

Arapahoe Public School
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
School Library
October 12th, 2015 8:00 pm

President Todd Watson called the meeting to order at 8:00 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, Principal and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Guest(s) included Tammie Middagh.

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. Tammie Middagh reported that Arapahoe ranked in the top 3 in the Teammates program for recruitment.

REPORTS

Braithwait congratulated the teachers and staff in the elementary school for being named a Blue Ribbon School. Not only were they a Blue Ribbon School but they received Exemplary status, which is the highest Blue Ribbon Honor you can win. I want to thank the board for allowing me to accept the award on behalf of the elementary staff. Fall concerts are starting. Tomorrow night at 7:00 pm is the 5th-8th concert. There is a late start on Wednesday. We will be going over school improvement and AYP. The end of the 1st quarter will be this Friday. At the time of writing this, we had 11 total kids on the downs list and nobody ineligible. The new policy seems to be working!!! FFA continues to do well in competitions. Our FFA program continues to be a very strong program under the tutelage of Mr. Kubik. FFA National Convention is in Louisville, Kentucky the week of October 19th-23rd. Fall athletic seasons are winding down quickly. FB has only 2 more games (not counting playoffs). XC Districts are in Arapahoe on the 15th. VB sub district play begins in 3 weeks and next week RPAC. There will be an early out on the 29th and no school on the 30th due to Fall Break. Musical Matinee is on Friday, November 6th at 9:00 am. The main performance will take place the 7th and starts with dinner at 6:00 and then a 7:00 performance. There will also be a matinee again on Sunday the 8th at 3:00 pm. Elwood and Loomis have contacted us about attending the matinee and we are happy to have them come for the program. I will be attending a NDE training on the 26th and 27th of October in Kearney (School Improvement). I will start teacher evaluations on the 19th. My goal is to get 5 done each week and hope to have everyone done by Christmas. Parent Teacher Conference attendance was 76% for PK-6th and 48% for 7th-12th.

Curnyn reported that the State Education Conference in Omaha is scheduled for November 18th-20th. I have included print-outs with a brief description of the sessions being offered. NASB is having a workshop December 2nd in North Platte from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. We received a letter from the Nebraska Department of Roads approving our Driver Safety Course. A school evacuation drill was held on Tuesday, September 29th and it went very well. I would like to thank Prairie Pines and Furnas County Sheriff's Department. We received congratulation letters from Nebraska's Representatives and member of Congress, Adrian Smith, and a member of the U.S. Senate, Deb Fischer. On October 16th, the NDE will be releasing state test scores.

Board Member Reports: Watson requested that coaches and staff get the sports stats turned in to the newspapers in a more timely fashion.

Roskop reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the day to review the financials and everything looks good.

ACTION ITEMS

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

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Whipple to approve claims including the General Fund, Equipment Depreciation Fund, Lunch Fund, QCPUF and Bus Depreciation Fund totaling \$369,535.89. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Whipple but abstaining from Claim No. 27321 to ATC Communications for \$497.96. Motion carried 6-0.

The board discussed hiring a construction manager for possible expansion/renovation projects and then reviewed the request for proposal that will go out to various construction managers recommended by The Clark Enersen Partners firm. A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Warner to approve The Clark Enersen Partners "Request for Proposals" for a Construction

Manager for possible expansion/renovation projects. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple and Breinig. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment – None.

Curnyn provided some information on a WeatherBug Weather Station. This would be something the school could use for science and ag classes. Also, the community pool and golf course may benefit from the information that the weather station could provide. The information Curnyn provided included a quote for the following: Implementation / Installation Costs - WeatherBug Weather Station \$8,740, HD Camera Add-On \$6,500, Lightning Detection Sensor Add-On \$5,240, Outdoor Alerting System Add-On \$8,740; Ongoing Costs – \$1,500 for support and subscriptions annually. Watson asked Curnyn to inquire about the possibility of using the WeatherBug Weather Station located east of town.

Curnyn reported that he contacted Elwood Superintendent Daren Hatch to see if they had made any decisions regarding their football situation. Hatch responded to Curnyn that they are moving forward with transferring to 6-man for the next football season. The board is sympathetic to Elwood's football situation and appreciates the District contacting them about a possible coop.

The board then moved on to discuss parent and community communication. Currently, the avenues for communication include the sports calendar, the calendar sold by the music department, the school website, channel 10, the school hotline, the school newsletter and the Beacon. The calendars and newsletter can be inaccurate if a change occurs once they are printed and distributed. The Beacon is a program that sends out updates by text message, users have to sign up. Channel 10 only works for community members that have local cable. It came down to the school website and the school phone hotline. All agreed that whenever changes occur with the various school events the school website, the school hotline and the beacon need to be updated with the correct information. These are the best avenues for reaching parents and community members. Curnyn will start meeting with a group of staff each week to make sure the various communication avenues are updated as accurately as possible. Curnyn also presented the board with additional alternatives including a phone app, an outdoor message board and Facebook.

The Negotiations Committee needs to set a meeting prior to November 1st to begin the negotiations process for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Americanism Committee needs to set a meeting time to review the Americanism Audit.

Curnyn reported that Dan Schaben is for Teacher of the Year for the state of Nebraska. Congratulations to him!

A motion was made by Watson and seconded by Roskop to enter into executive session to discuss the evaluation of personnel at 9:08 pm. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple, Breinig and Roskop. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Anderson to exit executive session at 9:40 pm. AYES: Watson, Warner, Whipple, Breinig, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Roskop to go into executive session for the protection of public interest at 9:41 pm. AYES: Warner, Whipple, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Watson and seconded by Whipple to exit executive session at 9:56 pm. AYES: Whipple, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 6-0.

Americanism Committee Meeting, Monday, October 19th at 3:00 pm.

Negotiations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 28th at 7:30 am.

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

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Breinig to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 pm. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Whipple. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary