

MINUTES of the regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, Monday, January 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Elk District Office, Howard, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tyson Denton, President
Tyson Wilson, VP
Tom Eubank
Shelly Hare
Richard Fechter
Heather McClendon
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
Mary Leniton
Cynthia Leniton
Ashley Cookson
Peyton Nevil
Haley Hogan
Chris Ford
Scott McClendon
Patty Austin

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

II. BOARD ORGANIZATION

President Denton turned the meeting over to Superintendent Burke.

Burke asked for nominations for President. Swanson nominated Tyson Denton. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed. (6-1) Denton abstained

Burke asked for nominations for Vice-President. Swanson nominated Tyson Wilson. Denton seconded the motion and the motion passed. (6-1) Wilson abstained.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Fechter moved to amend IV. Consent of Agenda – Approval of Minutes to **December 9, 2019** and Item I. **2020-2021 Calendar**. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Hare moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting December 9, 2019,
- B. Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report pages
Bills: \$ 58,778.57 Payroll: \$ 480,770.99
- C. Accept \$1000.00 from Carl and Donna Eby to West Elk Elementary in memory of Damon Wilson.
- D. Accept Donor's Choose building blocks for Jennifer Andrews, West Elk Pre-K.

Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Student Representation at Board Meetings – Peyton Nevil

STUCO President, Peyton Nevil requested that the Board consider adopting a Non-voting student representative seat on the board. Kansas and 19 other states do allow this

practice. Burke asked the Board to consider the request and bring questions to the February board meeting.

B. Senior Trip Request – Class Officers

Mary Leniton represented the Senior Class Officers and requested Board approval for Senior Trip to San Antonio March 27, 2020 through March 30, 2020 using a school bus. Fund raising is complete, and funds are available for the class and eight adult sponsors, with the exception of meals. Swanson moved to approve the senior trip to San Antonio March 27 through March 30, 2020 using a school bus. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

C. National 21st CCLC Conference – Martin Burke

Burke requested approval for Heather Kelly and Donna Madison to attend the National BOOST convention April 28, 2020 through May 1, 2020 in Palm Springs as part of the 21st Century Grant. Swanson moved to allow Kelly and Madison to attend the National BOOST convention in Palm Springs April 28 through May 1, 2020. Denton seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

D. Maintenance Update – Chris Haag

Haag reported:

1. All rooms were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected over break.
2. Repairs to the gym floor were made.
3. The remaining poles for the softball field were delivered.
4. The new stage curtains were installed.
5. McDaniel Company fire did their yearly inspection of the building's sprinkler system and no issues were found.
6. Sandifer did their yearly inspection of the fire system. Two strobe lights and batteries in the switch board will need to be replaced.
7. Tiles have been ordered to install and fix issues in the commons area.
8. Work and preparation are started on the baseball and softball fields.
9. Modern Heat & Air completed their assessment of the HVAC units/systems and provided Chris Ford some on-site training.

E. Technology Report – Patty Austin

Austin reported:

1. The camera server will be replaced.
2. Preparing for state assessments.
3. Nexus tablets are being utilized for accelerated reader. Cases are being ordered for these devices and they will be distributed to the elementary.
4. Working on conversion from Windows 7 to Windows 10.
5. The technology inventory is being updated.
6. Web site should be live very soon.

F. Transportation Update – Christy Tyler

Tyler reported:

1. Bus #1 – complete oil change, scanned for transmission codes
2. Bus #10 – complete oil change, tightened water pump belt

3. Bus #11 – replaced four rear tires @ 499 Tire & Repair. Currently at Blue Bird in Wichita to locate and repair a broken wire.
4. Bus #18 – complete oil change, rotate rear tires @ 499 Tire & Repair
5. Bus #19 – replace power steering pressure hose & filled with fluid
6. Bus #20 – complete oil change and replace engine belts

Route drivers are still needed.

G. Tobacco Policy – Martin Burke

Current Board Policy B-20.1 – Use of Tobacco Products and Electronic Cigarettes was reviewed.

H. KASB Board Member Negotiations Training – Martin Burke

Tyson Denton and Tyson Wilson will serve as the Board Negotiators. Dates for training to satisfy the requirement of annual training for negotiators under the Professional Negotiations Act will be e-mailed.

I. 2020-2021 Calendar – Start & End Dates – Martin Burke

After discussion, Eubank moved to approve “Proposed – Version 1” with the first day of school being Tuesday, August 11, 2020 and ending Friday, May 21, 2021. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

J. Supplemental Positions for 2020-2021 – Martin Burke.

Burke refreshed the BOE on supplemental procedures and practice. New licensed staff have inquired about the need to reapply for their supplemental position for the upcoming year. Burke noted the current practice; Licensed staff are not required to reapply. Rule-10 coaches/sponsors are asked to reapply annually.

K. Principal’s Report – Kevin Weber

Weber reported:

1. Enrolled nine new students in January.
2. Stage curtains were installed over Christmas break.
3. Required evaluations are in process for veteran staff.
4. STUCO President and Vice-President placed very positive messages on student lockers.
5. Boys Wrestling Regionals will be held in Eureka. State wide there are over 900 girls out for Girls Wrestling. Girls’ regionals will be held at a separate location.

L. Special Education Report – Tonya Barnes

Barnes reviewed several Special Education acronyms and explained the importance of Maintenance of Effort (MOE).

M. Superintendent Report – Martin Burke

Burke reported:

1. September 20th will fall on Sunday in 2020. West Elk’s official Count Day will be Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

2. Tonya Barnes has received the recognition from KASB for attending required optional training session through online and physical attendance.
3. Meetings and In-Service are scheduled for clarification of crisis plans and interventions currently being utilized.
4. The Elk County Commissions have declared January 17th as Isaiahh Loudermilk Day in Elk County, Kansas. West Elk alumni, Loudermilk will be honored at an all school assembly on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 10:10 a.m.
5. Discussion of a possible Board retreat.
6. January is BOE Appreciation Month. West Elk administration, teachers, support staff and student body would formally like to thank the USD 282 BOE for all they do for our district and community. Your dedication to our continued success is greatly appreciated.
7. The estimate from Blankenship Electric for new wiring for new ball field lights in the amount of \$37,500.00 was reviewed.
8. Discussion of online enrollment and online payment for the future took place. Technology director, administration and support staff will be reviewing options.
9. Burke is seeking the ability for local vendors to manage current EMC property/liability insurance policy as well as Accident Fund for Workers Comp. insurance policy.

At 8:36 p.m., Denton declared a 5-minute recess.

At 8:41 p.m., Denton called the meeting back to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:42 p.m., Fechter 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 and Kevin Weber for 15 minutes and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:57 p.m. in the board room. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

At 8:56 p.m., Tonya Barnes entered the meeting.

At 8:57 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 10 minutes and resume into open session at 9:07 p.m. and include Martin Burke, Kevin Weber and Tonya Barnes. Motion carried. (7-0)

At 9:07 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 9:12 p.m. and include Martin Burke, Kevin Weber and Tonya Barnes. Motion carried. (7-0)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Board Action on Personnel:

Wilson moved to offer employment as follows: West Elk – Boyd Koehn, sub bus driver and Jim Stange, sub driver and CCC USD #286 – Parker Ware and Kaci Jennings, paraprofessionals. Fechter seconded and motion passed. (7-0)

Eubank moved to accept the resignation of Lee Coate, CCC USD#286 paraprofessional. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

At 9:13 p.m., Denton adjourned the meeting.

TYSON R. DENTON, PRESIDENT

PAULA C. McALISTER, Board Clerk

TYSON WILSON, Vice-President

THOMAS EUBANK, Board Member

RICHARD H. FECHTER, Board Member

SHELLY HARE, Board Member

HEATHER McCLENDON, Board Member

PANTHA J. SWANSON, Board Member