

Red Cloud Community Schools
Board Minutes

The Red Cloud Community Schools Board of Education held their regular monthly board meeting on Monday, January 17, 2024 in the Conference Room at the Red Cloud High School. President Armstrong called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. with members Armstrong, Hobbs, Horne, Mahin, Peterson and VanWey answering roll.

January is the month for reorganizing the board and appointing committee members. Horne moved to retain the present officers (President, Jeff Armstrong; Vice President, Val Horne; Secretary, Lisa Mahin; and Treasurer, Ben Hobbs) and current committees. Peterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Mrs. Dallman, Elementary Principal, reported that staff returned from the break on January 3rd for a work day, Suicide Awareness Training and a staff potluck. Students returned on January 4th. She noted that Acadience and NSCAS Growth Testing has been completed and followed up with a Data Analysis Day for the teachers. January 24th will be a teacher work day with smart board training, google, electrify lessons and restorative practices. The Webster County Spelling Bee will be held this Wednesday at Blue Hill and the 100th Day of School will be celebrated on Thursday.

Mr. Heldt, Secondary Principal, also reported on the return to school after the break with teachers returning on January 3rd and students on January 4th. He noted that the Cheerleaders held Cheer Camp for the elementary students with their performance held at the Harvard Basketball game. Junior High boys' basketball is underway with 18 boys on the team. They participated in a tourney at Silver Lake over the weekend taking 1st place. He noted that Jr.-Sr. High Students have been MAPs Testing and that JH Math still needs completed. He recognized the speech team of Makayla Kennedy, Grace Zimmerman, Mariah McDole, Isabel McCutcheon and their sponsor, Mrs. McDole. They attended the speech meet at Doniphan-Trumbull over the weekend. Grace placed 1st in Novice Poetry, Makayla placed 3rd in Novice Persuasive and Mariah & Isabel placed 3rd in Novice Duet Acting. Congratulations! Jared's Auto along with some additional donors donated a Video Board to the school. Mr. Brumbaugh and the Construction Class have the board up on the wall and it is ready to be wired. The FFA Degree Ceremony will be held this Thursday at 6:30 pm, Teacher In-Service will be held on January 24th, TVC tournaments for basketball and wrestling will be coming up the end of the month and beginning of February; and the WarCat Wrestling Invite is Saturday, January 29th.

Hobbs moved to approve the agenda. Mahin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Horne moved to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021 regular board meeting. VanWey seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Horne moved to approve payment of the District 2 claims. Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Armstrong moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Horne seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Ben Hobbs, Chairman of the Facilities Committee, reported that the committee had completed a walk-through of the two buildings. Some priorities on their list are the doors to the playground and main entrance of the elementary building, the Walk-In Cooler, countertops in some of the classrooms and removal of old registers as time permits. At the high school priorities will be moving of the Yellow metal building to the elementary, science room updates and windows & doors.

Lisa Mahin, Chairman of the Policy Committee, reported that they had met with Mr. Hof and Mrs. Burgess regarding the Bullying and Behavioral Policies and will continue to look into updating these policies to meet the needs of the students.

Val Horne, Transportation Chairman, reported that it is time to renew the bussing contract with Olson Enterprises and that Mr. Olson would be working on the contract for their review.

Board Communications included some Thank You notes from staff for the Chamber Bucks.

Mahin moved to approve expenses for attendance at 2022 Conferences for board members. Peterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

The board discussed renewal of Principal Contracts noting that it is not necessary to renew contracts each year once the principals are tenured. Peterson moved to discontinue this action item in the future for Tenured Principals. Armstrong seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Horne moved to approve Cindy Volkmer from the KSB (Kelley, Scritsmier & Byrne) Law Firm out of North Platte as our school attorney of record. Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Hobbs moved to retire to closed session at 12:41 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the Superintendent Evaluation with Mr. Hof and the board. Peterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Horne moved to reconvene in open session at 1:38 p.m. following the Superintendent Evaluation review. Mahin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. President Armstrong reported that Mr. Hof's evaluation has been completed for the 2021-22 school year and he has met all district expectations.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2022 at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room at Red Cloud High School. There being no further business, Mr. Armstrong declared the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Cathy Ostrander
Recording Secretary

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