

Red Cloud Community Schools
Board Minutes

The Red Cloud Community Schools Board of Education held their regular monthly board meeting on Monday, February 20, 2023 in the Conference Room at the Red Cloud High School. Vice President Horne called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. with members Hobbs, Horne, Ord, Peterson and VanWey answering roll. Armstrong was absent.

Hobbs moved to excuse Jeff Armstrong from the meeting. Peterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Amy Dallman, Elementary Principal, reported that Zanthony Gomez was the 4th grade winner at the Webster County Spelling Bee which was held at Red Cloud. On January 23rd, ESU #9 staff completed training with the K-12 teachers and staff on Curriculum Alignment and the administrators held a meeting on potential staffing for the 2023-24 school year. Parent-Teacher conferences were held on January 26th with 94% of the students having a parent attend their conference. The Elementary Quiz Bowl team attended the area quiz bowl held by ESU #9 in Hastings and completed their season of competition. Mrs. Dallman attended Assessment/Aquest Training on February 13th where they discussed the progress being made on NSCAS Tests used for measuring growth of the students. School was not in session on February 16th due to a snow day. Upcoming events will include National FFA Week with Dress Up Days and TeamMates will be holding their annual Sweet Talents evening.

Jason Heldt, Secondary Principal, reported that the junior high and high school Quiz Bowl Teams have been competing and recently attended the ESU #9 sponsored Quiz Bowl in Hastings with the junior high team placing 7th out of 25 teams; noted that Red Cloud hosted the Webster County Spelling Bee; and a staff In-service was held with the ESU #9 professional development staff working on Curriculum Alignment with K-12 staff. The FFA students recently attended LDE's with the team who presented "How to Tattoo a Rabbit" placing 1st and qualifying for State, Ben Ely and Brooks Armstrong recently attended State Degree Interviews; and Parent-Teacher Conferences were held with around 40% attendance. The basketball teams participated in the Twin Valley Conference basketball tourney which was held at Hastings College with the boys placing 3rd and the girls 5th. The Wrestlers have been busy attending the TVC meet, Warcat meet and District Wrestling at Mitchell. There were no state qualifiers this year. The junior high boys basketball team completed their season with an 8-1 record losing only to Alma. The girls basketball team competed in Sub-districts making it to the second round but losing to St. Cecilia. The speech team will travel to Deshler on Wednesday to attend the Conference Speech Contest. Mrs. Schroer held Mock Interviews with the Sophomore Class, and the RiseUp Leadership Group sold valentine cookies for Valentine's Day with many cookies being purchased. Larasha, ESU #9 Instructional Coach will be spending the day at Red Cloud on March 2nd to give staff ideas on managing their classrooms, instruction and scheduling. Mrs. Schroer and Mrs. Burgess attended the CTE Conference for Perkins Funding and have requested a couple of cameras and a glow forge with Red Cloud's funding. Mr. Heldt reported to the Board on Caden Trew who was able to graduate at Semester and recently started his Basic Training with the Marines. He will return for graduation in May and then will report to his Duty Station. Upcoming events include National FFA Week, Boys District Basketball, TVC Speech, District Speech and an upcoming Opera House performance that 7-12 will attend.

Superintendent Hof noted that he had visited with some concerned parents of junior high students and that he had reported back to Mr. Heldt, who is working on these concerns. He read a

letter of resignation from Cathy Ostrander, Business Office Manager, who will be retiring at the end of this fiscal year.

Ord moved to approve the agenda. Horne seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Horne moved to approve the minutes form the January 16, 2023 board meeting as presented. Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Hobbs moved to approve the District 2 and Special Building Fund claims. Peterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Hobbs moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Ord seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Jeff Ord, Policy Committee Chair, reported that the policy committee has met and are working on possible changes to the busy activity schedule to provide more time for students to spend on academics and with family.

Ben Hobbs, Facilities Committee Chair, reported that the committee has completed a walk-through of the two buildings. Observations included the deck remodel in the old boiler room at the high school for storage, work on the windows and doors is nearing completion, installation of the science lab tables completed, new building is on the ground waiting on the weather so concrete work can be completed and he noted that they have discussed remodeling of the bathrooms on the 3rd floor of the high school and those on the north end of the elementary.

VanWey moved to approve renewal of membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards for the 2023-24 school year. Horne seconded the motion. For—Hobbs, Horne, Ord, VanWey; Against-Peterson. Motion carried 4-1.

Horne moved to approve the 2023-24 school calendar as presented. Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Under discussion, Mrs. Peterson asked if we could establish a set date and time for board meetings.

The next regular monthly board meeting has been set for Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the library at Red Cloud Elementary. There being no further business, Mr. Horne declared the meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Cathy Ostrander
Recording Secretary

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