July School Board Meeting

July 12th, 2021

The Wheeler Central Board of Education regular meeting was held on July 12th, 2021. Chairman Patrick called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. She pointed out the location of the Open Meetings Poster. Members present were: Patrick, Wright, Kasselder, Derner, Olson and recording secretary Wagner. Absent: Swick, Freouf. Wright made the motion to excuse absent members, Kasselder seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye, Swick absent.

 Roll call: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye, Swick absent. Others present were Abi Parker, Trina Pelster, Makayla Reiter. Wright made the motion to accept the June minutes and July consent agenda with the addition of the Write Tools invoice in the amount of $9,800, Kasselder seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye, Swick absent.

Patrick opened the meeting by welcoming visitors.

A.D. report by Mrs. Parker. Mrs. Parker provided fall sports athlete contracts to review, Chambers will review them as well at their board meeting this month.

7-12 Principal report by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson presented some items for consideration in the student handbook.

PreK-6 Principal/Superintendent report by Mr. Olson. Mr. Olson opened by noting that the custodial crew is doing well on summer projects. He also noted that summer school began last week and started with a good turn out with more students expected in the following weeks. Todd Wolverton with the Department of Education has been in contact with the school, noting that we have met the guidelines for accreditation but were flagged for our foreign language and arts requirements. These issues will be addressed this year and criteria will be met. Mr. Olson noted that he has been busy working on state reporting. He also reported that he will be attending a meeting with the commissioner of education in Kearney to learn more about the funds provided through ESSER II. Mr. Olson closed by addressing the efforts Trina Pelster has been making in preparing school transportation and bussing for the upcoming year.

Board Members. Mr. Derner noted concern on the state of the superintendent’s house and the need for some improvements.

In old business, accept revisions to student/parent, staff and CWC handbooks. Derner made the motion to accept the student/parent and CWC handbooks with revisions, Kasselder seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye, Swick absent.

Discuss and possibly approve adoption of new K-4 Language Arts Curriculum.

Discuss and possibly approve adoption of 9-12 Language Arts Curriculum. Wright made the motion to approve the adoption of a new K-12 Language Arts curriculum to be purchased using ESSER III funds, Derner seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Wright aye, Kasselder aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Swick absent.

Discuss and review current 403b voluntary staff investment program. No action was taken by the Board.

In new business, review preschool and daycare rates for upcoming year. The Board agreed to retain current daycare rates. Preschool rates will be tabled until the next board meeting, when other district’s rates can be compared.

Review school lunch rates for upcoming year. Kasselder made the motion to set adult lunch at $3.75 and adult breakfast at $2.50. Additionally, all student lunches would be increased by $.10, and student breakfast would be set at $1.90.

Set teacherage rental rates effective September 1. The item was tabled until the next meeting to provide Mr. Olson a chance to touch base with tenants.

Review substitute teacher pay. The item was tabled until the next board meeting.

Derner made the motion to adjourn, Wright seconded. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. Next regular meeting will be August 9th, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.