made up.
4. Winter music programs were well attended.
5. K-6 has reached 45% of their accelerated reader goal.
6. 6<sup>th</sup> grade class donated to the Sedan Animal Shelter.

**H. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Bert Moore:**

No report.

**I. HIGH JUMP PIT QUOTE:**

Swanson moved to accept quote #10629E from Richey Athletics in the amount of \$6990.00 to purchase a new high jump pit. Wilson seconded and the motion passed (5-0).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:26 p.m., Denton moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel and students to protect the privacy interest of identifiable individuals for 15 minutes and to include Bert Moore, Martin Burke and Kevin Weber. Fechter seconded the motion and motion passed. (5-0)

At 7:41 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Swanson and seconded by Denton to continue the session for an additional 15 minutes and include Bert Moore, Martin Burke and Kevin Weber. Motion carried. (5-0)

At 7:56 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Swanson and seconded by Fechter to continue the session for an additional 10 minutes and include Bert Moore, Martin Burke and Kevin Weber. Motion carried. (5-0)

At 8:06 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Board Action on Personnel:**

Eubank moved to approve the following hires: Toni Mitchell, CCC #286 Grades 7-12 IRR; Donita Buhler, CCC #286 Driver; Nicki Llamas, West Elk AC Paraprofessional; Lynnette Kill and Cynthia Leniton, Speech/Forensics and James O’Shields, K-12 Music for remainder of 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year. Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

Denton moved to accept the out of district students wanting to attend USD #282. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

Denton moved to add one year to the following administrative contracts: Martin Burke, Assistant Superintendent/K-12 Principal and Bert Moore, Superintendent/Director of Special Education through 2019-2020; Kevin Weber, one-half time Assistant Principal; Chris Haag and Mary Mericle, Assistants to Administration extended to 2018-2019.

At 8:10 p.m. Swanson adjourned the meeting.

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**PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

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**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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