

WEST HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #239
ATKINSON, NEBRASKA
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, April 13, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of West Holt Public Schools, District #239, was held on Monday, April 13, 2020, in the Lecture Hall and via Zoom meeting as per notification. Meeting opened at 8:04 p.m. by President Jelinek. A complete copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted inside the meeting room and was available online via the meeting notification, and a copy of all materials provided to the board was made available to the public in a folder and was displayed on screen during the meeting.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on the West Holt Public School's website on March 10, 2020, and updated on April 7, 2020, and in the *Atkinson Graphic* on April 2, 2020, and updated on April 9, 2020, as shown by the Affidavit of Publications attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously sent to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice as is the notice to the members of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public. The agenda for the meeting is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Kelly Jelinek, Susan Judge, Brian Mlady, Nick Konrad, Scott Gotschall (via Zoom), and Mike Fredrick (via Zoom). Also present were Paul Pistulka, Michelle Laetsch, Holly Oligmueller, Kyle Hipke, James Olson, and the following via Zoom: Kevin Young, Tracy Larson, Laurie Lieswald, Steve Neptune, and Katie Olson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors were recognized and any visitors not on the agenda wishing to address the board were invited to do so at this time. Guests spoke on their opinions of the future of Union School Attendance Center.

Moved by Mrs. Judge, seconded by Mr. Gotschall to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020, regular meeting and the March 18, 2020, special meeting as printed. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Mlady, seconded by Mr. Jelinek to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$58,649.07. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mr. Gotschall to approve the Building Fund bills in the amount of \$26,251.10. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mr. Young gave the junior/senior high principal/AD reports to include alternative graduation/honors night plans and remote learning student involvement.

Mrs. Larson gave the elementary principal/curriculum reports to include remote learning, assessment update, and spring parent/teacher conference attendance.

Mr. Pistulka gave the superintendent report to include finances, valuation changes, interviews/personnel, buildings/grounds, cancellations, graduation/related COVID-19 matters, future

class rank considerations, and a review of agenda action items.

Discussion was held on the track replacement project timeline and replacement of the west drive to the school.

Moved by Mr. Fredrick, seconded by Mr. Konrad to approve hiring Cary Gotschall as Elementary Teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. Gotschall abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gotschall, seconded by Mr. Mlady to approve hiring Deb Ecklund as a paraprofessional. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mrs. Judge to approve the resolution for Grades, Graduation, Curriculum, and Related Matters as read. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Judge, seconded by Mr. Mlady to approve a salary increase of 3% for classified staff as presented. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. Fredrick abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Konrad, seconded by Mr. Jelinek to approve the 2020-21 requisitions in the estimated amount of \$145,000.00. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mr. Gotschall to close the Union School Attendance Center effective June 1, 2020. The closure shall be permanent. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Mlady to amend the original motion to be that the closure shall be indefinite. The amendment died due to lack of a second.

After further discussion the original motion, to close the Union School Attendance Center effective June 1, 2020. The closure shall be permanent, was considered. Roll call vote: 4 ayes (Jelinek, Judge, Konrad, Gotschall), 2 nays (Mlady, Fredrick). Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gotschall, seconded by Mr. Fredrick to suspend the progress of the track replacement project to be bid in the winter of the 2020-21 school year and completed in the summer of 2021. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Judge, seconded by Mr. Mlady to approve the purchase of new computers from Apple, Inc. for a price of \$38,950.00 to be paid from the remainder of REAP funds, then from the General Fund. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Mlady, seconded by Mr. Jelinek to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 11, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

Brian Mlady, Secretary