

**MINUTES** of the regular meeting of the West Elk USD #282 Board of Education, Tuesday, September 15, 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:**

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| A. | President Denton      | Present     |
| B. | Vice President Wilson | Present     |
| C. | Thomas Eubank         | Present     |
| D. | Richard Fechter       | Present     |
| E. | Shelly Hare           | Not Present |
| F. | Heather McClendon     | Present     |
| G. | Penny Swanson         | Present     |

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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| Martin Burke, Superintendent        | Christy Tyler |
| Tonya Barnes, SPED Director         |               |
| 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. C. – Contractual Agreement between USD #282 and Four County Mental Health Center" and IV. Discussion/Action Items: B.2 – Transportation update". Fechter seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, Monday, August 10, 2020 and Special Meeting, August 13, 2020;
- B. Approval of Bills, Payroll and Treasurer's Report:  
Bills: \$ 169,698.28                      Payroll: \$ 428,521.99
- C. Contractual Agreement between USD #282 and Four County Mental Health Center.

Fechter moved to accept the Consent Agenda as printed with the addition of C. Contractual Agreement between USD #282 and Four County Mental Health Center. Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

**IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Maintenance Update – Chris Haag:**

- 1. Sunflower Farms did monthly maintenance on the athletic fields.
- 2. Modern Air did repairs on one of the freezers and worked on the cooling unit in the computer room. Working on some long range planning with Modern Air regarding changing out the very complex thermostats.
- 3. Filters have been changed in the rooftop units.
- 4. Western Electric installed the UV lighting.
- 5. The new Grasshopper mower was delivered.

6. FFA is doing landscaping projects on the school grounds and the at the barn.
7. Water fountain has been installed in the north end. A platform is being built.

**B. Technology Report – Patty Austin:**

1. Austin thanked the Board for their recent Chromebook and teacher laptop purchases. Teachers are very happy with the new devices.
2. The main domain server went down during a power surge on August 12. A new server was ordered and has been delivered. Installation and backup should be completed this weekend. No data was lost. Loss may be partially covered by insurance. The building was not built to handle the amount of technology now being used.
3. Chromebooks are on a recycle plan.
4. District has 8 servers, one is over 10 years old. Austin will prepare a server estimated life and cost to replace plan.
5. Burke advised that remote learning procurements have been made but some items have not been received.

**B -2. Transportation Update – Christy Tyler:**

Tyler reported:

1. All vehicles and buses have been inspected.
2. A-9, 2004 Ford E150 Van – Cleaned EVAP canister and solenoid @ Signer's Garage.
3. A-12, 2007 Pontiac G6 – Remove and replace both windshield washer nozzle @ Signer's Garage.
4. Bus #1, 47 pass 2010 Blue Bird – Replace power steering reservoir, hoses and rear taillights.
5. Bus #5, 47 pass 2012 International – Replace left mirror bracket, left taillight and right front side marker and repair windshield motor
6. Bus #6, 72 pass 2019 Blue Bird – Replace DEF filter, drain & change fluid, reset computer to make alarm go off
7. Bus #11, 47 pass 2010 Blue Bird – Remove & clean back up alarm, replace left taillight and mirror bracket on hood and repair window alarm
8. Bus #12, 65 pass, 1997 Thomas – Replace taillight and mirror bracket on hood and repair windshield washer pump
9. Bus #14, 47 pass 1998 Thomas – Replace window alarm, rear 8-way light, rear u-joint yoke & seal, repair mirror on hood and loose bus seat
10. Bus #17, 47 pass 2015 International – Replace left front mirror and right mirror bracket
11. Bus #18, 77 pass 2015 International – Replace mirror bracket on hood
12. Bus #19, 47 pass 1999 Blue Bird – Repair right & left mirrors on hood, replace window alarm and front side marker.

**C. Change October Meeting Date – Martin Burke:**

Wilson moved to reschedule the October meeting from Monday, October 12, 2020 to Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Denton seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

**D. Deferment of Social Security Tax – Martin Burke:**

After discussion, no action was taken.

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

Weber reported:

1. HS Girls' Choir participated in 9/11 ceremony held at the Cox Building.
2. Mrs. McGee and Mrs. Reed took freshmen and sophomores to tour the Benson Museums.
3. Visiting with new students.
4. ACT will be given by Mrs. Weber at West Elk on Saturday, September 19, 2020.
5. PSAT for Juniors will be given on October 14, 2020.
6. Fall sports are going well.
7. FFA has 3 small business groups:
  - a. Raising butcher pigs and selling meat;
  - b. Raising butcher chickens for sale to be butchered off-site and
  - c. 50 Laying HensStudents developed business plans and are competing to see who can earn the most money.
8. FFA students are also building chicken houses, performing landscaping and cleaning up around the FFA barn. Students will also assist in the barn repairs, with parent permission.
9. Fall Parent-Teacher conferences are being discussed. (In-person or other methods.
10. Meet with the Howard Fall Festival committee. Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2020 and will coincide with festival activities.
11. Three softball players have presented their design to be painted on the softball dugout. Supplies have been donated and Mrs. Price will oversee the painting.

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

Barnes thanked the Board for the salary increases and the change to all discretionary days for employees.

Barnes reported:

1. Staff is doing a great job and Talia Leck is assisting with contingency planning.
2. Categorical Aid Personnel System (CAPS) first upload is due October 1 for Special Ed State Aid payments to be made on October 15.
3. Talia Leck was nominated for KASEA Special Education Educator of the Year award.
4. Barnes and Mr. Burke attended Elk Valley's board meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

5. Changing the Related Services providers schedules so they are not in the same district on the same day has worked well for all three districts.

**G. Superintendent's Report – Martin Burke:**

Burke reported:

1. Burke and Barnes attended the Elk Valley BOE meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 to discuss the Special Education Cooperative.
2. K.S.A. 72-5138. Same; enrollment adjustments due to decreases resulting in disasters are being discussed as many districts have decreased enrollment due to COVID-19.
3. Gina Lowe is student teaching in third grade under Mrs. Mericle. Mrs. Lowe is finishing her coursework through WSU but is not attending classes in person.
4. The State Board rejected a request by KSDE to delay implementing some recommendations aimed at improving dyslexia services for students in public schools. Required employees will receive seven hours of training.
5. The State BOE allows delay in KESA process by delaying one year.
6. West Elk is able to extend the Summer Food Service Program offering one free breakfast and one free lunch per day per student retroactive to the first day of school until December 31, 2020 or until federal funds are depleted.
7. Burke and the Admin team will be participating in a virtual Strategic Planning Work on October 8, 2020. Will be scheduling a Long-Range Planning Committee meeting in the near future.
8. The State approved West Elk's total SPARKS in the amount of \$119,250.00.
9. Meeting with Lt. Governor Rogers to discuss child care needs and concerns in Elk County. West Elk has been awarded \$50,000 for use in developing an Early Childhood Care Center.
10. Staff and students are working hard.

At 8:29 p.m. Denton declared a 5 minute break.

At 8:34 p.m. Denton called the meeting to order.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:35 p.m. Eubank 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 30 minutes and that the open meeting shall resume at 9:05 p.m. Swans seconded and the motion passed. (6-0)

At 9:05 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 10 minutes and resume into open session at 9:15 p.m. and include Martin Burke and Kevin Weber. Motion carried. (6-0)

At 9:15 p.m. Denton called the meeting back to order.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Board Action on Personnel:**

Denton moved to offer employment as follows:

1. West Elk After School Tutoring: Laura Daughtery, Karen Lampson, Amber Wilson, Amanda Slavens, Lynne Miller, Angela Bearden, Michelle Bunyard, Joan Bennett, Trevor Bayless and Gina Wilson.
2. West Elk: Elizabeth Kill, Library/Office Aide; Marissa Riveria, .75 Office Aide; Robin Jackson and Lindsey Wiseman, Co-Sr Class Sponsors and Marlana Wunderlich, bus driver.
3. West Elk SPED: Marissa Rivera, .25 Speech Para; Virginia Ford, Bus Para; Marlana Wunderlich, Para; and Brittany Carlson, Para

And accept the Resignation of Jeremy Clubine, West Elk Custodian.

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

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Denton declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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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

-----ABSENT-----  
Shelly Hare, Board Member

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Heather McClendon, Board Member

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Panatha J. Swanson, Board Member