

MINUTES of the regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, Monday, December 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Elk District Office, Howard, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION

Martin Burke, Supt/Elem Principal
Tonya Barnes, SPED Director
Kevin Weber, 7-12 Principal
Chris Haag, Asst. Principal
Paula McAlister, Business Mgr./Clerk

OTHERS

Christy Tyler
Clayton Hubbell
David Griesel
Wesley Young
Hannah Whetstone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shelly Hare
Matthew C. Hilton

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

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

Fechter moved to add "Executive Session" after Item J. to the agenda. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Fechter moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting November 11, 2019,
- B. Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report pages
Bills: \$ 92,100.75 Payroll: \$ 475,046.30

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

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Busby, Ford & Reimer – 2018-19 Budget Report – Clayton Hubbell:

Clayton Hubbell with Busby, Ford & Reimer presented the 2018-19 budget report. Wilson moved to accept the report as presented. Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

B. Maintenance Update – Chris Haag:

Haag reported:

1. Plumbing by Spellman came and ran a camera through the sewer line to find the problem. They were able to clear the line and plumbing issues have been fixed.
2. Travis Blankenship made a temporary fix with the wiring issues in the Ag shop and south end of the building. He will be back in January to make full repairs to the issues. Maintenance and administration is meeting with him this coming Thursday to discuss the issues and talk about the softball field.
3. Mr. Haag and Mr. Weber met with Merlyn Ramsey in Fredonia to look at the softball field and how to arrange our poles. He has been a huge help and has provided

expertise and suggestions with the whole process. He delivered three poles last Friday and the other three are loaded on the trailer and will be delivered soon.

4. Chris coated the roofs on the three shipping containers.
5. The remaining bathroom stalls were installed over Thanksgiving break.
6. The facility cleanup is complete and maintenance building is getting organized to utilize more space.
7. Issues with outside door locks on west side of the gym have been repaired.

C. Lawn care Contract for 2020 - Administration:

The 2018-19 Contract for Mowing, Trimming and Spraying between John Griesel and the West Elk Schools was discussed. Concerns were the availability of chemical, trash on the grounds and scheduling. After discussion, Denton moved to present to John Griesel a contract for 2019-20 modifying the 2018-19 to replace the name of Ed Price with Chris Ford. Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

D. Technology Report – Martin Burke:

Burke reported:

1. There is a software issue with the server updating properly that has affected two of the cameras.

E. Transportation Update – Christy Tyler:

Tyler reported:

1. Bus #5 – 4 NEW REAR TIRES @ 499 Tire & Truck Repair
2. Bus #18 – 2 new front tires & adjust two @ 499 Tire & Truck Repair
3. Bus #19 – Replaced oil pan gasket, o rings in power steering line and engine oil high pressure system and repaired entry door @ LT Services.

F. FFA TRIP PROPOSAL – David Griesel, Hannah Whetstone & Wesley Young:

FFA members Hannah Whetstone and Wesley Young asked for permission for 12 FFA members and 4 sponsors to attend the Houston Livestock Show March 20 – 23, 2019 and that the district provide two vans and fuel. Eubank move to approve the trip to Houston Livestock Show for 12 FFA members and 4 sponsors on March 20-23, 2020 and that the district provide two vans and fuel. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

G. 2020 Census Update – Martin Burke:

Burke presented a draft letter regarding the 2020 census that will be distributed to parents.

H. Principal Report – Kevin Weber

Weber reported:

1. Students and teachers are preparing and planning for the end of the semester.
2. 6th – 12th music and band concert held last week.
3. Elementary music program will be next week.
4. Mrs. Weber conducted the Kansas Community that Cares survey.

5. 20 students are signed up for the ACT to be given at West Elk on December 14, 2019.
6. STUCO held a very successful food drive.
7. Representative from Labette County College Biology department will present on health care job opportunities.
8. Career Day was held last week. Students attended all 5 presentations.
9. Results from the Pre-ACT, ASVAB and _____ will be released soon.
10. Winter sports are underway.

I. Special Education Update – Tonya Barnes:

Barnes reported:

1. Maintenance of Effort (MOE) was submitted and KSDE has initially responded that we appear to have met MEO on all four tests.
2. West Elk was determined to be 100% compliant in IDEA & Gifted Compliance – Cohort 2.
3. TIP grant will be awarded and funds potentially available in March, 2020.
4. Categorical Aid Personnel System (CAPS) reports have been submitted.
5. PCGUS – administrative claiming filing are current.
6. Staff transitioning to IEP Backpack.
7. Staff evaluations – Eleven 1st semester evaluations completed.

J. Superintendent's Report – Martin Burke:

Burke reported:

1. Proposed calendar for 2020-21 presented to the BOE for review.
2. Family engagement night for Pre-K – 4th grade will be held February 27, 2020 during National School Science Week. The theme will be "Leap Into Science – Wind".
3. KSDE awarded West Elk Schools the Kansas Can Copper Star Award for Academically Prepared for Postsecondary Success and the Kansas Can Bronze Star Award in the area of Graduation, both for 2018-19.
4. The HS Social Studies curriculum is being reviewed by Mrs. Reed and Ms. Mericle. A proposal for purchasing new curriculum will be presented this spring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:58 p.m., Wilson moved to go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals to be discussed pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and students to protect the privacy and interest of individuals to be discussed pursuant to the student exception under KOMA; to include Martin Burke, Kevin Weber and Tonya Barnes for 10 minutes and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:08 p.m. in the board room. Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

At 8:08 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Denton and seconded by Eubank to continue the session for an additional 5 minutes and resume into open session at 8:13 p.m. and include Martin Burke, Kevin Weber and Tonya Barnes. Motion carried. (5-0)

At 8:13 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Denton and seconded by Fechter to continue the session for an additional 5 minutes and resume into open session at 8:18 p.m. and include Martin Burke, Kevin Weber and Tonya Barnes. Motion carried. (5-0)

At 8:19 p.m. Denton declared a 2 minute break.

At 8:21 p.m. Denton called the meeting back to order.

K. Superintendent's Evaluation – Martin Burke –

Burke handed out his self-evaluation. No action was taken.

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At 8:22 p.m., Wilson moved to go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals to be discussed pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and students to protect the privacy and interest of individuals to be discussed pursuant to the student exception under KOMA; to include Martin Burke for 20 minutes and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:42 p.m. in the board room. Swanson seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

At 8:42 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Denton and seconded by Eubank to continue the session for an additional 10 minutes and resume into open session at 8:52 p.m. and include Martin Burke. Motion carried. (5-0)

At 8:49 p.m. Burke exited the meeting.

At 8:53 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Denton and seconded by Swanson to continue the session for an additional 5 minutes and resume into open session at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried. (5-0)

At 9:00 p.m. Burke entered the meeting.

At 9:03 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Board Action on Personnel:

Wilson moved to accept the following resignations: Bobbie Julian, West Elk Paraprofessional; Maria Moya-Valle, West Elk Paraprofessional and Chelsea Norris, CCC Paraprofessional. Denton seconded and motion passed. (5-0)

Eubank moved to offer employment to Stephanie Thigpen-Smith, CCC Paraprofessional and Nichole Gilcrease, CCC Paraprofessional. Swanson seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

At 9:05 p.m. Denton adjourned the meeting.

TYSON R. DENTON, PRESIDENT

PAULA C. McALISTER, Board Clerk

TYSON WILSON, Vice-President

THOMAS EUBANK, Board Member

Absent

RICHARD H. FECHTER, Board Member

SHELLY HARE, Board Member

Absent

MATTHEW C. HILTON, Board Member

PANTHA J. SWANSON, Board Member