

Arapahoe Public School
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
School Library
February 9th, 2015 7:00 pm

President Todd Watson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Dan Warner, Rod Whipple, Kelly Breinig, Dennis Roskop and Lisa Anderson.

Also present was Charlie Curnyn, Superintendent, Bob Braithwait, Elementary Principal and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. High School Principal, Daren Hatch was assisting with basketball games. Guests included Deb Schaben.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Whipple to amend the agenda to include Jill Dodson's resignation. AYES: Warner, Whipple, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 6 – 0.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Breinig to approve the agenda as amended. AYES: Whipple, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 6 – 0.

President Watson asked for Public Comment. None.

REPORTS

Braithwait reported that there is one more group to test and we will be done with MAPS. NeSA Writing Assessments for grades 4, 8 and 11 have been completed. Parents Security Council had their monthly meeting in preparation for National Violence Awareness Week where fingerprinting, DNA kits will be available. There are approximately 7 parents that attend the meetings and the minutes are now being published in the newspaper. Furnas County Spelling Bee is the 18th at 1:00 at the Ella Missing Center. Mr. Hatch has been the MAPS go to guy after attending several workshops and since he is leaving I will be attending a MAPS workshop on the 19th in Kearney. In September, we were selected to take the Nationwide NAEP Test. This is the test they use for "The Nation's Report Card". This year the 8th grade class will take the test on March 3rd. The test takes about 2 hours. It is quite an honor to be selected to be a part of this test. This will be our 3rd or 4th time. Elementary PT Conference numbers were 136 out of 177 resulting in a 76.8% attendance rate, which is pretty normal. Braithwait is continuing to work on gathering the information to complete the Blue Ribbon Award paperwork, which is due March 20th.

Braithwait shared the Secondary Principal's Report in Hatch's absence. Braithwait reported that MAPS winter testing began today and should be completed by next week. RPAC Speech is on the 18th at 8:30 at Hitchcock County. District Wrestling is this Friday, February 13th and Saturday, February 14th at Elm Creek. State Wrestling will begin Thursday, February 19th. Thanks to John Paulsen and ALL of the helpers that made the RPAC Wrestling Tournament on January 23rd and the Arapahoe Wrestling Invite on January 31st a huge success. Arapahoe will host the District Track Meet D9 on May 13th. Time TBA. Parent Teacher Conference attendance was around 40%. Attendance is usually around 60%.

Curnyn reported that Cindy Huxoll is working on getting bids for the summer projects (carpet tiles, black media boxes, kitchen upgrades, parking lot repairs, elementary restrooms and track) that we discussed at the Strategic Planning Workshop. The Finance Committee met last Friday to review current cash balances. On Wednesday, we will be conducting our monthly in-service. We will be focusing on the Charlotte Danielson model for possible adoption of a common language of instruction in all of our classrooms and that will also be a part of the teacher evaluation tool. The Foundation Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th to review scholarship applications. The Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) has a couple of events coming up: A "Legislative Forum" in Lincoln on Wednesday, February 18th and their "Spring Conference" on Thursday and Friday, March 19th and 20th. Any members are welcome to attend. John Baylor ACT prep courses cost \$1,600 per year for the license. A staff committee has been established to review 1-1 laptops with the technology committee at a future date. Connie Hoefs and I have discussed our school web-site and she will gather information, there may be some additional costs.

Roskop reported that the Finance Committee met last Friday and went over the financials, bus purchases and re-opening a CD at First State Bank in Holbrook. They also discussed where we have been financially and where we are headed. They greatly appreciate all of the staff's understanding.

Roskop reported that the Building and Grounds Committee met prior to tonight's meeting. Grant and Steve from CG Architects also attended the meeting. The discussion was focused on safety and security.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made Roskop and seconded by Anderson to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the previous meetings, financial report and Jill Dodson's resignation. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Whipple. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Whipple to approve claims including the General Fund, Bus Depreciation Fund, Building Fund, Employee Benefit Fund and Equipment Depreciation Fund totaling \$312,545.37. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple but abstaining from claim numbers 25259 for \$39.95 and 435 for \$70.10 to ACT Communications as well as claim number 25314 to ATC Communications for \$497.06 and Breinig. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Warner to approve the purchase of new library bookshelves from Cornhusker State Industries for \$7,180. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple, Breinig and Roskop. Motion carried 6-0.

Two bids were received from local companies (Leising Inc. and Adams Construction) on removal of the green house behind the school, each included landfill fees. Deadlines were also discussed. A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Warner to approve Leising Inc. to remove the green house without a controlled burn by April 1, 2015 for \$8,970. AYES: Watson, Warner, Whipple, Breinig, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 6 – 0.

The Finance Committee recommended leaving all funds at First Central Bank due to the better interest rate. Watson requested to table the transfer of \$100,000 to First State Bank in Holbrook until further notice.

Watson wanted to express his thanks to Daren Hatch for his many years of service to our school and students. A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Anderson to approve the resignation of Daren Hatch. AYES: Warner, Whipple, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No Public Comment.

The visit with CG Architects was on safety and security ideas for our campus buildings.

The NDE Lunch Program Report was completed. Curnyn thanked the lunch staff, Linda Anderson and Cassie Hilker for all of their work with the lunch program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Whipple to enter Executive Session at 7:49 pm to discuss personnel items. AYES: Whipple, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Breinig and seconded by Anderson to exit Executive Session at 8:45 pm. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Whipple. Motion carried 6-0.

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 9th, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple and Breinig. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary