

**MINUTES** of the special meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at the West Elk District Office.

At 8:00 p.m., President Denton called the meeting to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

A.	President Denton	Present
B.	Vice President Fechter	Present
C.	Thomas Eubank	Present ZOOM @ 8:04 p.m.
D.	Heather McClendon	Present ZOOM @ 8:02 p.m.
E.	Penny Swanson	Present by phone
F.	Tyson Wilson	Present by ZOOM

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Martin Burke, Superintendent  
Kevin Weber, 7-12 Principal  
Paula McAlister, Business Mgr/Clerk  
Chris Haag via ZOOM

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

Fechter moved to accept the agenda as printed. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

**III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Hanks Family Facility Request for Funeral:**

After discussion, Swanson moved to accommodate the Hanks family facility use request to hold Sheriff Hanks funeral service at West Elk on Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

**B. Basketball Games on Friday, February 19, 2021 at Argonia:**

By consensus the Board agreed to allow travel to Argonia on the 19<sup>th</sup> as school is not in session due to energy demand and increased costs.

**C. Energy Costs:**

School was cancelled Thursday, February 18, 2021 and Friday, February 19, 2021 after talking with City of Howard and Emergency Management, due to increased demands and a huge spike in natural gas costs. Heat on campus was turned down low enough to keep water pipes from freezing and not harm the HVAC systems.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:22 p.m. Fechter moved that we go into Executive Session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interest of identifiable individuals to be discussed pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA; to include Martin Burke and Kevin Weber for 5 minutes and that the open meeting shall resume at 8:27p.m. Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

At 8:27 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 8:32 p.m. and include Martin Burke and Kevin Weber. Motion carried. (6-0)

At 8:32 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 8:37 p.m. and include Martin Burke and Kevin Weber. Motion carried. (6-0)

At 8:37 p.m. the meeting was called back into open session.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

Denton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Tyson R. Denton, President

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Paula C McAlister, Board Clerk

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Richard H. Fechter Vice-President

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Thomas Eubank Board Member

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Heather McClendon, Board Member

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Panatha J. Swanson Board Member

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Tyson Wilson, Board Member