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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, December 14th, 2009
7:30 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
Amy Griffin, Jared Petersilie, Judy Steinbrink, and Brandi West

Call to Order

Christopher Pettz called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, December 14th, 2009 in the high school library.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Randy Combs made the motion to approve the meeting agenda. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Richard Braun requested information on the transfer of funds and Jerrad Webb requested information on accounts payable. Richard Braun made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on Monday, November 16th, 2009, and the Financial Reports, including the Clerk/Treasurer Report, the check journals 318 and 341, the reverse transfer of funds as they are no longer needed for the purpose of the original transfer and the Activity report and check journals 134. Mark Goudy seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Board Members' Reports

Government Relations - David Whatley and Superintendent Ansley reported on the current year budget cuts in the amount of \$117,626.

Deerfield Recreation - Richard Braun reported on youth basketball programs and the community Christmas dinner went well considering the weather.

High Plains Educational Cooperative – Craig Turrentine reported business as usual.

Student Representative Report

Ty Stelting, Student Representative, reported on the student contributions for the Stockings to the Soldiers and collections for food drives. The students participated in the Cimarron

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Basketball Tournament last week and forensics is underway with 15 students participating.

Activities Director Report

Jeff Braun, Activities Director, reported on the sports programs. The red zone shirts were sponsored by Multi-Colored Screen Works, Garden City Coop, J & J Pharmacy, Kearny County Bank, KJK Country Corner, Maddux Farms, Webb's Food Crew, Deerfield Feeders, Bird Seed Sales, Plains State Bank, and Double "C" Fencing & Power Coating.

Principals' Building Reports

Principal DeLaRosa reported on enrollment numbers. A new grant Technology Enrich Classroom for the middle school has been applied for. The After School Program (TWIX) has been evaluated by an external expert with good things going on related to the grant. The students at the elementary participated in the STARS program again this year with the Pre-school class contributing the most. Classes are underway for the completion of the district level administrators endorsement. Elementary Christmas music program was very well done by Judy Steinbrink.

Principal Harness reported there will be a presentation from the middle school students in January. State reading results for the high school are looking very good. Attendance procedures are being developed for recording attendance on class period by class period basis that will notify parents when a student leaves school.

Superintendent's Review

Superintendent Ansley reported that he was in the process of appealing the state audit due to the determination of ESOL contact hours. Several teachers have passed the ESOL Praxis test for endorsement. Contacts have been made concerning a district energy audit with emphasis on a central control system. Updated travel guidelines were presented. Budget cuts to classified salaries and deeper cuts to supply items.

Pursuing 501c3 Status

Principal DeLaRosa recommended pursuing the 501c3 status for a community foundation. Randy Combs made the motion to approve pursuing the 501c3 status for a community foundation. David Whatley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Investing Idle Funds

Bids for investing idle funds were opened in the district office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14th, 2009.

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Superintendent Ansley presented the bids to the board. Jerrad Webb made the motion to approve investing idle funds of \$300,000 with Plains State Bank at the 89 day CD rate of 1.05% with maturity in March 2010. Randy Combs seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Executive Session/
Personnel
Superintendent's
Evaluation**

Jerrad Webb made the motion to go into executive session with Superintendent Ansley to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed for twenty (20) minutes starting at 8:20 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 8:40 p.m. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Jerrad Webb made the motion to continue executive session with Superintendent Ansley 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 8:40 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 8:55 p.m. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Superintendent Ansley left the session at 8:45 pm.

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 ten (10) minutes starting at 8:55 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 9:05 p.m. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Employment Matters

Richard Braun made the motion to terminate the employment at will of Mary Jane Skipton as a para educator, and as high school cheerleading sponsor; a reduction in force of Tracy James as para educator; and the supplemental contract to Erica Molstad as high school cheerleading sponsor. Randy Combs seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

President Pettz adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm. The next regular meeting of the board of education will be on Monday, January 11th, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the high school library.

**Approved this 11th day of
January 2010.**

President of the Board

Clerk of the Board