

Arapahoe Public School
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
School Library
March 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, Dennis Roskop and Lisa Anderson. Absent was Kelly Breinig.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Whipple to excuse Breinig. AYES: Warner, Whipple, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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 Jeff Wessels, Tammie Middaugh, Katie Wenz and Olivia tenBensel.

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

President Watson asked for Public Comment. Olivia tenBensel requested per diem monies for 8 members and 2 sponsors to attend State FCCLA in April. Tammie reported that the Teammates Program has awarded Male Mentor and Mentee of the Year to George Hearn and Zack Wadleigh. They will both be recognized at the Red / White game and Zack has agreed to give a speech.

REPORTS

Braithwait reported that probationary teachers have been evaluated for the second time. Evaluations have started on the aides and will be completed by March 20th. NeSA testing window for math / science / language arts opens March 23rd and will close May 1st. Reminder that March 16th – 20th is Violence Prevention Week. The main activity of the week is the fingerprinting / DNA that is available to all our students on the 16th and 17th. The Security Council has come up with a number of activities for that week. The 5th and 6th grade Spring Concert is Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm. The Blue Ribbon application has been submitted. The timeline to find out if we have officially been selected is in September.

Hatch reported that the FFA competed in the Career Development Event contests on Tuesday. The Pops Concert is Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm. Speech Night is Monday, March 9th at 6:30 pm. The Speech Team received 2nd place at the RPAC Conference Meet. RPAC Band will be March 23rd in Arapahoe with a 1:00 pm clinic and a 7:00 pm concert. District Speech will be March 16th at North Platte. Prom is March 21st. Summer school final names are being considered. The plan is to offer summer school. We believe that we will fill slots with grades 9 – 12. Heidi Thomas has agreed to run summer school. Most attendance will be for credit recovery and will be done on Odysseyware.

Curnyn reported that Cindy Huxoll is still working on obtaining bids for the summer projects (carpet tiles, kitchen upgrades, parking lot repairs and elementary restrooms) that we discussed at the Strategic Planning Workshop in January. Ann Brooks has turned in her letter of resignation. This fall each school staff member will need to complete the NDE online “Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training”. This training will be planned for the 1st day of school for the 2015-16 year. Dave Blessing will also participate. NRCSA is having their “Spring Conference” in Kearney March 19th – 20th and NASB is having a “Back to the Basics of School Law” workshop in Kearney March 31st. Katie Wenz is doing a great job organizing scholarships for the graduating seniors. There will be a Foundation meeting March 18th to finalize applicants.

Watson reported that the President’s Meeting he attended was very informative and he learned some things to implement in future meetings. He got a binder at the meeting with the various topics that were covered and encouraged the other members to look through it at their leisure.

The Transportation Committee met and Roskop reported that the proposal was to purchase 2 used route buses but after much discussion all agreed to purchase 1 new route bus and use an activity bus as needed on the routes.

The Negotiations Committee met and Watson reported that information was provided on superintendent salaries and K-12 principal salaries. The committee will need to meet again soon.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made Watson and seconded by Warner to pull the Wessels bid out of the Consent Agenda and make it a single action item. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Whipple. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Warner to approve the modified Consent Agenda. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple and Roskop. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Whipple to approve Wessels Lawn Care Bid for the Basic Levels and the amount of \$6,253.79. AYES: Watson, Warner, Whipple, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Roskop to approve claims including the General Fund, Bus Depreciation Fund, Employee Benefit Fund and Equipment Depreciation Fund totaling \$357,473.40. AYES: Warner, Whipple but abstaining from claim number 25363 to ATC Communications in the amount of \$501.51, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Anderson to approve the per diem funds for the FCCLA students attending the State FCCLA convention in April. AYES: Whipple, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Whipple to purchase a 2016 Blue Bird 59 passenger bus for &75,980 plus interior tubular racks for \$920 and the option to purchase rooftop AC not to exceed 10% of the total cost of \$76,900. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Whipple. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Whipple to change the current PK-6 principal and 7-12 principal to a PK-12 principal position starting with the 2015-16 school year. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple and Roskop. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No Public Comment.

We are continuing to get bids on resurfacing the track. It was recommended that the bids be conducted on-site to get ideas on concrete issues.

The Fire Alarm Test Report was given to all board members to review. The report indicated that the main board needs replaced and there are no horns on the alarm in the Ag Building. The estimated cost to fix these items is \$40,000.

All members received a "Conflict of Interest Statement" to review and complete if necessary. If a conflict of interest exists or arises this statement would need to be completed and would then be kept on file. If a current conflict of interest exists, complete the statement and bring back at the next board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 13th, 2015 at 8:00 pm.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Whipple to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. AYES: Watson, Warner, Whipple, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary