

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

At 7:00 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 Wilson	Present
C.	Thomas Eubank	Present
D.	Richard Fechter	Present
E.	Shelly Hare	Present
F.	Heather McClendon	Present
G.	Penny Swanson	Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Martin Burke, Superintendent (via ZOOM)	Christy Tyler
Tonya Barnes, SPED Director (via ZOOM)	
Kevin Weber, 7-12 Principal	
Chris Haag, Assistant Principal	
Paula McAlister, Business Mgr/Clerk	

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Wilson moved to accept the agenda by adding "III. Public Comment – Jill Gillett, Elk County Attorney and IV. Consent Agenda – D. Kansas Pork Association – "Pork in the Schools"- \$75.00 to FACS. Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – Jill Gillett, Elk County Attorney

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A.	Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 2020;
B.	Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report: Bills: \$ 157,388.43 Payroll: \$ 532,377.42
C.	Patterson Family Foundation microgrant - \$3680.00 and disposable masks.
D.	Kansas Pork Association – "Pork in the Schools" - \$75.00 to FACS.

Hare moved to accept the Consent Agenda as printed with the addition of D. Kansas Pork Association – "Pork in the Schools" - \$75.00 to FACS. Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Maintenance Update – Chris Haag:

1. Modern Air fixed roof top units on the gymnasium.
2. Sandifer worked on the fire alarm system.
3. Extensive cleaning of the building is being performed.
4. Excess materials are being put in storage.
5. Smart TVs have been installed.
6. Continuing work on grounds and athletic fields.
7. Final water fountain installed.
8. Changing out thermostats will be very costly.

9. Griesels are done mowing.

B. Technology Report – Patty Austin:

Burke reported:

1. TV's installed by maintenance staff and several classified staff on a Monday. Additional software will be installed and trainings to follow.
2. Several of the Wacoms and document cameras have been received.
3. Kandace Metcalf has spent her plan periods assisting other teachers with the new technology.
4. Tom Eubank and Patty Austin did a SWOT analysis of the servers and server room. Several major purchases will be necessary in the near future.

C. Transportation Update – Christy Tyler:

Tyler reported:

1. Bus #10 will expire in December of 2020 and did not pass inspection. Requested permission to sell on Purple Wave. Denton moved to have Tyler list Bus #10 on PurpleWave. Hare seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)
2. Another route and/or sub driver is needed.

D. Long Range Planning Report – Martin Burke:

Burke reported:

1. Committee participated in KASB Planning Strategies ZOOM last week.
2. Committee goal: We need more space due to increased enrollment and expanding services. After much discussion, Denton moved for Administration to pursue cost estimates for 12-16 classrooms and multi-purpose room to be added to the campus due to increased enrollment and lack of sufficient space. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

E. Principal's Report – Kevin Weber:

Weber reported:

1. Mrs. Metcalf's help with new technology is much appreciated.
2. PSAT will be given to several Juniors at the Cox Building.
3. Regional Cross Country will be held October 24 at Greenbush and State will be held at Victoria.
4. Volleyball sub-state will be held October 24 at Garden Plaine.
5. Girls Golf is over.

At 8:27 p.m. Hare exited the meeting.

6. Parent Teacher conferences will be held next week on campus and ZOOM will be available for parents wishing to virtual conference.

At 8:28 p.m. Swanson exited the meeting.

7. Teachers are adapting to instructing on campus and via ZOOM at the same time.

At 8:29 p.m. Hare and Swanson returned to the meeting.

8. Thirty-three quarantined students will be returning on Wednesday, the 14th and another thirty on the 15th.
9. Cheer sponsor has requested permission to take a cheerleader on an overnight college visit where she is being recruited.

At 8:37 p.m. Wilson left the meeting.

10. Eureka will extend the Cooperative Agreement for Girls' Golf.
11. Attending wrestling tournaments and allowing kids wrestling to practice were discussed. No direction from KSHSAA on winter sports.

At 8:39 p.m. Wilson returned to the meeting.

F. Special Education Director's Report – Tonya Barnes:

Barnes reported:

1. Will be back in the office Thursday, the end of her quarantine.
2. SPED State Aid payments will be made to the districts on 10-15-2020. District assessments are due in October and federal funds are available. Medicaid dollars are also rolling in.
3. Held ZOOM Superintendent meeting today.

G. Superintendent's Report – Martin Burke:

Burke reported:

1. Family First Corona Relief Act (FFCRA) was discussed. Staff is being paid according to the federal laws.
2. 2020-21 Headcount is 386. Current enrollment is higher as students have enrolled after the September 20 "count day" for funding. Current headcount is 392.
4. Elementary Counselor/Social Worker started today.
5. The Patterson Family Foundation Grant in the amount of \$3680 can be used for any district need.
6. Wearing masks/enforcement of mask wearing at activities concerning COVID will be discussed at the next SCBL meeting. Along with other possible policies.

At 9:02 p.m. Denton declared a 5 minute break.

At 9:07 p.m. Denton called the meeting to order.

Burke continued:

7. Parent concern regarding West Elk's handling of student quarantine policies and procedures. Elk County Health is the authority regarding quarantine. The school does about 90% of the contact tracing and all questions regarding quarantine and contract tracing are referred to Elk County Health. The Board of Education is bound by Elk County policies and the Board of Education may not overrule any decision of Elk County Health.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:32 p.m. Wilson 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; students to protect the privacy and interest of identifiable 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 9:47 p.m. Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

At 9:47 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Swanson to continue the session for an additional 5 minutes and resume into open session at 9:52 p.m. and include Martin Burke and Kevin Weber. Motion carried. (7-0)

At 9:52 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session at which time a motion was made by Denton and seconded by Wilson to continue the session for an additional 5 minutes and resume into open session at 9:57 p.m. and include Martin Burke and Kevin Weber. Motion carried. (7-0)

At 9:57 p.m. Denton called the meeting back to order.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Board Action on Personnel:

Wilson moved to accept the resignation of Lanetta Bailey, CCC Para. Hare seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

B. Board Action on Students:

Hare moved to approve the following out-of-district students wishing to attend West Elk as recommended by administration. Denton seconded and the motion passed. (7-0)

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Denton declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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

Panatha J. Swanson, Board Member