

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Weston County School District #7 was called to order on August 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Woody Gaughenbaugh. Members attending were Lori Olson, Gene Knapp, Curtis Rankin, and Diana White. Also in attendance were Superintendent Summer Stephens, Principals Linda Crawford and Clark Coberly, Eileen Schiller, Brittany Trandahl, Amy Torstveit and Gillean and Julie Sindlinger, Cheyenne and Dustin. Gillean and Dustin were present to represent the Boy Scouts and work on their community badge.

After Gillean and Dustin led the group in the pledge to the flag, the agenda for the evening was presented with no changes being noted. Lori Olson made a motion, seconded by Gene Knapp to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The board approved the consent agenda which consisted of the July board meeting minutes, and the August bills: General Fund #15748-15809 (\$254,990.60); Lunch Fund #1863-1866 (\$8,800.57); Activity Fund #2658-2664 (\$7,270.33); Payroll Fund #16833-16871 (\$84,752.42); Major Maintenance #1442-1444 (\$70,334.50); Recreation District #1043 (\$14,943.00).

Dr. Summer Stephens reported to the Board that there are two open bus routes, with limited applications, a need for more activity drivers and one paraprofessional opening, with interviews to begin on Monday. She also reported on back to school activities, PAWS data which has been received and ASPIRE and ACT data to come in soon. She discussed more on testing, results, etc; shared information on the school finance input session to be held in Buffalo on August 16 and the survey which is available for those unable to attend.

Principal Clark Coberly reported on physical improvements to the grounds made over the summer; shared a little more on testing and new and different activities being introduced.

Principal Linda Crawford reported on her trip to Clearmont with the new counselor, Leslie Mashak; a visitation with Trevor Goss regarding Industrial Arts programs. She also advised the Board that she will be coaching a speech team this next year and gave an estimated cost of the program; new teachers are coming in and getting rooms and programs ready; back to school night planned; activities planned with students for the first couple of days of school.

During Board comments, Gene Knapp questioned why there were no Girl's or Boy's State representatives this year, the answer being basically no interest. Principal Crawford said she will try to generate more interest in the future. Curtis Rankin asked about how the activities clubs are funded, with discussion held.

Lori Olson gave a legislative update on committee work on HB194 on school safety. At this point there is no training available which meets the requirements of statute. Discussion in general was held. She also advised that the recalibration consultants would like information from the board of directors and she will be representing as a small school representative.

Lori Olson reported that BOCES has decided to look at a different food cooperative plan, and some different opportunities available through the BOCES.

Dr. Stephens spoke to the Board on the leadership governance training through the WSBA with Sue Bellish on roles and responsibilities and proposed checking into a four hour session. General discussion was held, with all in agreement that this seemed to be a good idea. Dr. Stephens will check into dates and the cost. She also gave the Board a hand out on the revised Strategic Design Plan to review.

Woody Gaughenbaugh gave the EWC BOCES report. He had attended the meeting of July 13 at which the financial reports and budgets were approved and concurrent hours through EWC were discussed.

At 8:18 p.m. Lori Olson made a motion, seconded by Curtis Rankin to meet in executive session to consider the employment of employees. Motion carried.

At 8:50 p.m. the regular session reconvened with a motion made by Gene Knapp and seconded by Lori Olson. Motion carried.

Bids from Arrow Service were reviewed for bus fuel, bus repair and maintenance. Gene Knapp made a motion, seconded by Diana White to accept the bids. Motion carried.

A bid from J.W. Services for coal/hauling was reviewed. Curtis Rankin made a motion, seconded by Lori Olson to accept the bid. Motion carried.

Policy EGAB Inspection and copying of Public Records was reviewed for adoption. Lori Olson made a motion, seconded by Gene Knapp to adopt the policy. Motion carried.

Amended high school and activity handbooks were reviewed. Curtis Rankin made a motion, seconded by Lori Olson to approve as presented. Motion carried.

A recommendation to offer a half time contract to Jenna Medlen as FCS and FCCLA advisor for 2017-2018, pending PTSB approval was presented. Curtis Rankin made a motion, seconded by Lori Olson to approve the contract. Motion carried.

A recommendation for a salary lane advancement to a BA+15 degree for Aletha Womack, pending submission of her transcript prior to the start of school, was presented. Lori Olson made a motion, seconded by Curtis Rankin to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.

A resignation as middle school volleyball coach from Aletha Womack was presented. Gene Knapp made a motion, seconded by Diana White to accept the resignation. Motion carried.

A recommendation to hire Jackie Materi as middle school volleyball coach was presented. Diana White made a motion, seconded by Curtis Rankin to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.

A recommendation to hire Andy Garland as middle school boy's basketball coach was presented. Curtis Rankin made a motion, seconded by Diana White to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.

A recommendation to hire Justin Mills as middle school girl's basketball coach was presented. Lori Olson made a motion, seconded by Gene Knapp to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.

The District Mission, Vision and Profile of a Learner was presented for Board review. Gene Knapp made a motion, seconded by Lori Olson to approve. Motion carried.

Home school requests from the Norman and Lindstrom families were presented. Curtis Rankin made a motion, seconded by Diana White to approve the requests. Motion carried.

Future planning dates include the next regular meeting date to be held on September 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with a motion made by Curtis Rankin and seconded by Lori Olson. Motion carried.

Clerk

Chairman