April School Special Board Meeting

April 16th, 2021

The Wheeler Central Board of Education special meeting was held on April 16th, 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, Freouf, and Olson. Absent: None. Roll call: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Wright aye, Kasselder aye. Others present were Tyler Cox, Linda Peer, Linda Anson, Karen Pokorny, Jessi Swick.

Patrick opened the meeting by welcoming visitors.

Jessica Swick recited oath of office and was officially sworn onto the school board.

Kasselder made the motion to accept the special board meeting consent agenda, Freouf seconded. Roll call: Patrick aye, Wright aye, Kasselder aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Swick aye.

Discussion on the feasibility of student transportation. Mr. Olson presented to the Board information about used buses available for purchase by the district. Tyler Cox from Nebraska Central Equipment presented information to the Board about the leasing of buses. Details regarding DOT inspection were discussed. Nebraska Central Equipment does provide that service for an additional fee. General maintenance for buses leased from NCE are the responsibility of the school. NCE does provide replacement bus if one is down for maintenance.

NCE will authorize local mechanics to perform warranty week.

Kasselder made the motion to discontinue the district’s current contract with Mid States Bus Service, Derner seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Wright aye, Kasselder aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Swick aye.

Kasselder made the motion to give Superintendent Olson the authority to lease six buses and/or vans for an amount of up to $80,000, Swick seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Wright aye, Kasselder aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Swick aye.

Discussion regarding school cafeteria. Mr. Olson will begin collecting bids for cafeteria renovation due to issues noted during state inspection.

Wright made the motion to enter into executive session to protect personal and identifiable information, Derner seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Wright aye, Kasselder aye, Derner aye, Freouf aye, Swick aye. Executive session was entered at 8:56 pm.

Kasselder made the motion to exit executive session, Swick seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Derner aye, Freouf absent, Wright aye, Kasselder aye. Executive session was exited at 9:32 pm.

Kasselder made the motion to adjourn, Derner seconded. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m. Next regular meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.