

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Weston County School District #7 was called to order on January 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Woody Gaughenbaugh. Members present 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 addition of a legislative update noted. Curtis Rankin made a motion, seconded by Lori Olson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The December meeting minutes were presented for approval. Diana White made a motion, seconded by Lori Olson to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

The December executive meeting minutes were presented for approval. Lori Olson made a motion, seconded by Gene Knapp to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

December disbursements: General Fund #15205-15273 (\$630,069.38); Lunch Fund #1813-1827 (\$25,836.24); Activity Fund #2566-2575 (\$6,892.42); Payroll Fund #16295-16360 (\$436,385.88); Major Maintenance Fund #1423-1425 (\$13,777.00); Scholarship Fund #470 (\$750) were presented for review. Gene Knapp made a motion, seconded by Lori Olson to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Principal Clark Coberly gave a report which included enrollment figures for the elementary and middle schools; students of the month for K through 8th grades are, respectively: Poppy Stephens, Molly Medlen, Sophia Riehemann, Holly Trandahl, Carson Barritt, Chase Mills, Dustin Sindlinger, Atlyn Yanchunis and Jensen Edwards. Mr. Coberly also reported on the Geography Bee with elementary champion being Chase Mills and middle school champion being Aidan Coberly; middle school boys basketball has begun with 22 boys and 2 managers participating; upcoming events.

Principal Linda Crawford reported on high school enrollment; basketball and wrestling participant numbers; parent/teacher conferences to be held on February 6; upcoming events and trainings. She also spoke to the board about the Friday morning projects beginning on January 20 and that semester grades will be sent out the week of January 20 with no grade entered for students for incompletes.

Principal Crawford introduced Josie Olson, Robin Rhoden and Avery Allishouse to the board. The girls came before the board to discuss their experience and opinions on the newly implemented personalized learning program. Members of the high school staff were also present to discuss their perspective on the new way of teaching.

Dr. Stephens' report included sharing a letter of completion of the 2015-2016 financial audit; that she and Eileen Schiller will be attending a business manager's meeting in Buffalo on January 12 on school funding; she will be attending meetings in Casper on legislative issues and the NE district superintendent's winter meeting in Ucross next week. She also talked to the Board about learning management systems.

Lori Olson presented Gene Knapp with a plaque from the WSBA as official recognition that he has completed the prescribed requirements to become a WSBA Certified School Board Member.

Board members shared thoughts on the WSBA trainings they had attended and the learning experiences were felt to be very worthwhile.

Lori Olson gave a report on the BOCES meeting she had attended. This was a “business as usual” meeting. Indications are that Nita Werner is working on obtaining new and more vendors for purchasing opportunities.

Dr. Stephens presented a draft calendar for the 2017-2018 year. The calendar is similar to this year’s, with possible changes on days off on “high activity” days. This will be looked at further before finalization.

Dr. Stephens spoke to the Board about the Committee of the Whole meetings and proposed leaving policy as is and continue more conversations concerning this.

Discussion was held with Dr. Stephens concerning budget issues and work which needs to be done due to legislation, retirement and insurance, etc. Dr. Stephens also presented the 2017 Facility Plan for Board review, with discussion being held on planned projects.

Personnel policies were presented for Board review. Discussion was held, with particular concern being shown for GCQA-Reduction in Force. The Board will reconsider this policy for possible revisions at a later date.

Dr. Stephens presented a potential separation incentive plan for Board review. Discussion was held.

Dr. Stephens and Lori Olson gave a legislative update, which included discussion on virtual education, digital privacy, teacher accountability and superintendent/principal evaluations.

At 9:13 p.m. the meeting adjourned into an executive session to discuss personnel matters with a motion made by Woody Gaughenbaugh and seconded by Curtis Rankin. Motion carried.

Regular session reconvened at 10:17 p.m. with a motion made by Woody Gaughenbaugh and seconded by Lori Olson. Motion carried.

Policies BE, GA, GBD, GBE, GBEB, GCQA, GCA, GBB, GCB, GCBA/GCBC were reviewed with no changes being noted.

Curtis Rankin made a motion, seconded by Lori Olson to approve the 2017 Facility Plan. Motion carried.

Lori Olson made a motion, seconded by Diana White to offer up to three separation incentives to qualifying staff. Each incentive will be for \$8,000.00 a year for three years beginning on July 1, 2017 concluding on June 30, 2020. This incentive and all of the criteria will be made known to those who qualify by January 18, 2017. Motion carried.

Future planning dates include the next regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 8, 2017 and a special meeting to be held on January 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Curtis Rankin made a motion, seconded by Lori Olson to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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Clerk

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Chairman