

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Central Office, Wauneta Attendance Center
PO Box 368
Wauneta, NE 69045

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:00 PM

Hondo Fanning: Present

John Jutten: Present

Laurie Maris: Present

Aaron McKinney: Present

Allison Sandman: Present

Marty Wheeler: Absent

Marty Wheeler: Present

Wheeler arrived @ 610 pm MT

I. Call to Order

I.1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I.2. Open Meeting Act

I.3. Mission Statement

II. Roll Call

III. Adjourn Sine Die for Annual Board Reorganization

To adjourn sine die for annual reorganization of board Passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Laurie Maris.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea

IV. Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

To nominate Allison Sandman as President, Laurie Maris as Vice President, Marty Wheeler as Secretary and John Jutten as Treasurer Passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Laurie Maris.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea

V. Appoint Recording Secretary

To appoint Marj Rundback as recording secretary Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea

VI. Staff Presentations

Betsty Johanson, Guidance Counselor, presented to the Board what her role is throughout the entire school ranging from PK through 12th grade. Her responsibilities include guiding all students towards graduating and becoming productive citizens. She works with students to communicate, work with others, being good listeners, becoming good citizens, and character-building skills etc. Johanson shared a couple of specific examples of activities that are shared in the classroom. Freck shared that our teachers are thankful for Johanson's collaboration when issues arise in the classroom.

VII. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments

Tom Pantera of Wauneta addressed the Board about the book policy cautioning the Board to not ban books. Monica McKinney of Wauneta read a letter written by Stephanie Malcom of Palisade about the book review policy and cautioned the Board to not ban books. Vanessa Fanning of Wauneta addressed the Board about reasons to ban books and why a policy is needed to review the books that are ordered. Mick Majors of Wauneta addressed the Board about the content of books and why they shouldn't be in our school libraries and contested the purpose of the Building Fund. Ariel Fanning of Wauneta addressed the Board by sharing her own personal experience with her children and helping guide them when issues arise and asked that the Board should not remove books from the library. Monica McKinney of Wauneta addressed the Board by sharing her own personal experience with her daughter and why books are so important to help teach her own children when issues arise. She also shared that she has open discussion with her children when they bring a book home from the school library and this allows for great discussion between she and her children.

VIII. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda

To amend the agenda to add amending school calendar and accepting lawn care estimate to action items Passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Aaron McKinney.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea,
Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

IX. Action Items

IX.1. Approval and Signing of 12/13/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and 12/20/2021 Special Meeting Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes from the 12/13/2021 regular meeting and the 12/20/2021 special meeting minutes Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

IX.2. Approve the Monthly District Expenditures and Budget Reports

Payroll: \$281,801.01 Accounts Payable: \$94,735.17 TOTAL: \$376,536.18 Passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Aaron McKinney.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

To approve the District Budget Reports as presented and District Expenditures of Payroll: \$281,801.01 Accounts Payable: \$94,735.17 for a Total: \$376,536.18 Passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Aaron McKinney.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

IX.3. Appoint 2022 Standing Committees

2022 Committees:

Transportation: Wheeler, Jutten, McKinney

Negotiations: Sandman, Jutten, Maris

Budget: Maris, Sandman

Building/Grounds: Wheeler, McKinney, Fanning

Personnel: Sandman, Maris, Wheeler

Policy: Sandman, Fanning

Instruction/Americanism: Maris, Sandman

IX.4. Annual District Designation of Official Publication, Financial Institution, and Legal Counsel

To designate Imperial Republican as the official publication, Sandhills State Bank as the official depository, and Perry Law Firm as the official legal counsel Passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Aaron McKinney.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

IX.5. Amend School Calendar

To amend the 2021-2022 School Calendar for no elementary school and professional development for teachers on February 2, 2022 to allow WP to host the Spelling Bee Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

IX.6. Accept Lawn Care Estimate

To accept the lawn care estimate from Pankonin Ag Services for 2022 with discount for total of \$5843.64 Passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

IX.7. Discuss Full Board Policy Manual Review

To allow Perry Law Firm to review our entire policy book Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

IX.8. 2021 Superintendent Evaluation

To accept the 2021 Superintendent Evaluation Passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

X. Policy Review

X.1. Policy 6301--Instruction

To waive the second oral reading and approve the adoption of Policy 6301--Instruction Selection and Review Policy Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

XI. Administrative Reports

XI.1. Superintendent Report

Geier shared that NASA district meeting tomorrow in Holdrege, Thursday LB1184 meeting, RPAC Supt meeting next week.

XI.2. Principal Report

Frecks shared it is nice to be back in school, 2022 is off to a great start. Spelling Bee 2/1 1st through 8th grade will allow middle school to compete. This will include Chase County middle school and allow a Chase County spelling bee as well. RPAC BB tourney begins 1/22/2022 and WP hosts 1/24 & 1/25 RPAC BB Quarter Finals.

Geier expressed his appreciate for our schools cooks and all they do. He also thanked Mr. Kennicutt for everything he does to keep things running smoothly.

Gaston shared that Quiz Bowl competes tomorrow, FFA students will travel to John Deere career day tomorrow, JH BB today and Thursday, HS BB Friday and Saturday.

XI.3. ESU 15 Report

Sandman shared 1/19/2022 in Trenton at 6:30 pm MT.

XI.4. NASB Report

Upcoming Legislative conference on 1/30-1/31 in Lincoln. Presidents Retreat 1/23-1/24 in Kearney.

XII. Executive Session

XII.1. Enter Into Executive Session

To enter into executive session for purpose of superintendent salary at 7:23 pm MT Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

XII.2. Return to Open Session

To return to open session 8:10 pm MT Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

XIII. Next Regular Meeting

District Goals Planning Session 2/3/2022 at the Wauneta Attendance Center Library

Regular Meeting on 2/14/2022 at 6 pm MT at the Wauneta Attendance Center Conference Room.

XIV. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 818 pm MT.

Wauneta-Palisade Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education for the District of Chase County School District #15-0536 a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools was convened in open, public session for a Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM Mountain Time on December 13, 2021, in the Central Office, Wauneta Attendance Center, PO Box 368, Wauneta, NE 69045, by President Sandman.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of the meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of the meeting, President Sandman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meeting Act is permanently posted in the meeting room on a laminated poster, accessible to members of the public.

Mission Statement

Inspiring our Youth, Expecting Results Everyday

I. Call to Order President Sandman called the meeting to order at 6:00 Mountain Time.

I.1. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I.2. Meeting Posting Verification. Maris and McKinney verified.

I.3. Open Meeting Act Posting

I.4. Mission Statement

II. Roll Call. Present: Sandman, Fanning, Jutten, McKinney, Maris, Wheeler

III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments

Vanessa Fanning addressed the board regarding Harmony SEL curriculum in the classroom. She addressed the board about books in the library.

Patty Fanning completed the written document of Vanessa Fanning and give a short recap of each book. Patty shared that Vanessa will be submitting 37 book appeals. Patty asked the board who purchased these books. Vanessa asked the board to consider a book review policy.

ONEils addressed the board about these items on our shelves and Vanessa came to them asking

for their support to have these books removed.

Mick Majors addressed the board regarding the cost per pupil. Mick contests the reason for a building fund. He wants our district to consider consolidation to reduce the tax asking.

V. Action Items

V.1. Approval and Signing of 11/8/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

To approve and sign the 11/8/2021 regular meeting minutes passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.2. Approval of District Budget Reports and Expenditures as presented

To approve the districts expenditures of payroll \$277,566.45, accounts payable of \$124,870.88 for a total of \$404,437.33 passed with a motion by Aaron McKinney and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.3. Acceptance of 2020-2021 Audit by Bently & Kisker PC

To accept the 2020-2021 Bentley & Kisker PC school district audit as presented passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.4. Approve Miller & Associates Survey

To approve the Miller & Associates survey of building grounds for \$6300 passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.5. Approve Preschool Curriculum Purchase

To approve the purchase of Preschool curriculum of \$4000 passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Aaron McKinney.

John Jutten: Abstain (With Conflict), Hondo Fanning: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI. Policy Review

VII. Administrative Reports

VII. I. Superintendent Report. Geier shared that Frecks and Gaston will comment on the NSCAS results. Frecks shared that overall no one knows the impact on COVID on the schools or students. This is a one time snapshot of our students with their performance. Gaston shared that it has been two years since our last testing. Frecks shared scores were improved overall. NSCAS might be shifting to growth assessment similar to MAPS testing. The state department realizes the importance of growth and our middle schoolers will take the growth pilot this winter.

VII.2. Principal Report. Frecks reported on the 2021 NSCAS scores, Winter MAP/NSCAS pilot testing this week for 6-12 - January for K-5. The PK Christmas Family Night was in Palisade on 12/6. All but 2 families were able to be in attendance. PTO Cookie decorating with PK-5th grade students. Cheerleaders, StuCo, and NHS students helped, Kindergarten Gingerbread houses. The PK-5 Concert in Palisade in November and 6-12 Concert in Wauneta last week. Both went very well and the students did a nice job!

VII.3. ESU 15 Report. ESU 15 met last week in Benkelman at Skyline for annual Christmas dinner. Board approved the new redistricting boundaries. Upcoming ESU 15-16 Board Member Workshop will be February 2nd.

VII.4. NASB Report. Board member report of NASB convention in Omaha in November. Upcoming Legislative Issues Conference is January 30-31, 2022 in Lincoln.

VIII. Executive Session

VIII.I. Enter Into Executive Session.

To enter into Executive session for the purpose of personnel at 7:33 pm MT Passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Laurie Maris.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VIII.2. Return to Open Session

To return to open session at 8:17 pm MT. Passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

IX. Next Regular Meeting

Special Meeting Monday, December 20, 2021 at 5 pm MT/6 pm CT.

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 6 pm MT/7 pm CT.

X. Adjourn. Sandman adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,
Marj Rundback
Recording Secretary

Dated this December 13, 2021
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President

Wauneta-Palisade Schools Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education for the District of Chase County School District #15-0536 a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools was convened in open, public session for a Special Meeting at 5:00 pm Mountain Time on December 20, 2021, in the Central Office, Wauneta Attendance Center, PO Box 368, Wauneta, NE 69045, by President Sandman.

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I. Call to Order. President Sandman Called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm Mountain Time.

I.1. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

I.2. Meeting Posting Verification. Maris and Wheeler verified meeting posting.

I.3. Open Meetings Act

I.4. Mission Statement

II. Roll Call. Present: Wheeler, Sandman, Fanning, Jutten, McKinney, Maris

IV. Policy Review

IV.1. First Reading of Policy 6301 Instruction

To approve the first reading of Policy 6301--Instruction Selection and Review Policy passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

Board Discussion: Fanning was concerned that this would add additional work for employees. Marj asked what the number of books that must be ordered because of Rule 10. Frecks reported that around 150 high school and 75 elementary books are required to be ordered. No one within the school district planned to order books with offensive language, and this policy would protect the district and the staff. Sandman shared a comment from a board member that asked why is the board creating a policy for someone who didn't follow procedure in the first place.

VII. Adjourn. Meeting is adjourned at 5:18 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,
Marj Rundback
Recording Secretary

Dated this December 20, 2021
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President

Curriculum – Selection of school library materials, supplies, and equipment

The Wauneta-Palisade Schools Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to establish procedures to provide the school library with materials, supplies and equipment for implementing the District curriculum. School library materials that support the curriculum and promote the stated goals of instruction will be made available to the extent resources permit.

The Board of Education also authorizes and establishes a committee to review and provide guidance on the acquisition of books and other materials for inclusion in the school library. The committee shall consist of five members: one Board of Education member (as selected each school year by the President), an administrator other than the Superintendent, two teachers (selected by the superintendent), and the school counselor.

While not an exhaustive list of considerations, the committee will look for books and other materials that:

- Support and enrich District curriculum and student’s personal interests and learning;
- Meet high standards in literary, artistic, and aesthetic quality;
- Are appropriate for the subject area and for the age, emotional development, ability level, and learning styles of the students for whom the materials are selected;
- Incorporate accurate and authentic factual content from authoritative sources;
- Exhibit a high degree of potential user interest; and
- Demonstrate physical format, appearance, and durability suitable to their intended use.

Despite the careful selection of library resources and the qualifications of those involved in the selection process, objections to materials that are deemed offensive or inappropriate may occur. Any patron, employee, or student of the District may express an informal concern or formal request for reconsideration of a library resource. A formal request for reconsideration of a library resource is first made to the committee. The administrative member of the committee shall inform the individual seeking reconsideration of the committee’s recommendation. If the individual is not satisfied with that recommendation, the individual can then address the matter with the Superintendent.

Revised:

Date of Adoption (or Last Revision): 1/11/2022

Related Policies and Regulations:

Legal Reference: