WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES
March 13, 2017

The Board of Education Regular Meeting convened in open and public session on March 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the High School Computer Lab at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

President Borg informed the group of the Open Meetings Act posted in the boardroom and accessible to all members of the public as required by law. All board members had received notice of the meeting and the meeting notice had been published/posted in a timely manner prior to the meeting date.

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:
Present Board Members: Karen Borg, Bree Brown, Arianne Conley, Ben Donner, Shannon Johnson, and Mark Victor

Also in attendance: Superintendent Bejot, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary Principal Heitz, Recording Secretary Gothier, and many students, parents and community members.

Approval of Agenda
Motion Passed: To approve the agenda passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Victor.
Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
No: None

Awards and Special Recognition

- Four students received NSAA Academic All-State recognition for winter activities. Savannah Nelson and Megan Borg were chosen for Basketball, and Avery Zamzow and Emma Pommer for Speech.
- Five students received Conference recognition for basketball. For the girls: Savannah Nelson, 1st team, Jessica Borg, Honorable Mention. For the boys: Isaac Camerena and Solomon Peitz, 1st team, Parker Lehmkuhl, Honorable Mention.
- Austin Nelson recently won the Dixon County Spelling Bee and qualified for the State Spelling Bee. Ashlyn Boeckenhauer was 2nd place and Sahrai Luna was 3rd place. All 5 of the Wakefield students made it to the oral round.
- Mrs. Michelle Galles received the "Spirit of Advising Award" from the FCCLA State Adviser. This award is given to one FCCLA adviser per state who is constantly faithful, working behind the scenes to ensure the success of all students. Michelle is also nominated as the Nebraska FCCLA nominee for the CTSO Adviser of the Year award presented at the Nebraska Career Education Conference.

Recognition of Visitors/Communication from the Public
Members of the audience wishing to address the board were asked to sign in. After reviewing the number wishing to address the board, discussion was held to amend the time allotted for public comment according to policy 2009.
Motion Passed: To increase public comment to one hour and limit each person three minutes to address the board passed with a motion by Victor and a second by Johnson.
Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
No: None

Reports

Elementary Principal Report

- Various students participated in our annual Dr. Seuss celebration. Activities included guest readers as well as dress up days. This year activities and events were planned and implemented by our Wayne State Professional Development School (PDS) students.
- Our annual Battle of the Books competition will be held in the middle of March. Students in grades 4-6 have been working hard to read a significant number of chapter books independently or in small groups. The students will work in teams to answer various comprehension questions that were written by teachers.
- Student Council Members continue their bi-weekly service learning activities. All student council members spend time volunteering at one of the local organizations in town (Senior Center, Daycare, Nearly New, etc.).
- Pre-school registration night will be coming up in April. We will have a ½ day 3year old room and a full day 4 year old room.
- Kindergarten roundup is in April.
- Mrs. Schmidt recently brought a group of 5th and 6th graders to the Science Olympiad at Wayne State College. The students who participated were: Austin Nelson, Samuel Chase, Dannie Dutcher-Dicks, Ashlyn Boeckenhauer, Tierney Peterson, Matthew Ladely, Tryden Meek and Jack Bruckner. Students had some very positive feedback.

Projected 2018-2019 Enrollment Numbers

Pre-school (3)	30	1st Grade	42	4th Grade	37
Preschool (4)	35	2nd Grade	31	5th Grade	26
Kindergarten	35	3rd Grade	33	6th Grade	34

Secondary Principal Report

- On March 8, Mrs. Montoya and I travelled to Lincoln and attended and meeting about ELL newcomers. We discussed the specific needs (of schools and of students) for students who arrive in the country as teenagers with little-to-no prior education.
- Today (March 13), Haven House came to our school and did a presentation for 7-12 graders about healthy relationships (dating violence, stalking, etc).
- All juniors will be taking the practice ACT test on March 30, and the actual ACT test on April 19.
- The window for NeSA (Reading, Math, Science) will be open March 20 through May 5. Practice tests are being administered. These tests are for grades 3-8 only.
- Pre-registration is complete, and students will be plugged in to a rough draft schedule starting very soon.
- Our annual orientation meetings for students and parents of incoming 7th graders and incoming 9th graders will take place in April (or possibly May). The incoming 7th graders (and parents) will hear a brief presentation about our Random Drug Testing policy, as well as our athlete-parent meetings.
- Track has 41 participants this year (17 girls, 24 boys). Golf has 15 participants (2 girls, 13 boys) and Baseball (co-op with Wayne) has 1 Wakefield participant.
- District Speech is March 15 at Oakland-Craig. If we have members qualify for state, we will likely hold a pep rally and performance for the student body during the day on March 23.
- “The Big Show” (Wakefield Art Show) is Wednesday, March 22.

2017-2018 Projected Enrollment

7th Grade	26	10th Grade	34
8th Grade	38	11th Grade	24
9th Grade	38	12th Grade	33

Superintendent Report

- Received word from Team Mates that our Wakefield Chapter has been duly organized as a 501C3 non-profit corporation. Our By-Laws were also approved by Team Mates. The Wakefield Team Mates Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, April 11th at 5:30 pm along with the Team Mates Coordinators for training.
- The Northeast Nebraska Superintendents met at ESU#1 to continue discussing the development of College & Career Consortium through ESU#1. We are desiring to provide our students with Career Academies through Career & Technical Education learning opportunities for our students. This project seeks collaboration with area high schools, Northeast Community College and Wayne State College.
- This last week marks the half way point of the Nebraska Unicameral. Legislators are almost finished listening to public hearing on legislative bills. This last week each senator prioritized one bill and the committee chairs prioritized five bills with the Speaker being able to prioritize 25 bills. All the bills that I have mentioned and represent significant concerns to school finance have been prioritized. These include LB 265 TEEOSA, LB 409 No increase in spending for two years; LB 431 limiting cash reserves, and LB 327 The Governor's school finance bill.

Board Committee Reports

Building, Sites & Transportation

The committee met to discuss building contractor fees for designing and constructing a transportation and wresting practice area. No action is recommended at this time.

Discussion and Action Items

Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: To approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Johnson.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

No: None

Bills were reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved as follow: General: $240,311.21; Lunch: $19,317.75; Employee Benefit: $252.00; Payroll: $189,201.75; Activities: $16,085.87.

Discuss and take appropriate action on a resolution to amend the curriculum and reduce staffing levels.

Wakefield Community School Board of Education, administration and staff are experiencing a tight budget which has a cash reserve of $790,024. Largely this difficulty is the result of the State of Nebraska's Budget crisis. The projected shortfall of nearly $1.1 Billion dollars has resulted in approximately 187 legislative bills that in one form or another impact school finance. The passage of LB 119 by the legislature delays the certification of state aid, certification of budget authority and allowable district cash reserves until June 1, 2017.

Additional anticipated expenditures are currently estimated at $300,000 for next school year. The administration has been working on a plan to cut spending and we have managed to reduce $294,304 from our budget. These cuts will cover the cost of salary increases, anticipated state aid reductions and limited cost increases for supplies and utilities. This plan does not cover every possible scenario and represents a

realistic potential outcome. Should LB 327, the Governor's school finance proposal pass, the district would be able to make budget cuts to cover the shortfall. We will not know this outcome until after the April 15th contract renewal deadline.

Administration is proposing to the Board that 0.5 FTE curriculum reductions occur in the music curriculum and a 0.5 FTE curriculum reduction occur in the media curriculum to help cover the anticipated budget shortfalls of $300,000. Determining how to make these cuts was based upon examining which curricular cuts will have the least detrimental impact on student learning within the entire curriculum. Examining Rule 10 requirements for school accreditation the district is required to have a 0.5 media specialist for the district. Students utilizing the library can be accomplished by reducing the media curriculum by 0.5 FTE.

Examining the high school curriculum is more complex as well as detailed and the administrators examined and followed NDE Rule 10 guidelines. The music curriculum is K-12 in scope. We currently have 2.0 FTE teachers and we can meet the staffing requirements and rule 10 guidelines by having 1.5 FTE instructors in the curriculum. The administration desires to keep the high school and elementary programs intact. This will require changes to the overall master schedule at the high school and elementary.

Both the music and media curriculum areas exceed rule 10 requirements and by reducing we will not endanger our school accreditation.

The three teachers involved in these areas were allowed to address the board.
Motion Passed: To allow Deb Nicholson, Bill Trenhaile and Jolene Klein each 15 minutes to address the board passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Brown.
Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
No: None

Motion Passed: To approve a resolution to amend the curriculum offering and reduce staffing levels by 1.0 FTE passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Victor.
Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
No: None

Discuss and take action to approve the resignation of Mrs. Tina Sharpe.
Tina Sharpe has worked for Wakefield Community School for the past eight years and we all wish to thank her for a job well done.
Motion Passed: To approve the resignation of Mrs. Tina Sharpe with regret at the end of the 2016-17 school year passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Johnson.
Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
No: None

Discuss and take appropriate action on summer driver education fees for 2017.
Summer driver's education fees were increased last year by $15 per student. Changes in sponsorship of drivers education scholarships to $750 resulted in loss of $823 last year. Changes in licensing requirements from the state will likely increase the number of drivers education students. We estimate 35 students this year will take driver education.
Motion Passed: To set the 2017 summer drivers education fees at $240 for resident students and $280 for non-resident students and $140 for scholarship students passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Conley.
Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
No: None

Discuss an athletic coop proposal with Allen Consolidated School.
Allen's Superintendent Mike Pattee met with Mr. Brenn, Mr. Heitz and Mr. Bejot concerning the possibility of cooping girls volleyball and girls basketball with Wakefield. Mike discussed how pleased the students, parents and school were with the ongoing cooperating with junior high girls volleyball and basketball the last two years as well as the wrestling cooperative success. Allen is looking to coop the girls programs due to a low number of girls in their school.

Upcoming Dates and Times
The next regular board meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment
Motion Passed: To adjourn the meeting at 9:09 PM passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Donner.

Yes: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
No: None

Bree Brown, Secretary

Becky Gothier, Recording Secretary