

REGULAR BOARD MEETING.....November 13, 2014

The regular meeting of the District #90 Board of Education was called to order by President Arlan Paxton at 7:30 pm. President Paxton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of members present: Arlan Paxton, Toni Powers, Berva Arensdorf, Dean Seifer, Bob Ryland. Absent: Rusty Kemp. Also in attendance were Keith Nielson, Kelly Ward, Renee Connell, Alan Miller, Trent Neal, Principal Brownfield, Superintendent Sherwood and Kathy Fisher. President Paxton 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 7, 2014. CONSENT AGENDA: Seifer moved to approve the consent agenda. Arensdorf second. Voting: aye - Seifer, Arensdorf, Ryland, Powers, Paxton. Nay - none. Motion carried. Rusty Kemp arrived at the meeting at 7:33. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Keith Nielson reported to the board about the success of the FFA Senior Livestock Judging team qualifying for State. He reported individual results for team members. REPORTS: Housing/Transportation: Ryland asked about the bus repairs. Negotiations/Finance: There was no report. Americanism/Multiculturalism/Curriculum: The report would be given in conjunction with the Principal's report. AD: There was no report. PRINCIPAL REPORT: Principal Brownfield commented on the excellent Veteran's Day program and gave the One Act performance schedule. Mrs. Connell and Mrs. Brownfield attended a career readiness conference and received excellent information and a curriculum which will be utilized next semester. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Superintendent Sherwood reported that with the excellent support for the book fair the elementary would get \$378 in free books for the library. He welcomed the newly elected school board member, Trent Neal, who will be attending the new member workshop in December. McPherson County Schools has three speech students from last year pictured on the NSAA 2014-15 Speech manual cover. He talked about the AQuest system for teacher and principal accountability and shared information concerning a recent World Herald article on schools not meeting No Child Left Behind benchmarks. Blue Cross Blue Shield rates will raise 1.9% for the 2015-16 year. Mr. Sherwood shared a letter from NCSA stating the schools do fall under the state ruling for the state increase of minimum wage only when federal increases occur. He will be working on completion of the policy review, student data files, meeting goals for proficiency in math and reading, submit to NDE intent to use the Marzano system for teacher/principal accountability and Sycamore transcript issues. ACTION ITEMS: Negotiations was moved to later in the meeting. Arensdorf moved to recognize McPherson County Teacher Association to negotiate for the certified staff for 2016-17. Powers second. Voting: aye - Arensdorf, Powers, Seifer, Kemp, Ryland, Paxton. Nay - none. Motion carried. Powers moved to accept the resignation of Joe Sherwood and to thank him for his years of service. Ryland second. Voting: aye - Powers, Ryland, Kemp, Arensdorf, Paxton. Nay - Seifer. Motion carried. Powers moved to accept donations for a football scoreboard of \$4000 each from Rusty Moore in memory of Herschel and Nona Moore and from the Paxton family in memory of Ron Paxton. Seifer second. Voting: aye - Powers, Seifer, Arensdorf, Kemp, Ryland, Paxton. Nay - none. Motion carried. Kemp inquired of asking Nebraskaland Bank for a donation also. Superintendent Sherwood recommended the purchase of the 14' x 5' scoreboard with a free donor panel from Electro-Mech for the amount of \$6835 with installation costs of \$1300 plus additional outlets. Seifer moved to approve the recommendation. Powers second. Voting: aye - Seifer, Powers, Arensdorf, Kemp, Ryland, Paxton. Nay - none. Motion carried. Powers moved to approve the purchase of 12 boys and 12 girls track uniforms for \$1824. Kemp second. Voting: aye - Powers, Kemp, Ryland, Seifer, Arensdorf, Paxton. Nay - none. Motion carried. The Negotiations committee stated that their counter offer to the Teachers Association would be to increase base to \$32000, pay Blue Cross Blue Shield, create a 5% stipend for FBLA and leave the stipend for tech coordinator at 7%. Representatives for the association left to discuss. DISCUSSION ITEMS: No information has been received on the unit ventilators. Mr. Sherwood will have vendors come to present to the board. The board requested that the three companies who do superintendent searches come to visit with the board. Mrs. Brownfield will poll staff to select a date for a board/staff holiday appreciation dinner. The Teacher Association came back with an offer. A short recess was held for the Negotiations Committee and the association representatives to meet. The Negotiations Committee recommended the following: Increase base to \$32100, maintain paying BCBS with a \$1250 deductible, create a 5% FBLS stipend and leave the tech coordinator stipend at 7%. Voting: aye - Kemp, Paxton, Seifer, Ryland, Arensdorf, Powers. Nay - none. Motion carried. The feasibility of adding student transportation to the west part of the county was referred to the Transportation Committee for discussion. POLICY: Mrs. Brownfield and Powers will meet to review AR5560.1. Powers moved to approve the second reading of the 5000 policies with the exception of AR5560.1. Kemp second. Voting: aye - Powers, Kemp, Ryland, Seifer, Arensdorf, Paxton. Nay - none. Motion carried. Discussion was held concerning administrative assignments. Discussion was held on septic issues at the elementary, Policy 8325 and how and what needs to go on the agenda and researching those items. The next regular meeting will be December 11, 2014 at 7:30 pm CST. Seifer moved to adjourn the meeting. Arensdorf second. Voting: aye - Seifer, Arensdorf, Powers, Kemp, Ryland, Paxton. Nay - none. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm.

The following claims were approved for payment at this meeting:

Custer Public Power	1152.33
AT& T	281.98
Great Plains Communications	232.63
Excel Communications	11.46
PAYROLL	63848.80
MCHS Housing	1160.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue	2569.16
EFTPS	20957.02

Blue Cross Blue Shield.....	15963.70
Nebraska Retirement System.....	17965.60
Aflac.....	883.22
Culligan.....	125.03
Horace Mann.....	200.00
McPherson County Teacher Association.....	396.60
Dan Brost.....	545.08
ESU 16.....	9416.79
Julia Houser.....	281.89
RaLynn Starr.....	46.17
ECIS Inc.....	1851.20
Sawyer Manufacturing Company.....	3481.00
Kelley, Scritsmier & Byrne.....	60.00
CDWG.....	168.32
Amber Willard.....	90.00
JW Pepper.....	20.35
Kent Kittle.....	220.00
The Sports Shoppe.....	1053.00
PSAT/NMSQT.....	98.00
School Specialty.....	172.54
Eakes Office Solutions.....	348.51
Weathercraft.....	275.00
Westfield Floral.....	69.00
Rosenberg Insurance.....	42872.00
Kittle's Music.....	86.00
Lampo Group Inc.....	647.99
Nebraska Council on Economic Education.....	5.00
Morland Enterprises.....	90.00
Scholastic Inc.....	105.57
Menards.....	375.67
Huebners.....	169.75
MidAmerica Diesel.....	3639.73
Neal Oil & Auto Center.....	3272.38
Troyer Enterprises.....	5.00
McPherson County Improvement Club.....	9.00
Theresa Bryant.....	15.00
Dan Brost.....	291.20
Ward's Science.....	816.43
Boost Promotions.....	135.35
Lab-Aids.....	23.90
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.....	795.67
North Platte Do It Center.....	67.20
NAAE.....	350.17
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment.....	1157.60
Creative Printers.....	116.17
Grainger.....	245.45
Ideal Linen.....	282.88
Cengage Learning.....	40.00
Unisan.....	154.81
Troxell Communications.....	95.64
Will Coffman.....	435.71
Rusty Kemp.....	402.19
Jill McNutt.....	294.94
Wayne McNutt.....	117.31
Arlan Paxton.....	38.30
Jeremy Harris.....	16.76
Clint Pettit.....	4.79
Sheila Viter.....	5.59
Walmart.....	271.13
First Bankcard.....	1161.17

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MCHS Activity.....

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TOTAL NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES
204960.38

Signed Monica Powers, Secretary