**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL**
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**
**MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018 7:00 PM**

The Board of Education Regular Meeting convened in open and public session on January 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Board of Education Room at the Wakefield Community Schools, 802 Highland Street, Wakefield, NE.

President Borg informed the group of the Open Meetings Act posted in the room 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
Absent Board Member: None
Present: 6, Absent: 0.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Bejot, Secondary Principal Heitz, Recording Secretary Gothier, Matt Brenn, and Lori Harding

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to approve the agenda passed with a motion by Donner and seconded by Johnson.
Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**
President Borg read a thank you to the board from the Bejot family.

**WEA**
Lori Harding shared with the board what has been going on in the Counselor's Office this year.

**REPORTS**
**SECONDARY PRINCIPAL REPORT**
- Mr. Heitz presented grades -12 MAPS test results.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**
- The next reVision meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2018 at Ponca State Park. The nine school districts will examine data from the three area community meetings. Information gathered from the meetings will be utilized in developing a Northeast Nebraska Career Academy. The goal is to provide our students career preparation curricula that focuses on college and career readiness standards.
- Wakefield Community Schools earned a national Energy Star rating for our energy conservation project. The district earned an “85” rating which means that our energy use per square foot is better than 85% of schools in the nation.
- Friday, January 26, 2018 the Wakefield Community School will hold a Christmas Party for all staff and board. The meal will begin at 6:00 pm at the Wakefield American Legion Building. Evening activities are being planned for the event.
- Athletic Director, Mr. Brenn presented information on a possible NSAA Cooperative Athletic Agreement with Emerson- Hubbard Public Schools. A meeting with an Emerson BOE team and Wakefield BOE team is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17 at 7:45 pm in the board room. Athletic Directors, Principals and Superintendents will also be at the meeting.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**
**PERSONNEL & PUBLIC RELATIONS**
The Personnel and Public Relations has met and continues the negotiations process with the WEA.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**
**CONSENT AGENDA**
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Johnson.
Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor

Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Bills were reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved as follow: General: $239,762.64; Lunch: $17,133.23; Student Fee: $3,337.83 Employee Benefit: $97.50; QCPUF: $117,976.27; Payroll: $188,289.74; Activities: $10,952.79

**ADJOURN SINE DIE AND ELECT SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR.**

This motion is required to end the school board term 2017 indefinitely and begin a new school board term for 2018. This allows the superintendent to hold a meeting to elect the Board President.

Motion to adjourn Sine die and elect school board officers for the 2018 calendar year passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Donner.

Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**2018 ELECTED OFFICERS:**

President: Karen Borg
Vice President: Mark Victor
Secretary: Bree Brown
Treasurer: Becky Gothier

**APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR TO BOARD COMMITTEES.**

The new 2018 school board will need to appoint board committee members for the upcoming year. Each committee consists of three board members. The board has traditionally appointed each board member a committee chairperson position and then appoint two additional committee members. Every board member will be on three committees.

| **POLICY** | **BUILDING AND GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION** |
|---|---|
| Karen Borg - Chairperson | Ben Donner - Chairperson |
| Arianne Conley | Mark Victor |
| Ben Donner | Karen Borg |
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| **BUSINESS AND FINANCE** | **CURRICULUM/AMERICANISM/TECHNOLOGY** |
| Mark Victor - Chairperson | Shannon Johnson - Chairperson |
| Shannon Johnson | Arianne Conley |
| Bree Brown | Ben Donner |
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| **PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS** | **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING** |
| Bree Brown - Chairperson | Arianne Conley - Chairperson |
| Karen Borg | Shannon Johnson |
| Mark Victor | Bree Brown |

**REVIEW AND SIGN THE CODE OF CONDUCT DOCUMENT AS WRITTEN BY THE NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS.**

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AUTHORIZING BOARD OFFICERS, SUPERINTENDENT AND TREASURER TO SIGN CHECKS FOR THE GENERAL FUND; CONTINGENCY FUND; DEPRECIATION FUND; SPECIAL BUILDING FUND; EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND; BOND FUND; COOPERATIVE FUND AND QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSE UNDERTAKING FUND.**

Motion to approve the board officers, superintendent and treasurer to sign checks for all funds passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Conley.

Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**REVIEW AND SIGN A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY THE NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE ACT.**
All board members having a potential conflict of interest need to sign the document which is kept on file. A potential conflict of interest exists if you or your immediate family does business with Wakefield Community School.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY OF OFFICIAL DISTRICT FUNDS.**
Motion to approve the Iowa-Nebraska State Bank of Wakefield as the official district depository passed with a motion by Conley and a second by Victor.

Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.**
Motion to approve the Wakefield Republican as our official news publication passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Johnson.

Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO DESIGNATE A LAW FIRM(S) WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL.**
Motion to approve KSB School Law as the district's legal counsel passed with a motion by Johnson and a second by Brown.

Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**DISCUSS POTENTIAL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH ALLEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS.**
Superintendent Bejot has visited with Allen Superintendent Mike Pattee concerning the possibility of a NSAA cooperative agreement for girls volleyball. Mr. Pattee informed Wakefield that Allen Consolidated School is not planning on holding a public meeting regarding the cooperative agreement. The Allen board of Education has not acted to move forward with a cooperative agreement at this time. When the Allen Board of Education decides to pursue a possible cooperative athletic agreement with Wakefield Community School, they will contact Superintendent Bejot and our board will consider and take action at that time.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MS. BILLIE DAVIE'S REQUEST TO OPTION ENROLL HER MINOR STUDENT TO WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL.**
Billie Davie is requesting to enroll her fourth grade student at Wakefield Elementary from Wayne Elementary.

Motion to accept Ms. Davie's option enrollment request passed with a motion by Victor and a second by Donner.

Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**NEBRASKANS UNITED FOR PROPERTY TAX REFORM & EDUCATION RESOLUTION.**
Schools have been asked by Nebraskans United for Property Tax Reform & Education to join this initiative by passing a resolution of agreement through the local boards of education supporting two principles for Nebraska.

**Principle #1:** *Adequate and sustainable funding of high quality K - 12 education is imperative for the future of Nebraska.*
**Principle #2:** *Tax reform which reduces the over-reliance on local property taxes is necessary to ensure our tax system is fair to all Nebraska taxpayers.*

Motion to table the Nebraskans United for Property Tax Reform Education Resolution passed with a motion by Johnson and a second by Donner.

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

Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**DISCUSS THE WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK.**

The Wakefield Extra-Curricular Activities Handbook is designed to provide a common direction for activities sponsors, student players/participants and parents to helping students learn essential life lessons through competitive activities. This handbook represents numerous meetings and discussions with our coaches in the development of handbook. "The purpose of the extra-curricular activities is to provide students with positive character development leading to life-long skills development such as being a fearless competitor, team first attitude, character, integrity, grit, decision-making, problem solving, teamwork and citizenship." This handbook is a work-in-progress and is by no means complete.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO EXTEND THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT.**

The board has completed the superintendent's performance evaluation in December. This extension would be for the 2019-2020 school year. Additional compensation and benefits will be determined at a later date.

Motion to extend Superintendent Bejot's contract for the 2019-20 passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Brown.

Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**UPCOMING DATES AND TIMES**

Personnel Committee - Negotiation meeting Wednesday, January 24 at 5:30pm;
Building and Grounds/Transportation - Wednesday, January 29 at 5:30pm
Policy - Thursday, February 1 at 3:30pm
Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, February 8 at 7:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18pm passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Brown.

Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Bree Brown
Bree Brown, Secretary

Becky Gothier
Becky Gothier, Recording Secretary