WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES
December 12, 2016

The Board of Education Regular Meeting convened in open and public session on December 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

President Bebee 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: Tim Bebee, Karen Borg, Bree Brown, Ben Donner, Julie Rose, and Mark Victor
Absent Board Members: None

Also in attendance: Superintendent Bejot, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary Principal Heitz, Recording Secretary Gothier, Board Elect Shannon Johnson, Board Elect Arianne Conley and Mike Clay.

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

Awards and Special Recognition
The One-Act play received 4th place at Conference and 5th place at Districts. At Conference the following students were recognized: Cameron Stickley, Camille Armitage, and Victoria Frahm. At Districts the following students were recognized: Cameron Stickley, Camille Armitage, Devaney Brown, Emily Walsh, Emmalee Pommer, Jamie Dolph, Katelyn Pommer, MaKenna Mackling, Payton Rusk, Rachel Backman, Victoria Frahm, and Zoe Conley.

Elementary teacher Emily Garrard received a Google classroom award.

V. Recognition of Visitors/Communication from the Public
Bebee read a Thank You note received regarding the closing of the Activity Center during school hours.

WEA
Mr. Clay shared what his Social Studies and Government classes have been studying. He also discussed the elementary guidance program and updated the board on Teammates.

Reports
Elementary Principal Report
During the first half of the school year, all elementary staff members have been reading the book *Mindset* by Carol S. Dweck. This book is about "the power of our mindset." Students K-3 will participate in the winter MAP testing. Progress will be reported to parents with report cards. Elementary teachers have been experimenting with a resource provided by NDE to support NeSA testing called Check4Learning. Annual Christmas Readings at the Gardner Library will be December 19th.

Secondary Principal Report

Ms. Simmons and Mrs. Klein have been attending several workshops on writing, and specifically about the new NeSA-ELA test, which will include Text Dependent Analysis. NeSA-ELA is a combination of NeSA-Reading and NeSA-Writing. Mrs. Harding and I each attended a workshop about the ACT Test requirement for 11th graders. At the December 12 faculty meeting, we took another look at the at-risk students that we discussed at the data retreat and at the opening faculty meeting. The winter sports teams have begun their regular season schedules. The wrestling team has 14 participants, including 2 boys from Allen. There are 16 girls and 24 boys on the basketball teams.

Superintendent Report

The district goal of improving student relationships and community engagement through the TeamMates program is progressing. We are in the process of gaining "Letters of Support" from business and community patrons supporting the TeamMates effort. The last item is securing funding for the mentoring program, which we are planning on writing a grant to initiate the program. TeamMates Board of Directors training is scheduled for January. Each November or December school districts are to report to district patrons the state of their schools. I have developed a tri-fold brochure to handout to parents and community patrons reflecting district data for the 2015-16 school year. President elect Donald Trump's Secretary of Education Appointment of Mrs. Betsy DeVos is a clear sign the Mr. Trump intends a major push to direct public funds to private and charter schools. He is proposing $20 Billion to finance 'school choice" initiatives and Mrs. DeVos strongly supports this plan. Nebraska Network for Public education, including leaders from NCSA and NASB, are asking boards and superintendents to write letters to our U.S. Senators asking them to not support her appointment.

Board Committee Reports

Building, Sites & Transportation

The committee met to decide how to proceed with the wrestling and transportation building. It was decided to go the traditional route of design - bid - build.

Public & Personnel Relations

Negotiations continue with the Personnel & Public Relations and the Wakefield Teachers Association. The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2017.

Discussion and Action Items

Consent Agenda

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

Yes: Bebee, Borg, Brown, Donner, Rose Victor

No: None

Bills were reviews by the Finance Committee and approved as follow: General: $236,688.70; Lunch: $19,177.88; Employee Benefit: $252.00; Payroll: $197,570.39.

Discuss and take appropriate action to approve Mr. Adrain Eggers as a volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for 2016-17.

Mr. Eggers is completing a clinical experience with Ms. Wallace in the business department. He is desiring to coach and teach when completed at Wayne State. He desires to volunteer coach to gain coaching experience with the girls basketball team.

Motion Passed: To approve Adrian Eggers as a volunteer assistant girls basketball coach for 2016-17 passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Victor.

Yes: Bebee, Borg, Brown, Donner, Rose Victor

No: None

Discuss and take appropriate action to approve Mr. David Olvera as a volunteer wrestling coach for 2016-17

David Olvera wrestled through his high school experience at Wakefield and desires to help out this year's wrestling team. Coach Burenheide would like to have David assist the team.

Motion Passed: To approve David Olvera as a volunteer wrestling coach for 2016-17 passed with a motion by Victor and a second by Rose.

Yes: Bebee, Borg, Brown, Donner, Rose Victor
No: None

Discuss and take action on Policy 2009 Public Participation at Board Meetings Addendum.

In general Policy 2009 has a recommended time frame for public comment along with an explanation of procedure. An addendum to this policy would allow the board president to recommend time modification by a majority vote of the board to "extend" public participation time.

Motion Passed: Move to approve the 2009 Public Participation Addendum as recommended passed with a motion by Borg and a second by Donner.

Yes: Bebee, Borg, Brown, Donner, Rose Victor
No: None

Discuss the fall/winter elementary and high school MAPS results.

Mr. Wulf and Mr. Heitz presented the fall/winter MAPS results. The information examines scores by grade level and longitudinally over time.

Discuss the Wakefield Community Schools Annual Report.

Annually the State of the Schools Report comes out from the Nebraska Department of Education. This report is changing to the AQuESTT Report. Mr. Bejot developed a tri-fold brochure to provide a district snapshot of how our students are performing and provide information relevant to test scores.

Upcoming Dates and Times

The Board will hold a work session on January 24 at 7:00 PM.

Set the date and time for the next regular meeting

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Motion Passed: To adjourn the meeting at 9:23 PM passed with a motion by Rose and a second by Borg.

Yes: Bebee, Borg, Brown, Donner, Rose Victor
No: None

Bree Brown, Secretary

Becky Gothier, Recording Secretary