

**MINUTES** of the special meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, Monday, February 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Elk Schools Auditorium, Howard, Kansas.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tyson Denton, President  
Tyson Wilson, Vice-President  
Richard Fechter  
Shelly Hare  
Matthew C. Hilton  
Panatha "Penny" Swanson

**ADMINISTRATION**

Bert Moore, Supt/Ex. SPED Director  
Martin Burke, Principal/Asst. Supt  
Tonya Barnes, SPED Director  
Kevin Weber, Asst. Principal  
Chris Haag, Asst. to Admin  
Paula McAlister, Business Mgr. /Clerk

**OTHERS**

Chris Hare  
Dana Denton  
Ian Denton  
Heath Pope  
Jerrod Pope  
Cristen Bahr  
Julie Perkins

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tom Eubank

**OTHERS**

Kandace Metcalf  
Wanda Mills Malone

Jennifer McDow  
Chelise Barton

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

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.**

Hare moved to adopt the agenda as printed. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Long Range Planning with Staff and Public:**

Mr. Moore welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. He then divided attendees into two groups for discussion with the following questions:

1. What do you want students that graduate from West Elk to know?
2. What do you want students that graduate from West Elk to be able to do?

After the responses were discussed, the groups were asked to review the following:

1. The West Elk BOE Mission Statement (adopted October, 2006):

**WEST ELK USD #282 BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT:**

It is our aim to help all students learn those skills that are fundamental to successful endeavor while providing a safe and healthy yet challenging environment.

**DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL GOALS**

1. To develop a command of the fundamental intellectual processes and skills needed today and in the future.
2. To develop a positive attitude toward lifelong learning.
3. To develop a cooperative attitude toward living and working with others.
4. To develop his/her feelings of positive self-worth and self-assurance.

5. To develop the ability to make sound decisions, be resourceful, and anticipate consequences of his/her decisions.
  6. To develop and maintain good health and physical fitness.
2. The West Elk Unified School District #282 Key Components of a long term educational plan (amended February 11, 2013):

**WEST ELK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #282—KEY COMPONENTS OF A LONG TERM EDUCATIONAL PLAN:**

The responsibility of the West Elk Unified School District #282 is to provide students an environment that maximizes learning experiences that meet individual interests, needs, and abilities.

Provide a positive learning climate where all students will have the opportunity to develop their potential as self-sufficient human beings and as responsible citizens in a changing society.

1. Assist students in developing the basic skills of reading and listening.
2. Assist students in developing the ability to speak and write clearly.
3. Assist students in developing creative problem solving and higher level cognitive thinking skills.
4. Assist students in developing basic mathematical skills, scientific research techniques, and technology knowledge/skills.
5. Assist students in developing an appreciation and understanding of the political, economic, and cultural heritage of our county, state, nation, and world.
6. Assist students in developing a positive self-image and a holistic approach to wellness, including physical, mental, and emotional health.
7. Assist students in developing a sense of legal and moral ethics.
8. Provide the students the opportunity to participate in a well-rounded program of extra-curricular activities.
9. Develop an orderly process of curriculum improvements to promote improved academic achievement by all students.

3. The Board of Education Goals (2012) listed in priority order:

**BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS (2012)—THEY ARE IN PRIORITY ORDER:**

1. Create a long-term facilities plan including remodeling, upgrades and construction i.e. second gym, elementary facilities and mobile units.
2. Kids First Attitude and Philosophy
3. Curriculum/Instruction—What is taught and how
4. Teach to individual students—critical thinking skills
5. Monitor student progress K-12
6. Recruit/Retain quality teachers when vacancies occur

Final Group Questions:

1. What would you like to see added or modified in the:
  - 1) Mission Statement;
  - 2) Key Components; and/or

3) Goals.

After discussion all rejoined to the auditorium and the meeting was called back to order. Responses will be tabulated and e-mailed to all in attendance and a new tab will be added to the West Elk School website ([westelk.us](http://westelk.us)) for all to review.

At 8:44 p.m. Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

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TYSON R. DENTON, PRESIDENT

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PAULA C. McALISTER, Board Clerk

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TYSON WILSON, Vice-President

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THOMAS EUBANK, Board Member

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RICHARD H. FECHTER, Board Member

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SHELLY HARE, Board Member

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MATTHEW C. HILTON, Board Member

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PANTHA J. SWANSON, Board Member