April School Board Meeting

April 12th, 2021

The Wheeler Central Board of Education regular meeting was held on April 12th, 2021. Chairman Patrick called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. She pointed out the location of the Open Meetings Poster. Members present were: Patrick, Wright, Derner, Kasselder, Olson and recording secretary Wagner. Absent: Freouf. Roll call: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye. Others present were Jay Johnson, Shawna Schlenger, Makayla Reiter, Tyler Cox, Chelsea Sallach, Shari Lovitt, Linda Anson, Karen Pokorny, Jessi Swick, Trina Pelster, Abi Parker, Dylan Reed. Wright made the motion to excuse absent members, Kasselder seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye.

Derner made the motion to accept the March minutes and April consent agenda as presented, Kasselder seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye.

Patrick opened the meeting by welcoming visitors.

Chelsea Sallach presented to Board on a program called Bronco Buddies.

Makayla Reiter spoke in regard to a new writing program called Writing Tools.

Shawna Schlenger gave the Board a report on Early Childhood. She also reported that the Early Childhood Advisory Board voted to resume full day preschool next year for four year olds and half day preschool for three year olds. Mrs. Schlenger also presented on the district’s MTSS program.

Mr. Olson spoke in regard to item 5.3, discuss current transportation needs and potential needs for upcoming needs. Options for next year’s transportation were discussed. Mr. Olson commented on the exceptional job the bus drivers and Trina Pelster have been doing this year with transportation. Trina Pelster spoke about her role in the bookkeeping and coordination aspects of the bussing system with Mid States. There was some discussion on current complications the District has been confronted with during their contracted time with Mid States and the the potential issues that would be involved in renewing the contract with First Student.

Tyler Cox with Nebraska/Central Equipment, Inc. presented to the Board about the options of leasing a bus fleet.

Principal/A.D. report by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson noted that the student council has decided to proceed with a spring homecoming celebration involving coronation, dodge ball tournament and carnival on the 26th of April.

PreK-12 Principal/Superintendent report by Mr. Olson. Mr. Olson noted that mid-term grades will be sent out next week in addition to MAP testing reports. It was discussed that last week a virtual FFA state convention was attended by students. Mr. Olson reported that the FFA banquet will be held next Thursday, the 22nd. Additionally, he noted that the upcoming joint CWC board meeting will take place next Tuesday at 7 pm in Chambers. It was noted that the CWC activity awards and academic awards banquet will be held on May 3rd in Bartlett. In closing, Mr. Olson reminded that school lunch and preschool/daycare costs will need to be reviewed at the May meeting.

Maintenance Report. Mr. Olson noted that the maintenance subcommittee will need to meet to discuss possible summer projects before the May meeting.

Board Members.

In old business, appoint community member to fill vacated Board position. Derner nominated Jessi Swick from Ward #1 to fill the vacated board position. No further nominations were made. Derner made the motion to appoint Jessi Swick to fill the Ward #1 board vacancy extending for the remainder of the current term, Kasselder seconded. Roll call: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye.

Review and discuss the current administrative and instructional components in light of Rule 10 accreditation, which may include a review/amendment of 2021-22 contracts in the areas of music, Title I, P.E./elementary and administration.

Wright made the motion to enter executive session to protect personal and identifiable information, Derner seconded. Executive session was entered at 9:38 pm.

Wright made the motion to exit executive session, Kasselder seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye. Executive session was exited at 9:59 pm.

Discuss current transportation needs and potential needs for upcoming years. A special board meeting will be held on Friday at 8 pm to make a final decision to handle transportation needs of the district.

Discuss the District’s potential role in a HHS daycare located in Ericson. Mr. Olson presented to the Board on the importance of the school to have a presence in some regard in the prospect of a daycare in Ericson.

Discuss the health inspector’s concerns regarding school kitchen. Mr. Olson will provide additional information on costs and plans at the special board meeting to be held on the 16th.

In new business, activity signature card. Wright made the motion to remove Jay Johnson and place Abigail Parker on the activity fund signature card, Derner seconded. Roll call: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye.

Offer contracts to classified staff. Mr. Olson recommend that all classified staff be given renewed contracts. The subcommittee will meet review the renewed salaries and benefits in detail.

Adopt 2021-22 calendar. Derner made the motion to adopt the 2021-22 school calendar as presented, Wright seconded. Rol call: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye.

Wright made the motion to enter into executive session to protect personal and identifiable information, Kasselder seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye. Executive session was entered at 10:44 pm.

Kasselder made the motion to exit executive session, Derner seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye. Executive session was exited at 11:16 pm.

Kasselder made the motion to adjourn, Wright seconded. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m. Next regular meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.