

Arapahoe Public School  
Board of Education – Regular Meeting  
School Library  
January 12th, 2015 7:15 pm

President Todd Watson called the meeting to order at 7:23 pm.

President Todd Watson welcomed the visitors and announced that the Arapahoe Board of Education follows the rules of the Open Meetings Act which is posted.

The following members were present: Todd Watson, Lisa Anderson, Rodney Whipple, Dennis Roskop and Kelly Breinig. The following members were absent: Dan Warner.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Roskop to excuse Dan's absence from the meeting. AYES: Anderson, Whipple, Roskop, Breinig and Watson. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Also present was Charlie Curnyn, Superintendent, Daren Hatch, Secondary Principal, Bob Braithwait, Elementary Principal and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Guests included Deb Schaben, Katie Wenz, Olivia tenbenschel and Liz Peterson.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Breinig to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: Whipple, Roskop, Breinig, Watson, Anderson and Whipple. Motion carried 5 – 0.

President Watson asked for Public Comment. Olivia tenBenschel, Liz Peterson and Katie Wenz thanked the board for the per diem funds for their FCCLA trip. The experience was very educational and fun. Watson thanked them for going and representing the school and also thanked Wenz for all of her work with the FCCLA program.

## REPORTS

Braithwait thanked the previous members for serving on the board and welcomed and thanked the new members for becoming an important part of our school. He also congratulated the president and vice president for being selected and elected to their positions. The Honor Roll Breakfast for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am and all board members are welcome to attend. On Monday, Jamie Christensen and Angie Kavorik from ESU 11 spoke with the elementary staff about "Social Thinking". Later that afternoon, Kate Hatch spoke with the teachers about MAPS results and what they mean. They did a great job! Quiz Bowl is in full swing under the direction of Jill Dodson. The next meet is January 14<sup>th</sup> in Holdrege at ESU 11. The Arapahoe Elementary School is one of four schools that has been nominated for the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award. This is a nationwide award in recognition of academic excellence and progress. This is a great credit to our teaching staff and students.

Hatch reported that the FCCLA Star competition is Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in Benkelman. The Speech Team has a full schedule and will be competing nearly every weekend, they have attendance of 40 to 45 students and they have been working hard. RPAC Quiz Bowl is Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at Southwest. RPAC Art Contest is January 21<sup>st</sup> in Cambridge. RPAC Vocal is January 19<sup>th</sup> in Alma at 7:00 pm. RPAC Wrestling is here on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be an early dismissal that day at 1:00 pm and wrestling begins at 2:30 pm. The Arapahoe Wrestling Invite is Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. The FFA kids did well at Districts and brought home the following awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ag Demo – Tabby Reiman, Jordan Crosley, Jaci Hilker and Ty Warner; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Job Interview – Kaylea Watson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Junior Public Speaking – Derek Monie; Extemporaneous Speaking, Blue – Jacob Gardner; Extemporaneous Speaking, Red – Levi Watson; Extemporaneous Speaking, Blue – Melonie Meyers; Job Interview, Blue – Jacci Stagemeyer. The Junior High Quiz Bowl team of Cooper Schutz, Joslyn North, Danielle Eidson and Olivia Leising received 7<sup>th</sup> place.

Curnyn thanked the Board Negotiations Team of Todd Watson, Mason Schroeder and Allan McCoy for completing the certificated staff and principal agreements. Also, thanks to the staff that worked over the holidays to complete the majority of the tasks that were scheduled. Congratulations to our new board and committee members. The first NASB workshop, "Building a Board Leadership Plan" will be held in February/March. The following topics will be discussed in the January "Strategic Planning Workshop": school finance, building and grounds projects, transportation, curriculum and technology.

Watson reported that the UNK Honor Band/Choir is January 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Board Negotiations Committee met with the principals to negotiate salaries.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

A motion was made Whipple and seconded by Roskop to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the previous meetings and financial report. AYES: Roskop, Breinig, Watson, Anderson and Whipple. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Breinig to approve claims including the General Fund, Bus Depreciation Fund, Building Fund, Employee Benefit Fund and Equipment Depreciation Fund totaling \$356,585.30. AYES: Breinig, Watson, Anderson, Roskop and Whipple but abstaining from claim number 25259 to ACT Communications in the amount of \$39.95 and claim number 25265 to ATC Communications in the amount of \$497.06. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Breinig and seconded by Whipple to approve a two year agreement that would provide a 3.5% raise each year for the elementary and secondary principals. AYES: Watson, Anderson, Whipple, Roskop and Breinig. Motion carried 5-0.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

No Public Comment.

The board discussed options / suggestions on ways to get rid of the ice in the parking lot behind the high school and library. Further research will be done.

At the January RPAC conference meeting, the conference will be recognizing Maxwell as its newest member for the upcoming 2015-16 school year. An offer has also been extended out to Perkins County.

The certificated staff's negotiated agreement has been updated and is ready to be signed.

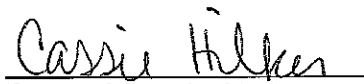
## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

Annual Strategic Planning Meeting, Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Breinig to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. AYES: Anderson, Whipple, Roskop, Breinig and Watson. Motion carried 5-0.

  
Respectfully submitted,  
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary