

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Red Willow School District #73-0017
McCook Public Schools
6:30 PM Monday, February 13, 2023
Junior High Conference Room
800 West 7th St
McCook, NE 69001

1. Call to Order

1.1. Roll Call Motion to excuse Teresa Thomas Passed with a motion by Brad Hays and a second by Tom Bredvick.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie

McPherson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Attendance Taken at at 6:30 PM

Agenda Item: Roll Call

Comments: Teresa Thomas is Sick

Regular Board

Scott Barger

Tom Bredvick

Brad Hays

Mike Langan

Charlie McPherson

Regular Board

Teresa

Thomas

1.2. Recognition of Open Meeting Law

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Reports, Communications & Public Participation

2.1. Board accepts public comments

There were no public comments

2.2. Student board member report

Sami Rodewald reported to the board. Winter sports are wrapping up. We had 3 boys and 2 girls qualify for the state wrestling tournament. State Wrestling/Cheer and Dance are all this coming weekend. State swimming and diving is the following weekend. Basketball sub districts are upon us as well. The bison days were last week, and were very enjoyable. FFA week is next week Feb 20-24th, 2023.

3. Approve the consent agenda, which includes the minutes and financials

3.1. Approval of Expenditures/Payroll for January 2023 I move to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes, and financials Passed with a motion by Charlie McPherson and a second by Mike Langan.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie

McPherson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

4. Reports from Staff Members and Committees

5. Administrator's written reports: Please review prior to the board meeting

6. Superintendent's comments:

Annual Report

Presentation of the Annual Report to the Board of Education. The topics that will be covered in the presentation:

- School Improvement
- State assessments scores
- Locally developed criterion-referenced test scores
- District demographic information
- District expenditures and receipts report
- Perceptual data review (surveys)
- Concerns and successes

School Improvement Meeting Highlights

- Vision statement work is progressing. We should have one selected at the next meeting.
- We reviewed parent survey results. The quantitative data was very positive.
- Building level leaders will share quantitative and qualitative data to staff for review and for the creation of building level action plans to address any concerns from the survey data.
- Development of a teacher reflection survey focusing on teacher collaboration is to be developed and shared with staff
- Due to the nature of our school improvement goal, we will be developing a survey for staff to take to collect needed information.
- Next meeting is March 16

Staff Development

We are planning on sending a team of approximately 9 teachers to Cheyenne, Wyoming next year for the PLCs at Work training. The training will take place next October. This training is intensive, and it focuses on curriculum development, assessment, intervention, and collaboration.

School Calendar

Presentation of the 2023-2024 school calendar (draft) - This will be an action item on the March school board agenda.

Textbook Adoption

Mr. Bednar is working with teachers across the district on the textbook and/or material adoption process. This year's material adoption process is focused on science. One of the discussions taking place concerns the use of open educational resources in place of and/or in addition to textbooks.

Curriculum Days

Teachers in each building across the district are working in small teams to review and revise core area curriculum. This work is done on Wednesdays.

7. Business Manager comments

Monthly Business Manager Board of Education Report

January 2023

Monthly Lunch #'s = 14,391 Meals served

Financial #'s = After 42%% of the fiscal year = General Fund YTD Revenue is 43%% YTD

Expense is 42%

Projects - Update

Track work

Waiting for the weather to clear.

JH HVAC

Waiting for ordered parts and equipment for the heat exchange unit is \$65,000. Waiting for 2 new pumps is \$8,030. Waiting for new heating coils is \$11,500.

HVAC

3 units that sustained damage from the cold have been ordered at SH. \$22,138

Tennis/Track Concessions

We have arranged work with the following subcontractors: JL Construction, Weathercraft, Heads-up Sprinklers.

Upcoming Projects

2021-2021 RFP's

Central Roof Bib in new business

Audits

23-24 bid included in new business

7.1. Wellness Report

Jeff Gross and Scott Barger recapped the meeting with the following notes.

The wellness plan in place is working and during full review a few items were noted for improvement and future goals. #1 Wellness newsletters sent to parents and students. #2 Home and community education of nutrition and physical education activities.

Lunch menus need to be more readily available to students and parents, and changes to the menu need to be sent. Monthly menus change a lot. We understand with food supply changes, that it has to happen, but we should be able to know a correct weekly menu and send out via email to parents. Oppa newsletters would be good if sent and sent in a timely manner.

The menu sometimes lacks creativity: chicken nuggets, chicken sandwich, popcorn chicken and pizza. If we know kids won't eat it, why have it as a menu item? For example, they eat cold broccoli, but won't eat cooked broccoli. Why do we serve it cooked, when it just gets thrown away. Fruits and vegetables are readily available and grab and go breakfast is a big hit. Kids love the salads and are disappointed when they are not available.

Food portions seem to be OK. Central has improved in this area, other schools seem to be serving appropriate amounts.

The food quality is good. no complaints or suggestions.

Ala cart seems to be OK. New fresh ideas and options at high school are desired. Parfaits, breakfast sandwiches, breakfast pizza were suggestions.

8. Board Member comments

Board committee assignments (Attached)
There were no board member comments

9. New Business

9.1. Approve resignations. I recommend to accept the resignation of Chelsey Jonte. Passed with a motion by Brad Hays and a second by Mike Langan.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.2. Review KSO audit proposal

The new proposal from KSO was presented and discussed. The preference is to stay with KSO. Mr. Gross has been instructed to review what other school districts are experiencing for cost analysis.

9.3. Approve bid from Tillotson for Central Elementary roofing project. I move to approve a bid from Tillotson Roofing of Kearney, NE to refurbish and recoat Central Elementary School roof for the price of \$161,100.00 . Passed with a motion by Mike Langan and a second by Tom Bredvick.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.4. Approve the teacher evaluation tool.

This evaluation tool will be used starting with the 2023-2024 school year. For the tool to be used, it must be approved by the McCook Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education.

A minor change was made to our current evaluation tool, and that change is highlighted in yellow in the document we attached to the Sparq electronic packet. I move to approve the teacher evaluation tool. Passed with a motion by Tom Bredvick and a second by Scott Barger.

Scott Barger: Yea, Tom Bredvick: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

10. Positive Comments

Samantha Rodewald, Bison Days, was very impressed with the vendors and their generosity to all the students and classes.

Scott Barger, Very impressed with the course offerings at Bison Days, and Thanked Mrs. Jennings for all the work with the JH math program.

Tom Bredvick, Bison Days partners with MCFF and several donors within the community. Appreciates Mr. Norgaard annual report.

Mike Langan, commented that Bison days were an awesome experience for the students. Thanks for all the community and staff efforts. Congratulations to the winter sports teams.

Charlie McPherson was very appreciative of the precautions for today's incident with the work ethic cmp. Thank you for keeping the kids safe.

Jeff Gross reminded everyone that tomorrow is Valentine's day, and thanked all the spouses and significant others of all the school employees for sharing the time and talents of their loved ones.

Brad Hays, Bison days was fantastic and commented on the senior boy girls dance at color days.

Grant Norgaard, thanked Mr. Borland for his help in providing a document showcasing MPS talents and promotion for the teacher recruiting fairs.

11. Adjournment

adjourned @ 8:30 pm.

12. Items for Review