

**MINUTES** of the regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, Monday, March 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Elk District Office, Howard, Kansas.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**ADMINISTRATION**

Martin Burke, Supt/Elem Principal  
Kevin Weber, 7-12 Principal  
Chris Haag, Asst. Principal  
Mary Mericle, Asst. to Admin  
Paula McAlister, Business Mgr. /Clerk

**OTHERS**

Christy Tyler  
Chris Ford  
Heather Kelly

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**

Shelly Hare

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

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Wilson moved to approve the agenda as printed with the addition of III. Consent Agenda D. \$100 Amazon drawing winner from TASN to the Autism Team. Denton seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting February 10, 2020,
- B. Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report pages  
Bills: \$ 164,028.87 Payroll: \$ 501,884.86
- C. Donations received for senior trip charter bus in the total amount of \$5151.00.
- D. \$100.00 Amazon drawing winner from TASN to the Autism Team.

Denton seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

**IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Maintenance Update – Chris Haag**

Haag reported:

- 1. Western Electric flagged the locations for the new light poles on the softball field.
- 2. Water and electrical lines were marked around the softball field.
- 3. Two flush valves replaced on toilets and hopefully that will solve the water usage issues.
- 4. Lines were marked on the south entrance so Harrods can begin work on the drainage ditch.
- 5. Gravel was delivered and spread in the north parking lot.
- 6. Sunflower Farms will be here in March to do maintenance on baseball and softball fields.
- 7. Work is being done to get both fields ready for the upcoming season.
- 8. No major maintenance projects needed for February.

**B. Technology Report – Martin Burke:**

Burke reported:

1. Chromebooks purchased last month will be used as extras for state testing.
2. Website is close to being launched.

**C. Library Policy Updates – Heather Kelly:**

Fechter moved to approve the updated Library Selection and Weeding Policies as presented by Kelly. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

**D. Transportation Report - Christy Tyler:**

Christy Tyler reported:

1. Bus #10- replaced starter and speed sensor.
2. Bus #12 – Replaced left front brake caliper.
3. Bus #20 – replaced clutch cable.
4. A-2 – Murphy Auto has completed repairs from deer accident.
5. Talked with County about road conditions on the routes. Some areas of concern have been graveled.

**E. INTERNET PROVIDER FOR 2020-21 – Martin Burke:**

Eubank moved to accept E-Rate bid via Form 470 for 300 Mbps internet service beginning July 1, 2020 from AT&T in the monthly amount of \$1166.80 before e-rate for a term of 36 months. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

**F. Prospective Insurance Providers for 2020-2021 – Martin Burke:**

An introduction meeting for prospective insurance providers/agencies within the district boundaries was held on March 3, 2020. Five prospective providers/agencies attended. A committee of two board members is needed to conduct interviews and make a recommendation to the board. The district's current agency, ICI, will be included in the interview and recommendation process. Heather McClendon and Richard Fechter volunteered to serve on the interview committee. Fechter moved and Wilson seconded appointing McClendon and Fechter to form the interview committee. Motion passed (6-0)

**G. Overnight/Out of State trip request for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – Martin Burke:**

Burke requested permission for 10 students (5 girls/5 boys) to attend the Five Mile Camp at Quapaw, Oklahoma May 31 through June 6, 2020 (girls) and June 7 through June 13, 2020 (boys) as a part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century summer program. The camp is open to exiting 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Applications will be taken. Fechter moved to approve the overnight/out of state trip request to Five Mile Camp in Quapaw as stated above. Eubank seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

**H. Long Range Planning – Martin Burke:**

The Long Range Planning committee met February 24, 2020. Funding and space issues were discussed.

**I. KSHSAA Ballot for Board of Directors & Appeal Board – Martin Burke:**

No action was taken.

**J. Youth & Family Stability Programs SFY 2021 Grant Application - Martin Burke:**

The Kansas Department for Children and Families has released a Grant Request for Proposal for "Youth and Family Stability Programs SFY 2021" which would promote assisting targeted families with job preparation, home budgeting, preventing unplanned pregnancies etc. It is recommended that the grant be written as Elk County Schools and partner with Elk Valley. By consensus the Board supported applying for this grants as Elk County schools with Elk Valley.

**K. Dyslexia training update and requirements – Martin Burke:**

Six hours of Dyslexia training for targeted staff is being mandated for all elementary teachers, speech pathologists, counselors and administration. Funding is anticipated for such trainings. No action was taken.

**L. Early Childhood Planning – Martin Burke:**

The potential need to expand the birth to three and pre-school programs was discussed. No action was taken.

**M. Coronavirus – Martin Burke:**

Information on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from KSDE and KDHE was discussed. No action was taken.

**N. 2020 Census Update – Martin Burke:**

There will be an assembly explaining the importance of the census for elementary students in the morning. Census numbers might change the congressional districts. No action was taken.

**O. Social Work Expansion – Martin Burke:**

The social and emotional needs of students is increasing and more students are seeing the school counselor, school psychologist and social worker on a weekly basis. Different ways of expanding the program are being looked at including the possibility of partnering with Elk County in utilizing Four County Mental Health. No action was taken.

**P. Capital Outlay – Martin Burke:**

After discussion, Swanson moved to publish the Capital Outlay Resolution not to exceed eight (8) mills beginning July 1, 2020. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

**Q. Principal's Report – Kevin Weber:**

Weber reported:

1. Dana Denton talked with all seniors about preparing for job interviews in preparation for the mock interviews to be held on March 19, 2020.
2. Janelle Johnson was recognized in an assembly for passing the State and National EMT boards.
3. Most juniors participated in the ACT and Work Keys test given.
4. Spring sports are underway last week and this week.
5. The SCBL voted to increase adult and student admission rates by \$1.00
6. PE Night is Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **R. Director of Special Education Report – Martin Burke:**

In Barnes' absence, Burke reported:

1. Categorical Aid Personnel System (CAPS) next payment March 15, 2020.
2. Indicator 8 Parent Survey letter sent out.
3. Second round of Evaluations have been initiated.
4. Planning stages of Summer 2020 ESY.
5. Attended KASEA Winter Conference in Topeka February 24 and 25.

## **S. Superintendent's Report – Martin Burke:**

1. Reviewed Legislative Session: 2020 "bills to watch".
2. Documents regarding USD #283's request to withdraw from the Special Education Cooperative and an amended agreement for USD #282 and USD #286 have been provided to the KSDE for the April State BOE meeting.
3. West Elk will host the STAR events for the FCCLA regional district on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. This needs to be noted in the negotiations process of the calendar as a no school day. It is proposed that the date be made up on Monday, February 1, 2021.
4. Expect increase in utility costs.
5. Kansas statutes has mandated posting of curriculum. Posting options are being discussed.
6. WEEPATS carnival is March 27, 2020.

At 8:54 p.m. Denton declared a 5 minute break.

At 8:59 p.m. Denton called the meeting back to order.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:00 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; negotiations for 2020-21 licensed staff to protect the public interest in negotiations and fair and equitable contract pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA; 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 9:15 p.m. in the board room. Eubank seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

At 9:15 p.m. Denton called the meeting back into open session.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Board Action on Personnel:**

Eubank moved to offer employment as follows:

Summer 2020 - 21st CCLC Lead Teachers - Certified staff: Jennifer McDow, Cristen Bahr, Lynne Miller - June only, Bobbie Wiseman, Chris Haag, Laura Miller - At risk 1 hr per day (K-1), Megan Haag - At risk 1 hr per day (2-3), Jestin Strange- At risk 1 hr per day (4-5), Travis Kill- At risk 1 hr per day (6-8), and Lynette Kill; Non-certified: Karen Lampson, Donna Madison and Kelly Nault; and Student: Mary Leniton – Dance. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

Swanson moved to approve Michelle Weber – WE Building PDP Chair. Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

Denton moved to accept the resignation of Rachel Ware, HS Cheer Sponsor. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

At 9:19 p.m., Denton adjourned the meeting.

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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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Absent  
SHELLY HARE, Board Member

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HEATHER McCLENDON, Board Member

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PANTHA J. SWANSON, Board Member