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 7:00 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, Elementary Principal Wulf, Secondary Principal Heitz, Recording Secretary Gothier, Sarah Rusk and Nick Rosenberry and Koby Kampschroeder from Navitas.

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

AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION
- One-Act earned 2nd place at Conference and 5th at District. At conference, the following students were recognized: Devaney Brown, Payton Rusk, Sam Heitz, Zoe Conley, Misty Beltran earning honorable mention, and Camille Armitage earning Outstanding Acrtress.
- NSAA recognized Jessica Borg, Emma Pommer, Solomon Peitz, and Ben Chase as Academic All-State for fall activities.
- Jessica Borg and Rachel Brudigam earned All-Conference 1st team honors for volleyball
- The following boys earned All-District for football: Solomon Peitz, Dylon Harder, Noah Lamprecht, Juilio Sanchez, and Esgar Godinez, with Israel Gardea earning honorable mention.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

WEA
Sarah Rusk shared with the board the education tools she had learned at the BlendIT workshop. She has implemented station rotation in her classroom which offer different ways for the students to learn.

REPORTS
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT
- During our in-service times this semester, all staff members are participating in various book study groups. The expectations is that all groups will present a professional development activity during our April meeting.
- During our December Family Group sessions we are working on the character trait of Fairness.
- The winter MAP window will begin on December 12th. Students in grades K-3 will participate.

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL REPORT
- Mrs. Harding and I each attended a workshop about the ACT Test requirement for 11th graders. After several conversations with teachers and students, we decided to do the paper/pencil ACT test. The test date is April 3 (the day after Easter Break).
- At the December 11 faculty meeting, we took a look at the fall MAP scores (specifically Reading and Math) and made a few changes to our reading groups. We also read an article about “Mindset” by Carol S. Dweck.
- 25 students participated in a “cell phone challenge” last week. 1 student left her phone at school for 24

hours, 8 students for 48 hours, 9 students left it for 5 days, and 7 for more than 5 days. Prizes will be awarded this week
- The winter sports teams have begun their regular season schedules. The wrestling team has 17 participants, including 3 boys from Allen. There are 17 girls and 24 boys on the basketball teams.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
- The elementary and high school are working on revising our science curriculum to reflect changes adopted by the State Board of Education in October. Currently both teams are reviewing the newly adopted state standards and have begun the process of curriculum alignment.
- Friday morning Becky and I attended an ESU#1 meeting with Dr. Craig Pease to examine ways that equalized school districts could capture additional state funds.
- The community meeting concerning Allen's request to enter into a cooperative agreement for volleyball and girls basketball brought out sixty people for the informative and discussion event.
- Tina Nuernberger has been hired as a para-educator in the Elementary
- TeamMates is continuing to add additional mentors to the program. Students look forward to their mentor time. Mentor – mentees are playing various board games, meeting in the gym, and meeting over lunch. I believe we are now at 27 matches in the schools. If you have interest in becoming a mentor, please contact Timarie Hansen or Mike Clay for more details.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC RELATIONS
The Personnel and Public Relations committee has met one time with the Wakefield Education Association for negotiations. The committee met last week to discuss the second proposal for the upcoming negotiation session on Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT & STRATEGIC PLANNING
The School Improvement & Strategic Planning Committee has not met this month, however three items from the Board Retreat will be presented as action items tonight. We will need to examine the Wakefield Mission & Vision Revisions and hopefully approve. Secondly, the we need to reaffirm the board goals and Tiered School Improvement Priorities.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS
CONSENT AGENDA
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Donner and a second by Brown.
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: $242,190.04; Lunch: $23,030.82; Employee Benefit: ($170.50) Payroll: $192,743.39; Activities: $8,921.95

NAVITAS ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING YEAR 3 UTILITY REVIEW
Nick Rosenberry and Koby Kampschroeder from Navitas provided our third year update on our energy performance conservation project. The electrical savings is exceeding our estimated savings. We are not seeing the anticipated gas savings as expected. Overall we have exceeded our goals through the third year of the project.

MR. & MRS. SCOTT MACKLING REQUEST THEIR MINOR STUDENT BE ALLOWED TO GRADUATE EARLY UNDER POLICY 5065 EARLY GRADUATION.
Motion to enter into closed session at 7:55pm to discuss said minor for the needless injury to the reputation of an individual passed with a motion by Victor and a second by Donner
Yea: Borg, Brown, Conley, Donner, Johnson, Victor
Nay: None
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Reconvened in open session at 8:55pm.

Motion to uphold Policy 5065 and not allow the said minor student to graduate early as the policy has not been met passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Victor.

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 until January passed with a motion by Victor and a second by Johnson.

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

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON WINTER VOLUNTEER COACHES.

Additional volunteer assistant coaches for winter sports 2017-18 are as follows:

- Girls Basketball: Ms. Lauren Barge
- Boys Basketball: Mr. Gerardo Equihua, Mr. Mike Clay and Mr. Paul Eaton
- Wrestling: Mr. David Olvera and Mr. Jesse Mayo

Motion to approve the volunteer coaches for 2017-18 winter sports as recommended 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 APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AN ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM.

Earlier last year the board discussed whether the district should offer a method of electronic payments for parents. Two different companies that offer the service have been researched and we are asking you to consider the "e-Funds for Schools" program offered by NASB. Parents desiring electronic payments with "e-Funds for Schools" have the ability to pay all school bills through the program. This would include purchasing uniforms, school lunch, and other school bills.

Motion to approve e-Funds for Schools as an electronic payment system for the school district passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Conley.

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

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON WAKEFIELD MISSION & VISION REVISION RECOMMENDATIONS.

Motion to approve revisions to the Wakefield Mission; Vision passed with a motion by Victor and a second by Johnson.

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

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON BOARD GOALS & IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES FOR 2017-18.
Motion to approve board goals and improvement priorities passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Donner.

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

UPCOMING DATES AND TIMES

Personnel Committee - Negotiation meeting Wednesday, December 13; Monday, December 18 at 6:00
Regular Board Meeting - Monday, January 15 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27pm passed with a motion by Johnson and a second by Donner.

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

Bree Brown, Secretary

Becky Gothier, Recording Secretary