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**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #274
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2011

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

President Raelene Keller called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the District Office.

Members Present: Scott Maurath, Sharon Boyd, Tim Hubert, Debbie Runnalls, & Anita Gabel. Eric Sperber entered the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Others Present: Superintendent, Bill Steiner; Clerk, Stacy Tholen.

Staff Members: Principal's Fred Teeter & Rob Sattler. Elementary staff: Lori Slack; NKESC staff: Jane Wieland entered at 6:03 PM

Others: Crystal Rucker entered the meeting at 6:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hubert moved and Gabel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

Sperber entered the meeting.

MEETING WITH PATRONS OR OTHERS

REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF BUSINESS OF SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Steiner shared the cost of our building and vehicle insurance, and explained it increased around \$1300. Our insurance is currently with EMC. He also shared that we will be interviewing candidates for the elementary janitor position this week. Hubert asked what classes Steve Tasker will be talking to, and what time. Mr. Teeter stated 7th hour, and grades 7-12.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Sattler shared information on the in-service today. Math and science were the discussions of the day. They had a representative with Saxon explain their math program, and he explained that accelerated math would be secondary, if they purchased textbooks. He also shared they would like to buy some science kits so the kids can experience hands on. Discussion was held among the board and Mr. Sattler. He stated that we are getting ready for assessments, and that we will be monitored by the state department during the Middle School assessments.

Mr. Teeter shared the dates for the re-scheduled basketball games. During the High School in-service the staff worked on Google sights and Google documents. He stated he was in Leoti today for a league meeting. He explained the Board of Regents have made their changes official, and this is for incoming freshman. They must take 3 math

classes and score a 22 on the (math portion) of the ACT, or they can take 3 math classes and a 4th year of upper level math.

BOARD REPORTS

Maurath stated they had a curriculum meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Boyd moved and Runnalls seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve the minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting as presented.

Approve the warrants in the amount of \$248,142.84.

Motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Sperber moved and Runnalls seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the preliminary discussion about the acquisition of real property and that the board returns to the open meeting at 6:33 PM in this room. The executive session is required to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position. Motion carried 7-0 with Mr. Steiner remaining in executive session. The board returned to open meeting at 6:33 PM with no action taken in executive session. Keller asked if everyone had noticed the awnings which have begun construction on the front of the offices.

NEW BUSINESS

PERSONNEL

Sperber moved and Maurath seconded the motion to accept Chris Johnson's resignation as the high school janitor and to hire Rhonda Abell as high school assistant forensics coach, as per the recommendation. Motion carried 7-0.

Sperber moved and Boyd seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel and that the board returns to the open meeting at 7:00 PM in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion carried 7-0 with Mr. Steiner remaining in executive session. The board returned to open meeting at 7:00 PM with no action taken in executive session.

Sperber moved and Gabel seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel and that the board returns to the open meeting at 7:20 PM in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion carried 7-0 with Mr. Steiner remaining in executive session. Mr. Steiner left the executive session at 7:18 PM. The board returned to open meeting at 7:20 PM with no action taken in executive session.

Sperber moved and Boyd seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel and that the board returns to the open meeting at 7:30 PM in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion carried 7-0. The board returned to open meeting at 7:30 PM with no action taken in executive session.

Sperber moved and Hubert seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel and that the board returns to the open meeting at 7:40 PM in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Steiner was invited back into the executive session at 7:36 PM. The board returned to open meeting at 7:40 PM with no action taken in executive session.

Sperber moved and Runnalls seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel and that the board returns to the open meeting at 7:50 PM in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Motion carried 7-0 with Mr. Steiner remaining in executive session. The board returned to open meeting at 7:50 PM with no action taken in executive session.

Sperber moved and Hubert seconded the motion to offer Mr. Teeter a 1-year extension on his contract. Keller stated that leaves all administration on a 1-year contract. Motion carried 7-0.

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL LEAGUE DISCUSSION

Mr. Teeter shared that the conversations got started about a year ago to replace Colby & Goodland in the NWKL. They extended letters to a few Mid-continent schools. They then shared interest letters to Sharon Springs, Dighton and Tribune. Leoti is very interested. Dighton would also like to join with them, but the other schools he is not sure. The schools have to be invited into the league. He stated they need to do what's best for the league. It was the consensus of the board that they were only interested in inviting Leoti to join the NWKL.

Mr. Sattler shared they would need to reconfigure the schedule. In Middle School the smaller schools allow 6th graders to participate, and the seasons are different. He didn't feel like it was an advantage to allow the smaller schools to come into the league, with them not having wrestling, then what happens with the seasons? Discussion was held. Our middle school constitution states it has to be a unanimous vote to bring in a new school to the league. It was the consensus of the board to continue the conversations.

Gabel thanked the Principals for their work and dedication in the league discussions.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Steiner shared he really doesn't want to purchase a bus at this time, new or used. He feels they can eliminate a bus route next year, and that would fix the problem with needing another bus. He feels they can consolidate a bus route and take care of this. We have an extra bus we can use at this time. Keller shared there needs to be a bus replacement schedule. It was the consensus of the board to not fix the bus (that is need of new engine), at this time.

ATHLETIC UNIFORM ROTATION

Mr. Steiner suggested we buy uniforms as needed, and not by a certain rotation. If we need to update, let the coaches approach the administration if they think they need new uniforms. Discussion was held.

Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Stacy Tholen, Clerk of the Board

President

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