

**Sublette USD #374
Official Minutes**

The Sublette Unified School District No. 374 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 8, 2010 in the boardroom at the Administrative Office at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

R.W. Lucas	Jeremy Patterson	Jay Meyer	Russ Branden
Dave Holloway	Dr. Bill Hessman	Joan Menzie	

Others Present:

Rex Bruce, Superintendent; Lynn Myers, Clerk; Cesar Peña, Middle School/High School principal; Connie Myers, Elementary School principal and Risa Stevens, Curriculum Director.

Guests:

Mike Stevens, Bob Lamborn, Remington Orth, Cheyenne Martin, Myra Torres, Becki Preedy, Tate Weidner, James Unruh, Hayri Gecim and Parker Kelling.

Item #1 Call Meeting to Order /Approve Agenda

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Holloway moved, seconded by Mrs. Menzie, to approve the agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #2 Approve Minutes

Mr. Meyer moved, seconded by Dr. Hessman, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2010 regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #3 Approve Bills and Authorize Payment

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Branden and Mrs. Menzie reviewed Purchase Orders and supporting documents presented for payment. Mr. Branden moved, seconded by Mrs. Menzie, to approve the bills as listed on the List of Warrants dated 02/26/10 and authorize payment. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #4 Approve Transfers

Mr. Patterson moved, seconded by Mr. Holloway, to approve the following budget transfers: \$77,731.18 from general fund to At Risk; \$5,809.27 from general fund to 4-Year-Old at Risk, \$1,888.19 from supplemental general fund to Daycare; \$19,736.41 from general fund to Bilingual and \$3,534.00 from supplemental general to Professional Development. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #5 Audit Report

Mr. Roger Duncan presented the audit report for the school year ended June 30, 2009. Mr. Branden moved, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to accept the audit reported as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

REPORTS

Sublette School Foundation

Mr. Mike Stevens gave the Sublette School Foundation report.

Curriculum

Mrs. Stevens reported that the CCC and Mr. Bruce approved the long range plan to view text books and make selections every 7 years instead of 5. She also informed the Board that the CCC has appointed an evaluation team to examine the Curriculum Coordinating Committee By-Laws. They will assess the current policies and report any recommend changes to the CCC for their approval.

Principals

Mrs. Myers reported the Elementary School had completed the State Reading Assessment. Reading Scores were up 4%, and 60% of the students were either exceeds standards or “exemplary” on the assessment. Mrs. Myers stated that the results were a team effort of all Elementary School employees.

Mrs. Myers informed the Board that Mrs. Mary Meyers’ students had taken 8 projects (4th, 5th and 6th Grade) to the Science Fair in Liberal on Saturday March 6, 2010. They received 3 gold medals and 3 silver medals. Olivia Clancy and Carey Fankhouser qualified for state in Wichita March 26 and 27, 2010.

Mr. Peña reported the 11th grade Math Assessment will start on March 9, 2010. He also reported that a committee of teachers are working on the schedule for next year. It will have a period at the end of the day for teacher collaboration, homework and class/activity meetings.

Mr. Peña informed the Board that Royce Williams participated in the State Wrestling Competition. He also report that Mrs. Mary Meyers’ Science Olympiad Team of Peter Boschman and Jayden Garetson qualified for state competition.

SWPRSC/HPEC

Mr. Meyer gave the SWPRSC report and Mr. Lucas gave the HPEC report.

Superintendent:

Mr. Bruce informed the Board the KASB Spring Regional will be April 20, 2010 at Montezuma. He also discussed at length the problems with the wind generator. A committee of Mr. Bruce, Mr. Moore, Mr. Holloway and Mrs. Menzie will meet with current company and the company that provides maintenance on the wind generators at Montezuma.

Item #6 Rec Center Baseball Field Lighting

Mr. Bob Lamborn asked the Board to allow the Recreation Commission to enter into a lease/purchase agreement to replace the lights at the fairgrounds baseball field. The total cost of the project is \$142,000. The amount of lease/purchase agreement is not to exceed \$92,000.

Mr. Branden moved, seconded by Mrs. Menzie, to allow the Recreation Commission to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing new lights for the fairgrounds baseball field, with no financial liability for USD 374. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Branden moved, seconded by Mrs. Menzie, to pay the Recreation Commission \$30,000 to assist with purchase of the lighting as compensation for the district's use of the baseball field and facilities. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #7 School Calendars

Mr. Patterson moved, seconded by Mr. Meyer, to approve the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 school calendars with tentative dates for the Middle School/High School parent/teacher conferences. The motion carried 7-0.

The President declared a 10 minute recess.

Item #8 Executive Session Negotiations

Mr. Meyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Menzie, to go into executive session to discuss negotiations, to include Mr. Bruce in executive session, and to reconvene to open session in the boardroom at 8:35 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:35 p.m.

Item #9 Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel

Mr. Meyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Menzie, to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, in order to protect the privacy interest of an identifiable individual(s), to include Mr. Bruce in executive session, and to reconvene to open session in the boardroom at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Bruce left the executive session at 8:43 p.m.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Meyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Menzie, to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, in order to protect the privacy interest of an identifiable individual(s), to include Mr. Bruce in executive session, and to reconvene to open session in the boardroom at 8:50 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:51 p.m.

Item #10 Resignation

Mrs. Menzie moved, seconded by Dr. Hessman, to accept the resignation of Jonathan Ornelas as ESL Para at the High School effective May 19, 2010. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #11 Administrative Contracts

Mr. Patterson moved, seconded by Mr. Holloway, to extend the contract of Mr. Rex Bruce, Superintendent, by one year to June 30, 2013. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Branden moved, seconded by Mr. Meyer, to extend the contract of Mrs. Connie Myers, Elementary Principal, by one year to June 30, 2012. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Patterson moved, seconded by Mrs. Menzie, to extend the contract of Mr. Cesar Peña, Middle School/High School Principal, by one year to June 30, 2012. The motion carried 7-0.

Item #12 Goal Setting

Mr. Bruce gave the Board handouts of the goals they set at their last goal setting session and survey of sample questions.

The following goals were discussed:

- Work on community outreach and disseminating positive information about our schools
- Give the Elementary and MS/HS Site Councils direction
- Consider a monthly newsletter
- Stress the importance of school attendance
- Inform the public of the standards set the federal and state governments

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. Hessman to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

NOTE: These minutes are not considered official until approved by the Board at its next regular meeting.