

Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6:00 PM

Hondo Fanning: Present

John Jutten: Present

Laurie Maris: Present

Aaron McKinney: Present

Allison Sandman: Present

Marty Wheeler: Present

I. Call to Order

President Sandman called the meeting to order at 6 pm MT.

I.1. Pledge of Allegiance

I.2. Posting Verification

Maris and Fanning verified.

I.3. Open Meeting Act Notice

I.4. Mission Statement

II. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Hondo Fanning, John Jutten, Laurie Maris, Aaron McKinney,
Allison Sandman, Marty Wheeler

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

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments

Brock Malcom asked that the SparqData be updated with the minutes. Vanessa Fanning asked that if the committee was formed for book review and that process. Mick Majors asked that we stream our meetings on Facebook. Skylar Sutherland also asked that we find a way to stream our meetings.

V. Discussion Items

V.1. Possible Building Updates

Sandman shared that the Board is looking at all options with respect to our buildings and the future of them. Sandman noted that both buildings are approaching 100 years old and in need to updates and repairs to provide good learning environments for our students and staff. Sandman recognizes that the Palisade patrons met to discuss the future of the Palisade building and is open to looking at a new facility in Palisade if the patrons are willing to support higher taxes and possible bond issue. Sandman also noted that three items of public concern are taxes, bussing, and test scores. The Board has discussed that moving everyone to one location would be more efficient and improve the educational experience for our students, reduce bussing time, and not increase the taxes. Geier reminded the board that he has been successful in reducing the tax asking for several years. Geier shared that nothing is finalized for plans of the buildings. We are gathering information and will plan meetings in both locations. Maris asked good questions of Mr. Frecks thoughts on two buildings versus one with pros and cons. Fanning reminded the board that Carl Dietz (FNCM) shared in his superintendent experience moving all students to Eustis and closing Farnum and in turn, test scores did improve. Jacob Sertich (Wilkins ADP) shared updated drawings to review based on FNCM financial review of the districts finances. The districts current finances would support a renovation and addition for an estimated \$8.5 Million. The board discussed with Jacob what a bond issue process looks like. The board would like to move forward with community meetings within the next two weeks if scheduling allows. Geier reminded the board that we still have to renovate and update Wauneta. The Board recognizes that the Palisade building is not salvageable and a new building would need to be designed and built. The districts current finances would not be able to fund a new building in Palisade as that would require all new funding. Mark Lewis (BD Construction) shared that a facility audit of Palisade was conducted in 2017-2018 and also showed that a new facility in Palisade would need to be constructed, that investment would be estimated at \$7.5 Million and to update the existing gym estimated \$500,000.

VI. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of 2/14/2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

To approve and sign 2/14/2022 regular meeting minutes Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Aaron McKinney.

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

VI.2. Approval of District Expenditures and Budget Reports

To approve the monthly budget reports as presented and approve district expenditures of Payroll \$275,798.57, Accounts Payable \$92,651.27 for a total of \$368,449.84 Passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Marty Wheeler.

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

VII. Policy Review

VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report

Mr. Geier shared that the External Visitation was conducted today in our district and happens every 5 years for NDE accreditation. Full report will be completed in one month, but highlights were a very positive student climate, positive relationships between students and staff, impressed with how our district operated during COVID, liked our PLC and Marzanno process. Frecks shared that the school improvement team looks at what areas the school could improve and reading comprehension was one of them. State tests have changed three times in the last five years. RPAC Supt meeting in MCCook, NRCSA begins tomorrow thru Friday.

VIII.2. Principal Report

VIII.3. Activities Report

Activities Transition, RPAC instrumental music, InterHigh day, district music, prom this weekend.

VIII.4. ESU 15 Report

VIII.5. NASB Report

IX. Executive Session

IX.1. Enter Into Executive Session

IX.2. Return to Open Session

X. Next Regular Meeting

April 11, 2022 Regular Meeting in Palisade @ 6 MT/7 CT

March 28, 2022 Facilities Informational Meeting in Palisade 6 MT/7 CT

April 4, 2022 Facilities Informational Meeting in Wauneta 6 MT/7 CT

XI. Adjourn

Meeting is adjourned @ 8:02 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 6:03 PM Mountain on February 14, 2022, 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 opened the meeting at 603 pm MT.

