

Arapahoe Public School  
Board of Education – Regular Meeting  
School Library  
July 13th, 2015 8:00 pm

President Todd Watson called the meeting to order at 8:01 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.

The following members were absent: None.

Also present was Charlie Curnyn, Superintendent and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Principal Bob Braithwait was absent. Guests included Tammie Middagh, Sue Helms, Carson Schroeder and Colton Hearn.

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

President Watson asked for Public Comment. Carson Schroeder and Colton Hearn commented that they were attending the board meeting to satisfy freshman requirements. Tammie Middagh reported that she will be attending a Teammates seminar.

## REPORTS

Curnyn presented Braithwait's Principal Report. The Elementary and High School Summer School Programs went well. Preschool and younger has begun. The European Trip went well. The custodial staff continues to work hard to get the building ready for school. They've done a great job. The Grounds Crew, which includes Julie Stagemeyer and Trudee Hamel, has done a great job with our trees and bushes. If the board passes the second reading of the handbook tonight, I will get the new eligibility policy put on TV, in the paper, and notes sent home to every family in grades 7-12. First year teachers are enrolled in the first year teachers program at ESU 11 and have been assigned a mentor. Concussion testing will be conducted by Mr. Paulsen and myself in August for all 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> grade athletes, and new student athletes in grades 7-12.

Curnyn reported that the maintenance staff of Cindy, Bruce, Cheryl along with their summer help of Cedonnia, Thersa and Suzi have been doing a great job getting things ready for the upcoming school year. Something new this year is a grounds keeper crew of Trudee Hamel and Julie Stagemeyer. They have also done a great job around the school and the Outdoor Classroom. NASB is holding a "Training Session" in Kearney at 5 pm on August 27<sup>th</sup>. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Department of Labor issued a draft of new rules concerning the Fair Labor Standards Act. I have attached a summarization of the draft. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Nebraska State Board of Education voted to classify our school system as Accredited for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. I have been working on my "Vision" of what I believe our school district needs to address over the next 5 years. I categorized these needs into three areas: Facilities, Finances, and Curriculum and Instruction. Facilities: This has started now. I believe we need to start identifying our "Life Safety Code" deficiencies and make plans to correct them. Finances: This is an ongoing challenge to continue to set funds aside for transportation, facilities and grounds, technology (1-1 laptops, smart boards, distance learning equipment, and internet access), staff development, while maintaining a reasonable tax levy. Curriculum and Instruction: The Nebraska Department of Education performs a "School Improvement Visit" every 5 years. The next scheduled visit is in the 2016-2017 school year. Our 5 year goal is reading comprehension with an emphasis on vocabulary. This year we will be analyzing all of our data to see how we are doing and either maintain the same goal or look at other areas of need. I would like to add the goal of "One Common Language of Instruction". What this will mean, is that when either Bob or I walk into the classroom(s) we will see a common way of instruction and classroom management. This common language will also be reflected in our teacher evaluation form. I will continue to work with the staff/board to develop strategies to reach these goals.

Board Member Reports – None.

Board Committee Reports: Breinig reported that the Curriculum Committee met prior to tonight's meeting. Colin Kubik presented some information on the Case Program he has been working on the past couple of summers. Roskop reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the following items: 1) Adding a 4<sup>th</sup> person to the custodial staff; 2) Reviewed some of the new financial reports from AptaFund; 3) Budget; 4) Reviewed the fact that radios are no longer kept in the buses and the bus drivers are using their personal cell phones for communication, the committee discussed adding additional lines to the schools cell phone plan or paying the bus staff a stipend.

## ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Whipple to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. AYES: Whipple, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Warner to approve claims including the General Fund, Equipment Depreciation Fund, Lunch Fund, Building Fund and Bus Depreciation Fund totaling \$300,810.73. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson Warner and Whipple but abstaining from Claim No. 27096 to ATC Communications for \$677.46 and Claim No. 27092 to Applied Communications Technology for \$187.95. Motion carried 6-0.

Colton Hearn and Carson Schroeder left the meeting.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Breinig to approve the second reading of the Student-Parent, Staff, Activities, and Preschool Handbooks. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple and Breinig. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Breinig and seconded by Warner to accept the bid from Adams Construction in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the 1996 bus. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple, Breinig and Roskop. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Anderson to accept the bid from Andersen Wrecking Company in the amount of \$850.00 for the 1998 bus. AYES: Watson, Warner, Whipple, Breinig, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Roskop to approve the bid from Green Landscapes to extend the sprinkler line from the football practice field to the east side of the playground for \$8,710.00. AYES: Warner, Whipple, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Whipple to approve the Extra Duty Assignments for the 2015-2016 school year. AYES: Whipple, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Breinig and seconded by Roskop to approve the updating of Policy #5416 Student Fees Appendix. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Whipple. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Whipple to suspend the second reading of Policy #5416 Student Fees Appendix. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple and Breinig. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Whipple to approve the updating of the following policies as well as suspend the second reading: #1200 Community Relations, #3540 Business Operations, #3560 Business Operations, #4002 Personnel, #4003 Personnel, #5001 Students, #5401 Students and Employees, #5418 Homeless Students, #6115 Instruction, #6212 Instruction, #6286 Instruction, #6600 Special Education, #7050 New Construction, and #9340 Bylaws of Board Meetings. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple, Breinig and Roskop. Motion carried 6-0.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Reviewed the 2015-2016 School Calendar.

Watson thanked the staff that attended the architect presentations. Watson also reported that he was contacted by Reid Burton who is an architect for a company out of Oklahoma. Reid expressed interest in making a presentation to the board. The board discussed the inviting Reid to the next board meeting.

Fisher Track is planning to be out to fix the painted lines on the track at no cost. They are also reviewing information to determine if our bill should be lower since the scope of the work performed and quoted was not as extensive.

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:00 pm.

Architect Presentation-Reid Burton, Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 pm (Tentative).

Curnyn reported that the QCPUF can be used for "Life Safety Codes" and Accessibility improvements.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Breinig to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. AYES: Watson, Warner, Whipple, Breinig, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 6-0.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary