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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, November 16th, 2009
7:00 p.m. – High School Library

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christopher Pettz, President
Jerrad Webb, Vice-Pres.
Richard Braun
Randy Combs
Mark Goudy
Craig Turrentine
David Whatley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jon Ansley, Superintendent
Betty Greer, Board Clerk
Amy DeLaRosa, Elem Principal
Nancy Harness, MS/HS Principal
Jeff Braun, Activities Director
Ty Stelting, Student Representative
Carol Panzer, SWPRSC
Michael and Lisa Bowser, Amy Griffin, Jared Petersilie,
Kaitlin Morgan, Jake and Cody Walter, Elco Terrazas, and
Doug Crandall.

Call to Order

Vice-President Jerrad Webb called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16th, 2009 in the high school library.

Open Forum

There were no comments during the open forum.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Randy Combs made the motion to approve the meeting agenda. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Randy Combs made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on Monday, October 12th, 2009, and the Financial Reports, including the Clerk/Treasurer Report, the check journals 229, 233, & 277, and the Activity report and check journals 132 & 133. Mark Goudy seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Communications to the Board of Education

Communication to Board included a letter of resignation from Randy Richter as Head High School Football Coach and co-summer weights instructor; and letter of resignation from Angela Moore, para-educator.

Board Members' Reports

Government Relations - David Whatley reported on budget cuts in the amount of \$150 per student for this fiscal year with the possibility of an additional \$200 per pupil from next this year's budget.

Deerfield Recreation - Richard Braun reported on a community Christmas dinner planned for December 6th with collaboration with DTA and the Chamber Commerce breakfast meeting planned at Hwy 50 Café.

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High Plains Education Cooperative - Craig Turrentine reported business as usual with a concern about SPED funding.

Christopher Pettz arrived at 7:10 pm.

SWPRSC Presentation

Carol Panzer with Southwest Plains Regional Service Center in collaboration with Mid-America Nazarene College, discussed the benefits from the grant award that will provide funding for professional development, secondary literacy coach, mentoring for new teachers and for student teachers, computer carts and a poly com system, without a match from the district. This year is a planning year for the grant with the funding starting with next school year. Superintendent Ansley was commended for pursuing the initial grant opportunity.

Student Representative Report

Ty Stelting, Student Representative, reported the second play presentation is at 7pm on Tuesday and invited everyone to come. Scholars bowl is going well, basketball season is underway.

Principals' Building Reports

Amy DeLaRosa, Elementary principal, reported with updated enrollment numbers with a gain of five students to date. Deerfield Elementary has met the Standard of Excellence in the following areas, 5th grade reading, 3rd grade mathematics, 4th grade mathematics, 5th grade mathematics and building wide mathematics. Parent/Teacher's Conference were attended at 100% due to the diligence of our teachers. School improvement process is underway with the focus on the four day school week. The Elementary students will participate in the Kearny County Christmas Star again this year with a coin drive. The Second and Third Grade Music Program is scheduled for December 7th and Elementary Awards will be December 16th. The survey results from Ashland Schools concerning the four day school week was presented.

Nancy Harness, MS/HS Principal, reported on student eligibility comparing the numbers from last year and this year with a considerable improvement. We continue to have extended lunch activities for middle school and high school students. It provides an excellent opportunity for staff development including staff meetings and professional learning community time and recognizes students for good work.

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Activities Director Report

Jeff Braun reported on activities for basketball with admission for high school games, \$2 for students, \$3 for adults per night, \$15 for a single seasonal pass, and \$30 for a family seasonal pass. Community support has helped fund a t-shirt pass that a MS/HS student or staff member can buy for seasonal admission. Student t-shirt cost is \$7 and staff t-shirt cost is \$10.

FFA Award Trip Proposal

Jared Petersilie and the FFA group requested to go to the National Western Stock Show, as a FFA Award Trip, leaving on Friday, January 15th and returning on Monday, January 18th with 10 students and 2 chaperones, sight seeing and attending the super-bowl of stock shows. The trip is being funded by student funds with the request to use the district's two suburbans. Randy Combs made the motion to approve the use of two suburbans for the FFA Award Trip. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Executive Session/
Student Issue**

Randy Combs made the motion to go into executive session with Superintendent Ansley and Principal DeLaRosa for the purpose of discussing student(s) in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed for ten (10) minutes and the board returned to open session at 8:00 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Mark Goudy seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Randy Combs made the motion to continue executive session with Superintendent Ansley and Principal DeLaRosa for the purpose of discussing student(s) in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed for ten (10) minutes and the board returned to open session at 8:10 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Mark Goudy seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Superintendent's
Review**

Superintendent Ansley reported that there is a music program conflict with the December board meeting and requested the Music program be at 6:30 pm and board meeting at 7:30 pm. Civic leave was discussed with consideration to extend to the classified staff and a request to change policy regarding the district health insurance benefit.

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Superintendent Ansley requested revisiting the travel guidelines, the mowing costs for the fall were discussed and the superintendent evaluation was planned.

**Joining Other District in
Legal Action**

Superintendent Ansley presented information related to collaborating with other districts to challenge state funding. Randy Combs made the motion to approve the motion to join other districts in legal action at the cost of \$5 per student per year to challenge state funding for education. Richard Braun seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Current Year
Budget Concerns**

Superintendent Ansley and Clerk Greer reported to the board status of the current budget and the effect of proposed cuts in state funding. To meet current year budget adjustments cash reserves will need to be used, classified staff reduced, and the possibility of the four day school week starting in January, reducing travel expenses for student activities, and other cost saving measures.

**Executive Session/
Personnel**

Mark Goudy made the motion to go into executive session with Superintendent Ansley, Clerk Greer, Principal DeLaRosa, and Principal Harness to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed for thirty (30) minutes starting at 9:20 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 9:50 p.m. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Mark Goudy made the motion to continue executive session with Superintendent Ansley, Clerk Greer, Principal DeLaRosa, and Principal Harness to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed for ten (10) minutes starting at 9:50 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 10:00 p.m. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Employment Matters

Mark Goudy made the motion to approve the change to the travel guidelines for students for national competitions and award trips with the district providing for the appropriate vehicle only with all other expenses covered by the organization or team. Jerrad Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-2, with Christopher Pettz and Richard Braun voting against.

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Mark Goudy made the motion to approve a change in policy for staff employees currently utilizing the board paid benefit that has had hours reduced by the district will retain the prior board paid benefit. Richard Braun left the room. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Richard Braun returned to the board room.

Mark Goudy made the motion to approve a board administration direction including employee reduction and the use of cash reserves to meet budget needs. Randy Combs seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1, with Jerrad Webb voting against.

Mark Goudy made the motion to approve the Substitute Teaching List; the Resignation from Randy Richter as Head High School Football Coach and co-summer weights instructor; and the resignation from Angela Moore, as para-educator. Randy Combs seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Executive Session/
Personnel**

Jerrad Webb made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed for fifteen (15) minutes starting at 10:30 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 10:45 p.m. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Jerrad Webb made the motion to continue executive session to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed for five(5) minutes starting at 10:45 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 10:50 p.m. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

President Pettz adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of education will be on Monday, December 14th, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the high school library.

Approved this 14th day of December 2009.

President of the Board

Clerk of the Board