

# **West Franklin USD 287**

Board of Education Meeting  
Education Center  
510 E. Franklin  
Pomona, Ks 66076  
Monday, January 12, 2009  
7:00 pm

## **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of West Franklin USD 287 Board of Education was called to order by President Nancy Reed with the following members present:

Dave McClain	Janie Dillon
Keith Milliken	Lisa Reece
Chuck Campfield	Sheila Anderson

Also present: Superintendent Dotson Bradbury, Board Clerk Teresa Hawkins, Principals Rick Smith, Cathy Brandt, Robert Allen, and Susan Wildeman, Curriculum Director Andy Azwell, and Staff and Patrons: Milton Ammel, Lou Coppoc, David Staley, Virginia Cook, Emma Brann, Steve Lemons, Gene Hirt, Karen Gibson, Audra Altic, Sheila Shaw and Betty Simpson.

## **Approve Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Keith Milliken and seconded by Lisa Reece to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- Financial Reports/Pay Bills

Carried: 7-0

## **WFHS Student Council**

Emma Brann, Stuco President and Steve Lemons, Secretary, shared with the school board of a few of the activities that the student council is in charge of, how they help other WFHS organizations, how they earn their money and the criteria for becoming a member of the student council.

## **Public Forum**

Gene Hirt gave comments on school finance, wind turbines and the school resource officer.

## **Administrative Reports**

Mrs. Cathy Brandt introduced PTO members Sheila Shaw, Audra Altic and Betty Simpson. Ms. Shaw informed the board that the PTO had just received word from Lowes that they had been awarded the \$5,000 Lowes Toolbox for Education Grant. This grant, along with a \$1,000 donation from the Appanoose Recreation Commission and PTO funds will allow Phase I of the playground renovation to begin in the spring. The PTO

plans to apply for the Lowes Toolbox for Education Grant again, to help with the remainder of the project.

Mrs. Brandt updated the board on her research of wind turbines and the grant application. Applications are due to Kansas State University by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Rick Smith had nothing to add to his report in the board management letter, but did give the board a copy of the recent high school newspaper "The West Franklin Voice" and a schedule of assessment testing for the high school and middle school.

Mr. Robert Allen had nothing to add to his report in the board management letter.

Mrs. Susan Wildeman gave an update on the playground project for Williamsburg Elementary. The PTO currently has about one-half the funds needed, but have also applied for grants from both American Eagle and Lowes.

Mr. Andy Azwell had nothing to add to his report in the board management letter.

Superintendent Dotson Bradbury informed the school board that they would be on the pass list for the Flint Hills League Basketball Tournament in Emporia.

### **Recreation Commission**

#### **Audit Reports**

Superintendent Dotson Bradbury summarized the audit reports.

#### **Travel Requests,**

#### **Drivers' Education**

#### **Travel Requests:**

A motion was made by Nancy Reed and seconded by Chuck Campfield to approve the following travel requests:

- Angelle Higbie to attend FFA Ag Ed Symposium, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Middle School to attend their annual ski trip to Weston, Mo, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Carried: 7-0

#### **Driver's Education Vehicle:**

Mr. Bradbury explained the need for another van. A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Janie Dillon to authorize the purchase of a new Driver's Education van, not to exceed \$20,000.

Carried: 7-0

**Discussion**

**Cost Reduction Planning:**

Mr. Bradbury talked about the state legislature and the possible budget cuts to education. Discussion was held on various options for administrators to consider as they plan for funding cuts.

**Break**

A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Nancy Reed at 8:18 pm to take a 5 minute break

Carried: 7-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 8:23 pm

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Sheila Anderson at 8:25 pm to enter executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

Carried: 7-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 8:40 pm

A motion was made by Janie Dillon and seconded by Dave McClain at 8:40 pm to re-enter executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

Carried: 7-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 8:55 pm

**Employment Recommendations**

A motion was made by Janie Dillon and seconded by Lisa Reece to extend the contracts for the principals, superintendent and curriculum director for 1 year and to accept the following employment resignations:

- Rob Conway – WFMS Head Football Coach
- Barbara Downey – WFLC Teacher

Carried: 7-0

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**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lisa Reece and seconded by Sheila Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm.

Carried: 7-0

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Teresa Hawkins, Clerk

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Nancy Reed, President