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

I.2. Posting Verification. Maris and Fanning verified the meeting posting.

I.3. Open Meeting Act Notice

I.4. Mission Statement

II. Roll Call. Present Board Members: Hondo Fanning, John Jutten, Laurie Maris, Aaron McKinney, Allison Sandman and Marty Wheeler.

III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda. None

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments. None

V. Action Items

V.1. Approval and Signing of 1/11/2022 Regular Meeting Minutes & 2/3/2022 Working Meeting Minutes. To approve and sign the minutes from 1/11/2022 regular meeting and 2/3/2022 working meeting 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 Expenditures and Monthly Budget Reports. To approve the district expenditures of Payroll: \$311,511.75, Accounts Payable: \$116,838.54, for a TOTAL: \$428,350.29 and approve the district budget reports as presented passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Aaron McKinney.

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

V.3. Approve 2022 HSA Employer Contribution. To approve the 2022 HSA Employer Contributions 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

V.4. Approve 2022 NASB and NRCSA Membership. To approve our annual membership to NASB and NRCSA 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

V.5. Accept Resignation of Mr. Gaston. To accept Mr. Gaston's resignation effective end of 2021-2022 school year and thank him for his years of service to our district passed with a motion by Aaron McKinney 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.6. Approval of Principal Hire. To approve hiring for Mr. Mike Sorenson for 2022-2023 school year 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.7. Approval of Superintendent Contract. To approve extending Mr. Geier's superintendent contract for two years with annual salary of \$143,000 for 2022-2023 and \$145,000 for 2023-2024 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

VI. Policy Review. Sandman shared that Perry Law Firm is still reviewing the policy manual.

VII. Administrative Reports

VII.1. Superintendent Report. Mr. Geier shared that DCS girls has forfeited the rest of their season and therefore no game tomorrow. Wallace plays Paxton in Wallace tomorrow. We will host on Thursday night for subdistrict finals. Substate will be played on 2/25/2022. Mr. Gaston attend district wrestling in Bridgeport, Conner Bryner and Cody Holmes qualified for state in Omaha. RPAC Speech is next Wednesday in Curtis. March 15, 2022, will be CIP/External Visitation. Barry Shafer of Arthur County will lead the external visitation leader. Last Friday, Frecks met with the school's external visitation team. Geier updated the board on his discussion with Wilkins and BD Construction about changing some floor plan changes. Geier shared additional budget info for Carl Dietz. Geier shared that the Palisade church property has back taxes owed, locating title.

VII.2. Principal Report. Lilly Dinnel qualified for Regional Spelling Bee in Omaha. Friday morning assemblies happen opening with the Pledge or National Anthem, the mission statement, read a positive book, recognize students of the month, draw for Bronco Bucks and have lunch with Mr. Frecks. We get them pumped up for their spelling, reading and other assessments that happen on Friday.

Gaston shared NAEP assessment happened last Wednesday with 8th graders. FFA had 5 members interview for their state degrees. FFA week is next week and Miss Engel is working through those. Gaston shared information about the truancy meeting and program with Chase County.

VII.3. Activities Report. Boys' subdistricts begin next week more than likely will play Monday in Benkelman. Girls & Boys State basketball tournaments will be held March 7-12th in Lincoln.

VII.4. ESU 15 Report. Sandman shared information from ESU 15-16 Board workshop held on 2/2/2022.

VII.5. NASB Report. Budget & Finance Workshop March 23 in Ogallala. NAEP Convention March 29-30 in Grand Island. Building Effective Board Meetings for your District & Community April 13 in Kearney

IX. Next Regular Meeting. Monday March 14, 2022 at 6 MT/7 CT in Wauneta

X. Adjourn. Sandman adjourned meeting at 7:11 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Wheeler,
Board Secretary

Dated this February 14, 2022
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President

Principal Report

School Board Meeting 3-15-22

- External review team
- Read across America Week
 - HS Students came and read to elementary students
- FFA Week- Specifically the farm animal day in Palisade

