

Arapahoe Public School
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
School Library
March 14th, 2016 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, Kelly Breinig, Dennis Roskop and Lisa Anderson.

The following member(s) were absent: Rod Whipple.

Also present was Charlie Curnyn, Superintendent, Bob Braithwait, Principal and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Guest(s) included Tammie Middagh.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Warner to excuse the absence of Rod Whipple. AYES: Warner, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Watson and seconded by Roskop to amend the agenda to include the resignation of Karen Custer in the Consent Agenda. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.

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

President Watson asked for Public Comment. Watson thanked Tammie Middagh for her help getting the word out about the last community meeting.

REPORTS

Braithwait reported that APL Training has been completed. We will have some follow up discussion at our next late start. I also have Kate Hatch scheduled to review APL next fall during our pre-school workdays. I see lots of APL ideas happening in the classrooms, really good stuff. Furnas County Spelling Bee was completed and 6th grade student Alese Williams of Arapahoe was the winner. Alese will compete in the state competition in Omaha. Spring practices have started. There are 15 boys and 12 girls out for track and 9 golfers. Safety Week was last week. We had several speakers in to talk to our elementary and high school kids. It was a really good week. Speech night went well. The Speech Team is strong again this year. The Pop's Concert was on Tuesday and was excellent as always. Today is the start of the 4th quarter. The 5th and 6th grade concert is on Thursday at 7:00 pm. A new program, Science Olympiads, will be competing for the first time at ESU 11 on Thursday. Prom is this Saturday with promenade at 6:00 pm, followed by coronation, dinner, dancing and post prom at 11:30 pm. State Speech is in Kearney on the 24th. State FFA is April 6th – 8th. The 5th – 8th Music Contest will be held at Arapahoe on April 9th. Last year we had an eligibility committee that formed our new policy. I believe it has gone extremely well. Would you like to meet to discuss again or continue as is for next year? Let me know. All the teaching staff has been evaluated including probationary staff two times. I will start on aides and secretaries next and should have them done by the April board meeting. The History Team competed and did well. The kids represented our school well. District Speech is tomorrow.

Curnyn reported upcoming conference dates, March 17th-18th NRCSA Spring Conference and March 23rd NASB The School Board as Judge and Jury. Please let me know if you are interested in attending either of these so we can get you registered and have a vehicle available. NRCSA's Closing the Gap Award for Reading. At the spring NRCSA conference we will be receiving a plaque recognizing our school for continued improvement on the NeSA reading tests over the last 4 years. Great job staff! I applied for and was granted permission to participate in a UNK Middle School Science Grant. This grant will provide training and resources to our middle school science teacher, Mr. Paulsen and will take place next year. I have also applied for a NCLB grant to help fund our summer school programs. The grant will be approximately \$8,100.

Board Member Reports: Watson reported that he received a nice letter and the annual report from Teammates. Breinig reported that she attended a "Get Informed" conference. The sessions were very well done. Some of the topics covered were re-branding schools, marketing, school websites and schools and communities working together.

Board Committee Reports: Roskop reported that the Finance Committee met Thursday and discussed opening a CD at First State Bank-Holbrook, Classified Staff insurance and raises and the ESU contract for the 2016-17 school year. Watson reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee needs to schedule a meeting with the architect to discuss the feedback from the last community meeting. They are also looking into ways to meet with smaller groups of community members.

ACTION ITEMS

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

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Breinig to approve claims including the General Fund, Equipment Depreciation Fund, Lunch Fund, QCPUF and Bus Depreciation Fund totaling \$389,215.03. AYES: Watson, Warner, Breinig, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Warner to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar. AYES: Warner, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Anderson to approve the bid from Burke Construction to replace the rock under the visitor bleachers with concrete for \$11,300. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Watson and seconded by Warner to approve the following changes to the 2015-2016 school calendar: 1) No School on April 20th but teachers are required to report and 2) No School on April 29th but teachers are required to report. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Breinig. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Breinig and seconded by Roskop to approve opening a \$100,000 General Fund CD at First State Bank in Holbrook. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Breinig and Roskop. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Breinig to enter into executive session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual to discuss Principal Braithwait's 2016-2017 pay raise at 7:45 pm. AYES: Watson, Warner, Breinig, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Anderson to exit executive session at 7:50 pm. AYES: Warner, Breinig, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Warner to approve a 3.14% increase to Principal Braithwait's total package. AYES: Breinig, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Anderson to enter into executive session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual to discuss non-certified staff pay raises at 7:53 pm. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Breinig. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Breinig to exit executive session at 8:14 pm. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Breinig and Roskop. Motion carried 5-0.

It was decided to table the item of non-certified staff pay raises and turn the topic over to the Negotiations Committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment – None.

Curnyn shared a proposal for new bleachers for the visitor's section on the south side of the track. The proposal included 3 different options ranging in price from \$13,300 up to \$16,700.

Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, Thursday, March 17th at 12:00 pm
Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 11th at 8:00 pm

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. AYES: Watson, Warner, Breinig, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary