WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017 7:00 PM

The Board of Education Regular Meeting convened in open and public session on November 13, 2017 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 7:03 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, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary Principal Heitz, Recording Secretary Gothier, Mike Hassler, Matt Brenn, Veronica Schmidt and members of the student body and their parents.

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

AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION
- The football team completed their season with a record of 7-1. The volleyball team finished 12- 14. Winter Sports practices began Nov. 13.
- Emma Pommer has been recognized by the NSAA as a "Believers and Achiever." This award goes to Nebraska seniors who show excellence in academics and NSAA activities, as well as leadership and character.
- Several students were selected to various Choir events. Payton Rusk was selected for All-State Choir this year. Dazjah Tinsley, Diego Martin, Emma Rapper, Lauren Munderloh, Cade Johnson, and Colton Fisher were selected for junior high UNO Honor Choir. Solomon Peitz, Noah Lamprecht, Payton Rusk, Emma Pommer, Sam Heitz, Katie Vander Veen, Dylon Harder, Oscar Canizales, Gabe Peitz, and Jamie Dolph were selected for Conference Honor Choir.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC
McKenna Mackling and Delaney Sowards addressed the board regarding their desire to graduate at mid-term.

WEA
4th-6th grade writing teacher, Veronica Schmidt, shared the writing assignments her students have been working on.

REPORTS
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT
- Students participated in the annual Halloween Parade through the senior center and along Main Street.
- 4-6 graders participated in a fall celebration.
- Grandparent's/VIP Day was held on October 20th with nearly 200 participants. Teachers invited our guests into their classrooms to complete various activities. Many Grandparents/VIP responded with similar responses such as: "boy have times changed."

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL REPORT
- Mrs. Harding and I will each be attending different workshops this month, involving ACT information. NDE has recently sent a survey asking for input on the dates of the 2019 ACT test. We will be deciding by the end of this month if we are doing paper/pencil on online for the 2018 ACT.

- We will have our winter sports parent meetings on Nov. 15 (6:15) and Nov. 19 (7:00). Parents of junior high athletes were required to attend this one also, and each high school coach will have their specific sports meeting that evening.
- During the Nov. 13 faculty meeting, we watched "Seeds of Hope," a Nebraska-made documentary on student immigrants. We also read and article "12 Ways to Support ESL Students in the Mainstream Classroom." We had a good discussion on how the movie and article directly relate to a significant number of our students. Wakefield School hosted the annual Veteran's Day Program on Friday, November 10 at 9:00 in the main gym. The program was followed by the monthly community club meeting, held in multi-purpose room. Several students participated in the program.
- The One-Act did their public performance on Nov. 12. The Conference One-Act competition is at Ponca on Nov. 14. They will also be performing for the student body on Nov. 22 (before our 1:00 dismissal). District Competition is at WSC on Nov. 30

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- We have signed an agreement with Riverside Technologies Inc. (RTI) for two new colored HP copiers to be installed in the elementary and high school.
- Mr. Mike Pattee and I met last week to discuss if they wanted to move forward with community meeting to discuss the possibility of a cooperative athletic agreement for girls volleyball and basketball. A community meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 28th in the main gymnasium at 7:00 pm. The goal of the meeting is to seek community input and perceptions on a cooperative athletic agreement.
- Reminder that Incumbent refiling deadline for BOE position is February 15, 2018. Three of you are up for reelection, which are: Karen, Ben and Bree. You may file at the Wayne or Dixon County Court house or file down at the city office in Wakefield.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING, SITES & TRANSPORTATION

The Building, Sites & Transportation Committee met with the Wakefield City Manager on Monday, October 30th to discuss parking and driving issues along eighth street. The meeting examined the possibility of angled parking from Johnson Street to Main Street as well as possible parking along Main Street & 8th to reduce restricted traffic flow as well as great access to Wakefield Community Schools for various events.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Personnel & Public Relations team met on October 25th with the Wakefield Education Association. The team met at Sidelines with the board purchasing dinner. Negotiations team was able to agree to procedural rules. The teacher index was confirmed with Becky following the meeting and will need agreement at the next meeting. The school array is still being discussed.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT & STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board of Education held a fall retreat on Thursday, November 2nd in the high school technology lab. The board heard revision recommendations on the District Mission & Vision. The board reviewed their goals for the school district and made recommendations for change. Members began reviewing district improvement projects and started the prioritization process which was completed earlier this evening.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Conley.

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: $365,342.73; Lunch: $21,057.76; Employee Benefit: $473.00 Payroll: $195,849.15; Activities: $8,492.66

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE VOTING DELEGATE TO NASB CONVENTION.

Motion to approve Superintendent Bejot as the voting delegate to the NASB Convention passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Victor.

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

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON FOOTBALL CLASSIFICATION.
Every two years the school district must decide whether to stay in their current football classification or make changes. The last four years Wakefield Football has played in the Eight man league at D-1. The first concern is for the safety of the student athletes followed by the overall educational experience of playing football. We have experienced success playing eight-man football at both the varsity and junior varsity level. Going up to eleven man football will require freshman and sophomore level students playing varsity position.

Motion to continue playing 8 man football for the next two year cycle passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Conley.
Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2016 - 17 AUDIT.
This year Dana Cole, Inc. performed an independent audit of the 2016-17 revenues and expenditures. Lori Olson, CPA follows NDE & Nebraska auditing guidelines insuring proper procedures for managing federal, state and local monies to operate Wakefield Community School. The report on "Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards," disclosed no significant instances of noncompliance that were to be reported. The audit also did not identify any deficiencies in control over financial reporting that were a material weakness. The accounting principles and practices have not changed over the course of the last year.

Motion to approve the 2016-17 audit passed with a motion by Brown and a second Johnson
Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

DISCUSS DISTRICT NESA AND ACT ASSESSMENT RESULTS

DISCUSS THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION PROCESS

UPCOMING DATES AND TIMES
Personnel Committee - Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00; Negotiation meeting Wednesday, November 29
Regular Board Meeting - Monday, December 11 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Johnson.
Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Bree Brown, Secretary

Becky Gothier, Recording Secretary