

April School Board Meeting
April 13th, 2020

The Wheeler Central Board of Education regular meeting was held on April 13th, 2020. Chairman Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. She pointed out the location of the Open Meetings Poster. Members present were: Patrick, Wright, Freouf, Race, Derner, Pokorny, and Superintendent Olson. Absent: None. Others present were Jay Johnson, Paul Nordhues, Marcia Smith, Makayla Reiter, Shawna Schlenger. Pokorny made the motion to approve the April consent agenda and claims with the exception of adjusting the Koinzan Enterprise claim reflect a payment of \$8,254.10 for route expense, for a total claim amount of \$10,699.40, second by Race. Roll call: Patrick aye, Race aye, Wright aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Pokorny aye.

Patrick opened the meeting by welcoming visitors.

A.D. report by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson reported that the NSAA has provided notice that going into next fall, physical requirements for next year have changed. It was noted that physicals will be required for those students entering seventh grade or the freshmen class, while a physical from last year will be accepted for other students. Mr. Johnson noted that updated sports schedules for the 2020-2021 year were sent out to board members via email.

PreK-12 Principal/Superintendent report by Mr. Olson. Mr. Olson reported that faculty and staff are working through some remaining gaps provided by the difficulties of distance learning with their students, however things were going well. It was reported that administration would be trying to stick to the school schedule as closely as possible for the remainder of the year. Mr. Olson reported that meals will be dispersed twice a week beginning the current week through the end of July, which will be funded through the USDA. It was reported that students are doing well with course work, mid-term reports will be sent out this week. Lastly, Mr. Olson reminded that there would be a joint board meeting with Chambers through Zoom scheduled for tomorrow.

Board members. Board members wanted to express their appreciation for the staff working with students through these challenging times.

Maintenance Report. Mr. Olson noted that we have an abundance of labor right now in an effort to continue to allow staff to meet the needs of collecting a wage, therefore some summer projects have been put into motion early. Mr. Olson noted that employees who cannot work right now are receiving an average of their pay, however we are banking their hours for make-up next fall.

Transportation Report. No report given.

In old business, designation expenditure of Fay Blair Estate gift. Pokorny made the motion to put \$50,000 into special building fund for daycare expenditures, Wright seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Race aye, Wright aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Pokorny aye. Race made the motion to place \$260,000 with Nebraska Community Foundation into two annuities; one for \$200,000 and one for the remainder of dispersed amount, Pokorny seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Race aye, Wright aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Pokorny aye.

Review bids for teacherage electrical upgrades. Pokorny made the motion to accept the bid of approximately \$13,000 from RSR Electrical Contracting, LLC and to pay the final bill proceeds from the Fay Blair Estate, Wright seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Race aye, Wright aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Pokorny aye.

Review bid for the teacherage concrete work. Pokorny made the motion to accept the bid of \$8,056.90 from Nordhues Construction to be paid with dollars from the Fay Blair Estate, Race seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Race aye, Wright aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Pokorny aye.

In new business, hire Brianna Romshek as a daycare teacher for the Rule 11 daycare. Freouf made the motion to hire Brianna Romshek as a daycare teacher for the 2020-2021 school year, Wright seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Race aye, Wright aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Pokorny aye.

Superintendent's contract. Pokorny made the motion to offer a two-year superintendent contract, Wright seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Race aye, Wright aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Pokorny aye.

Offer classified contracts for 2020-21. Freouf made the motion to offer contracts to classified staff for the 2020-2021 with pay rates to be determined, Race seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Race aye, Wright aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Pokorny aye.

Discuss the district needs as they relate to Rule 10 requirements (instructional unites & Title I services) and the CWC cooperative. Discussion on what staff needs the district will have for the 2020-21 year in relation to possible new hires.

Pokorny made the motion to adjourn, Race seconded. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Next regular meeting will be May 11th, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.