

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Weston County School District #7 was called to order on February 8, 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, and a group of teachers, parents and students.

After the pledge to the flag, the agenda for the evening was presented with one change noted: pull action on Policies AD and ADA. Curtis Rankin made a motion, seconded by Gene Knapp to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

The consent agenda consisting of the January 11, 2017 regular and executive meeting minutes, the January 25, 2017 special meeting minutes and the February disbursements: General Fund #15276-15344 (\$456,651.03); Lunch Fund #1828-1832 (\$18,166.24); Activity Fund #2576-2583 (\$3,625.03); Payroll Fund #16361-16414 (\$401,703.17); Federal Fund #1766-1767 (\$2,471.01); Major Maintenance #1426 (\$4,742.95); Scholarship Fund #471-473 (\$1,500.00) was presented for Board review. Diana White asked for a clarification of wording on the regular meeting minutes to reflect that on Policy GCQA – Reduction in Force, the Board will consider this policy further. Diana White made a motion, seconded by Gene Knapp to approve the wording change in the minutes and to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Principal Clark Coberly gave a report which included elementary and middle school enrollments; Aidan Coberly placed 2nd at the countywide spelling bee held in Newcastle, qualifying him for State; parent/teacher conferences are still in progress; and upcoming events which include Donuts with Dad, Math Contest to be held in Gillette, no school on February 24 and March 3 and PAWS testing to begin on March 6. Mr. Coberly announced the students of the month: Colt Jackson, Connor Helwig, Tevon White, Xyla Rehling, Lillyawna Barton, Sophie Louderback, Leah Keever, Quinten Scribner and Katlyn Louderback.

Mr. Coberly spoke to the Board on what the middle school is doing in preparation of moving forward with the personalized learning and the piloting of AcceleratEd in Mr. Samuelson's, Ms. Turner's, Mr. Patterson's and Mrs. Warbis' classes.

Principal Linda Crawford reported on high school enrollment; high school and middle school teachers getting together to share on personalized learning; CTE training for inputting data, testing and reporting; advisory board meeting with reps from both colleges and industry attending; grant application was deemed "exemplary" and she and teachers will be attending training in Gillette using data to drive CTE programs while insuring they are of high quality, rigorous and relevant. Mrs. Crawford then reported on end of season and tournaments for basketball and wrestling; the math contest to be held on February 22 with about 20 students attending; Liz Stephens, Jamison Nistler and Cariann Jones had attended High Plains Clinic for honor choir at Chadron; Sara Rankin was selected as the regional FFA star in ag placement and Thomas Davis finished runner up as Regional Star Farmer; 25 FBLA members have completed 70% of their project rubrics to make it to State in March. She also then spoke to the Board on 1st semester grades, an eligibility list, parent/teacher conferences and a Focus Assembly on February 28 which addresses teen violence and dating.

Mrs. Crawford presented the Board with a handout telling of Mr. Kim Booth's being published on the Wyoming Science Teachers' Association Website.

More general discussion was held at this time with administrators and the board members on the personalized learning.

At 7:53 p.m. a motion was made by Curtis Rankin and seconded by Lori Olson to meet in an executive session to discuss matters concerning students and student records as provided by law. Motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 8:48 p.m. with a motion made by Curtis Rankin and seconded Diana White. Motion carried.

Lori Olson gave a report on the BOCES meeting she had attended. She mentioned that N.E.W. BOCES was very appreciative to WCSD#7 for advising them of the value of using the Edavate Program. She and Dr. Stephens then gave the Board an update on legislative happenings, sharing approximate cuts in education funding as legislation stands at this point. They also discussed with the Board more proposed legislation.

Dr. Stephens told the Board that Becky Cummings had advised her that she was retiring. Dr. Stephens will meet with Lynn Jespersen and the custodial staff on suggestions as to how to meet the needs of the District with the possibility of not hiring another person to fill this vacancy.

Dr. Stephens reported on information she has received in looking at moving to a four day school week. General feeling is not to rush into this for next year, but gain more information with possibilities for another year if it appears to be feasible. She then presented a handout to the Board showing what a savings would be to the District if 100% paid insurance premiums were moved to a \$2,500 deductible from \$1,500 deductible and also what moving these people to \$2,500 deductibles and the District paying 90% of the premiums. A list of thoughts from the staff for cost savings was also presented to the Board.

Woody Gaughenbaugh reported on the E.W. BOCES meeting. This BOCES is now a member of the WSBA. He said there is a need for more concurrent class instructors and the BOCES is working on solutions to this.

The need for Leadership Governance was brought up. Dr. Stephens spoke as to what she felt is the importance to proceed with this. Woody Gaughenbaugh expressed the opinion that due to the cost of the training involved that this should be put on hold until more information is gained as to what the budget and cuts are going to look like. Curtis Rankin agreed with Woody as to wait and see and revisit. Lori Olson felt that waiting for budget improvements won't happen for a long time and there is a need to proceed. Gene Knapp felt it is not necessary at this time and Diana White wants to find out more information as to the value of the training.

Policies BA, BB, BBA, BBAA, BBB, BBBA, BBBB, BBBC were presented for Board review, with discussion held on BBA, Paragraph #5 as to meaning. No changes were noted.

Policy GBJ was presented for revision as per advice from Tracy Copenhaver's office pertaining to changing "No Child Left Behind" wording to "Every Student Succeeds Act". Lori Olson made a motion, seconded by Curtis Rankin to approve the revision. Motion carried.

At 9:57 p.m. Diana White made a motion, seconded by Lori Olson to meet in executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 10:20 p.m. with a motion made by Curtis Rankin and seconded by Diana White. Motion carried.

Curtis Rankin made a motion, seconded by Lori Olson to approve employment renewal for Gary Glodt, Transportation Director and Special Education Director, Clark Coberly, Elementary/Middle School Principal and Linda Crawford, High School Principal for the 2017-2018 school year with salaries/benefits to be determined at a later date. Motion carried.

Future planning dates include the next regular meeting date of March 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and the Legislative Forum on February 12-13, 2017.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m. with a motion made by Gene Knapp and seconded by Diana White. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Clerk

Chairman