

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2017 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Motion to excuse Loretta Hauxwell from this meeting Passed with a motion by Brian Esch and a second by Bob Elder.

Tom Bredvick: Yea, Bob Elder: Yea, Brian Esch: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Recognition of Open Meeting Law

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Reports, Communications & Public Participation

2.1. Public Participation

2.1.1. Board accepts public comments

2.2. Presentation by Jadon Karp (8th grade) - poet "The Diamond" - Poetry of Place Event

3. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda Passed with a motion by Brad Hays and a second by Bob Elder.

Tom Bredvick: Yea, Bob Elder: Yea, Brian Esch: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

3.1. Approval of Minutes

3.2. Approval of Expenditures/Payroll for June

3.3. Approve newly revised board policies

4. Reports from Staff Members and Committees

4.1. Policy Committee

Feed back for the next committee meeting by July 31st. Policies are attached.

The meeting is set for August 1st.

4.2. Presentation on Early Childhood and Preschool

4.2. Early Childhood

Caitlin Holthus reported on early childhood considerations and possible changes for the future. The pre-school provides high quality instruction to our 3-5 year old students. The highest rate of return on investment is when we can get to the kids as early as possible. Significant investments should be made in early childhood education to assist those who need it. Starting at ages 3 to 4 is too little too late.

5. Board and Administrative Comments

5.1. Administrative Comments

Mr. Norgaard reported on future possibilities involving a summer food service program to benefit our students. (SFSP). This program is federally funded.

Mr. Norgaard discussed the concept of career academies for Southwest Nebraska Schools. An example would be in Health Careers. It will mirror some of our current career pathways but will include a wider geographic region and more resources.

5.2. Business Manager Comments

Mr. Haney reported that due to new coding requirements from the federal and state agencies McCook Schools will be developing a new coding system that will be in affect for the 2018-2019 year.

Summer projects are progressing nicely and all work looks like it will be completed by the start of the school year.

5.3. Board Comments

Mr. Bredvick stated that the finance committee will meet soon to discuss next years budget.

6. New Business

6.1. Approve appointment of Superintendent to sign for federal and state grants and funds
Motion to approve the Superintendent to sign for federal and state grants and funds Passed with a motion by Tom Bredvick and a second by Teresa Thomas.

Tom Bredvick: Yea, Bob Elder: Yea, Brian Esch: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

6.2. Approve Superintendent contract and compensation.

Motion to approve a new three year contract with a salary of \$160,000 with the current insurance and no other contractual term changes for the 2017-2018 year Passed with a motion by Teresa Thomas and a second by Bob Elder.

Tom Bredvick: Yea, Bob Elder: Yea, Brian Esch: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Teresa Thomas: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

6.3. Approval of Local Substitute Certificates

7. Positive Comments

Mrs. Repass thanked the board for being very supportive of our district.

Mr. Gross thanked our secretary staff for all they do for our system.

Mr. Haney thanked the summer staff for the job they do.

Mr. Hayes praised the summer staff and also praised the coaches for all they do for the kids during the summer.

Mr. Elder also praised the summer staff.

Mr. Esch thanked Caitlin for sharing her passion for early childhood education. He also thanked Mr. Norgaard and Mr. Haney for preparing preliminary budget documents and preparing for a reduction in state aid.

Mrs. Thomas also thanked those who work with our students during the summer. It is amazing how our kids and staff dedicate themselves during the summer.

Mr. Bredvick also thanked the central office for the budget preparation work. He also recognized the staff who have been participating in summer trainings.

Mr. Norgaard thanked Mr. Haney for the pre-budget work he has done. He also thanked Kate Repass and Tyra Barger for their efforts in hiring a new school nurse.

8. Adjournment

Adjournment by President Bredvick at 7:33 pm.

10. Additional Information for Review