

WEST HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DISTRICT #239  
ATKINSON, NEBRASKA  
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
**Monday, May 8, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of West Holt Public Schools, District #239, was held on Monday, May 8, 2017, in the Board Meeting Room. 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 a copy of all materials provided to the board was made available to the public in a folder.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the *Atkinson Graphic* on April 27, 2017, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication 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, Mike Fredrick, Brian Mlady, and Scott Gotschall. Cathy Pacha was absent. Also present were Paul Pistulka, Kevin Young, Michelle Laetsch, and Laurie Lieswald.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Mr. Gotschall, seconded by Mr. Mlady to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017, meeting as printed. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gotschall, seconded by Mrs. Judge to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$64,146.73. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

Visitors were recognized and any visitors not on the agenda wishing to address the board were invited to do so at this time.

Mr. Jelinek read three thank you correspondence.

Mr. Young gave the junior/senior high principal/AD reports to include graduation, activities update, planned MAPS testing, recent ACT testing, planned life skills/community service day, and recent Curt Tomasevicz assembly.

Mr. Pistulka gave the elementary principal/curriculum reports to include completion of NeSA testing, MTSS review, and field trips.

Mr. Pistulka gave the superintendent report to include bills/finances, personnel/interviews, Clover Cove repair costs, buildings/grounds, Beef in Schools program, professional development plan, parliamentary procedures, board member insurance, year-end social, upcoming Open Meetings workshop, snack milk, and a review of agenda action items.

Discussion items included Stuart wrestling proposal, Clover Cove repairs, walk-in refrigerator/freezer, and gym floors.

Moved by Mrs. Judge, seconded by Mr. Gotschall to approve hiring Holly Kaelin as Elementary Teacher for the 2017-18 school year, pending her being released from contract at Lynch Public Schools. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Mlady, seconded by Mr. Fredrick to approve hiring Tiffany Gotschall as Elementary Secretary. Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, Gotschall abstained, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Fredrick, seconded by Mr. Mlady to approve hiring Ken Jensen as Custodian. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Judge, seconded by Mr. Fredrick to approve the purchase of technology needs of the district as presented. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gotschall, seconded by Mr. Mlady to approve extending Mrs. Jackie Meyer's contract through the 2017-18 school year at an estimated cost of \$9,000.00. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mr. Gotschall to approve the purchase of Wonders as the reading series for grades K-6 for a price of \$48,519.51. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mrs. Judge to allow the buildings and grounds committee to approve a quote on the walk-in refrigerator/freezer project, not to exceed \$40,000.00. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Mlady, seconded by Mr. Gotschall to approve extending Lunchtime Solutions contract for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Fredrick, seconded by Mr. Jelinek to approve Randy Bilstein and Nick Konrad as West Holt Foundation board members. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jelinek, seconded by Mr. Mlady to approve construction of south press box project to be funded through the West Holt Public Schools Foundation at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00, not including electrical/PA wiring, with Roger Brink as project manager. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

The following students were recognized for their recent accomplishments:

*State FFA:*

New State President – Jake Judge

Floriculture – champion team of Mason Hale, Emily Burk, Caitlin Butterfield, Megan Bilstein

Natural Resources – champion team of Eddie Fredrick, Brandon Heller, Theo Stenka, Colby Deseive

Nursery & Landscape – runner-up team of Emma Laible, Seth Wentworth, Bailey Kraus, Brent Lemmer

Agriscience Fair – winning teams of Cole Laible/Casey Coburn and Martin Wentworth/Ben Slaymaker

Proficiency Awards – Jake Judge, Cole Laible, Seth Wentworth

*Track* – boys' junior high/high school teams won NVC meet and girls finished 4<sup>th</sup>

*Boys' Golf* – won NVC meet; won West Holt invitational by ten strokes with Mason Hale as individual winner

*District Music* – all receiving a One rating: vocal solos of Anna Meyer, Chase Harrison, Kyla Wallinger; flute solo of Jocelyn Hamilton; vocal duet of Gabby Wright/Marissa Pacha; vocal trio of Leighton Mlady/Peyton Randolph/Lindee Wentworth; women’s ensemble.

Moved by Mr. Gotschall, seconded by Mr. Jelinek to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. Roll call vote. 5 ayes, 0 nays, Pacha absent. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 12, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

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**Mike Fredrick, Secretary**