

BOARD MEETING.....November 12, 2015

The meeting of the District #90 Board of Education was called to order by President Ryland at 7:04 pm. President Ryland led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of members present: Dean Seifer, Toni Powers, Rusty Kemp, Trent Neal, Arlan Paxton, Bob Ryland. Also in attendance were Keith Nielson, Yogi Jones, Alan Miller, Kami Florea, Shelly Lovitt, Gary Johnson, Randy Christiansen, Luke Connell, Robyn Dalton, Randy Fisher, Harry Branting from Dana F. Cole, Superintendent Lorrie Miller, Principal Brownfield and Recording Secretary Kathy Fisher. President Ryland noted that the open meetings law was posted in the room and asked if anyone was recording the meeting. No one recorded the meeting. Legal notice of the meeting was posted at the customary sites on November 6, 2015. CONSENT AGENDA: Powers moved to approve the consent agenda after amending the agenda moving Item 1 in Action Items to be after Recognition of Visitors. Kemp second. Voting: aye - Powers, Kemp, Seifer, Neal, Paxton, Ryland. Nay - none. Motion carried. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Keith Nielson reported to the board of recent FFA activities including receiving another \$2000 grant from Farm Credit Services, hosting the area EDGE training for younger members, and the Livestock Evaluation contest in which the Junior High team placed first. Gary Johnson thanked the board for allowing him to teach art this year. Harry Branting reviewed the 2014-15 audit report with the board. Kemp moved to approve the audit report. Seifer second. Voting: aye - Kemp, Seifer, Neal, Powers, Paxton, Ryland. Nay - none. Motion carried. REPORTS: Housing/Transportation: The subcommittee presented a listing of items of concern about the facilities and a five year plan for facility improvements. Negotiations/Finance: The subcommittee will meet with the teacher association representatives following the meeting. Americanism/Multicultural/Curriculum: The subcommittee will present a recommendation to purchase Biology and Chemistry books for the Science Department. Superintendent Miller reported on the AQuESTT workshop that she, Lisa Vasa and Tiffany Schmidt attended. Shelly Lovitt reported on the Crisis Team Meeting that the team of Jim Calvin, Raegan Anderson and she had attended. She reported that there is work to do on updating the plan, communication methods, evacuation practices, etc. There is another training in February to which the team would like to send more team members and the County Sheriff. PRINCIPAL REPORT: Principal Brownfield pointed out the artwork displayed by Gary Johnson's art class in the commons. She distributed the Calling Tree to board members and discussed MAP and NeSA scores. She commended Amber Willard and the students on a wonderful Veteran's Day Program. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Kathy Fisher updated the board on the new accounting software. Superintendent Miller shared information that would be included in her State of the Schools report to be sent to parents. She distributed wallet cards with district information for an easy access reference. The board consensus was to remove job descriptions from policy. She shared the marketing plan. Board members were reminded to complete the Strengths Finder surveys. A potential coop situation with Arthur was mentioned by Kami Florea. ACTION: Discussion was held on the clarification of overtime monitoring procedures. Powers moved to recognize the McPherson County Education Association as the bargaining unit for 2017-2018. Seifer second. Voting: aye - Powers, Seifer, Neal, Paxton, Kemp, Ryland. Nay - none. Motion carried. Neal moved to table possible increase in pay for bus drivers. Paxton second. Voting: aye - Neal, Paxton, Kemp, Seifer, Powers, Ryland. Nay - none. Motion carried. Powers moved to increase substitute pay to \$95 per day and \$115 for long term substitutes after day 10. Neal second. After discussion Powers amended her motion to increase substitute pay to \$95 per day and \$105 for long term substitutes after day 10. Neal second.; Voting: aye - Powers, Neal, Seifer, Ryland. Nay - Paxton, Abstain - Kemp. Motion carried. The Americanism/Multiculturalism/Curriculum Subcommittee recommended purchasing textbooks for Biology and Chemistry. Voting: aye - Powers, Seifer, Kemp, Paxton, Neal, Ryland. Nay - none. Motion carried. Kemp moved to accept the bid from Rome Services to replace the exhaust fan in the commons concession kitchen. Paxton second. Voting: aye - Kemp, Paxton, Seifer, Powers, Ryland. Nay - Neal. Motion carried. Powers moved to approve the AD recommendation for Arthur students to join our junior high wrestling team. Neal second. Voting: aye - Powers, Neal, Seifer, Kemp, Paxton, Ryland. Nay - none. Motion carried. Kemp moved to approve the AD recommendation for our junior high boys basketball to join Arthur and cancel our games unless Arthur can fill them. Neal second. Voting: aye - Kemp, Neal, Paxton, Seifer, Powers, Ryland. Nay - none. Motion carried. Neal moved to approve the request for no school for students on November 25 so teachers can have a work day. Seifer second. Voting: aye - Neal, Seifer, Powers, Kemp, Paxton, Ryland. Nay - none. Motion carried. DISCUSSION: Superintendent Miller shared a letter from Rick Moses of NDE informing McPherson County Schools of the expiration of the modifications of Rule 10 regarding instructional hours, guidance and library. Replacement of the water heater at the high school will be reviewed by the Facilities Subcommittee. Kathy Fisher shared concerns with the propane billing of the apartments. Rome Services will be renting the south apartment through November. Superintendent Miller is investigating companies to scan documents to alleviate storage issues. Mrs. Brownfield will be contacting staff about dates for the staff/board Christmas party. The superintendent evaluation form was distributed to board members to complete. A Board Leadership workshop is being held in North Platte December 2. The next regular board meeting will be December 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Paxton moved to adjourn the meeting. Powers second. Voting: aye - Paxton, Powers, Neal, Seifer, Kemp, Ryland. Nay - none. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 pm.

The following claims were approved for payment at this meeting:

Custer Public Power.....	2257.87
AT& T.....	384.36
Great Plains Communications.....	241.37
Excel Communications.....	16.48
PAYROLL.....	63323.25
MCHS Housing.....	861.53
Nebraska Department of Revenue.....	2826.55
EFTPS.....	22523.21
Blue Cross Blue Shield.....	16560.63
Nebraska Retirement System.....	17533.43
Custer Public Power.....	1447.89
Aflac.....	673.41
Aspire.....	2000.00
Culligan.....	126.09
Verizon.....	48.19
Sarah Paxton.....	210.09
Janelle Blake.....	27.70
Gary Johnsen.....	147.76
Christena Schultis.....	147.76
RaLynn Starr.....	295.52
Lori Vinton.....	295.52
Credit Management.....	831.38
ESU 16.....	8905.03
Ace Hardware.....	1.79
Aupperle Plumbing & Heating.....	506.75
Barr Sprinkler Systems.....	74.00
Neal Oil & Auto Center.....	2380.63
Menards.....	203.82
One Source.....	86.00
Troyers.....	71.43
Tru Green.....	310.00
USave Pharmacy.....	750.00
Unisan.....	291.87
Walmart.....	94.79
Staples.....	2339.56
Condon Signs.....	75.25
Curriculum Associates.....	74.79
Eakes Office Plus.....	557.37
ECIS.....	2521.62
ESU Coordinating Council.....	300.00
Shirley Fackler.....	9.00
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.....	93.55
HW Wilson.....	292.75
Wendy Merritt.....	1170.10
Rusty Kemp.....	412.97
Arlan Paxton.....	747.29
Jessica Phillips.....	1128.31
Kelly Ward.....	6.56
Weathercraft.....	435.00
Western Nebraska Administration Dues.....	100.00
Jessica Wiese.....	12.50
Carolina Biological Supply.....	682.17
Will Coffman.....	474.93
Jeremy Harris.....	722.71
Sheila Viter.....	229.43
Matt Brown.....	464.59
Ideal Linen.....	306.72
MARC.....	304.69
Lorrie Miller.....	20.33
NASB.....	528.00
National Geographic Learning.....	104.40

Scholastic.....	93.39
Ironhorse Steakhouse.....	12.61
Keith Nielson.....	40.25
Kelly Scritsmier & Byrne.....	755.00
KSB School Law.....	790.00
Westfield Floral.....	
60.95	
First Bankcard.....	615.28
Flinn Scientific.....	114.02
First Bankcard.....	460.85
McPherson County Teacher Association.....	426.12
MCHS Activity.....	<u>452.67</u>
<b>TOTAL NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>164391.83</b>

Signed Yonice Powers, Secretary