

Red Cloud Community Schools  
Board Minutes

The Red Cloud Community Schools Board of Education held their regular monthly board meeting on Monday, January 16, 2023 in the Library at the Red Cloud Elementary School. President Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. At this time Mr. Hof swore in the three newly elected members of the board, Jeff Armstrong, Ben Hobbs and Jeff Ord. Mr. Armstrong took roll with members Armstrong, Hobbs, Horne, Ord, Peterson and VanWey answering roll.

Election of Officers was held with Horne moving to retain the present officers (President--Armstrong, Vice-President--Horne, and Treasurer--Hobbs) with the exception of the Secretary. Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Armstrong nominated Liz VanWey to fill the office of Secretary. Ord seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Armstrong moved to retain the same committee members as last year replacing Lisa Mahin's positions with Jeff Ord. Horne seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Jason Heldt, Secondary Principal, reported that 1st Semester was completed prior to Winter Break and the Sports Moratorium. The basketball teams played in the Holiday Tournament at Silver Lake with both teams placing 3rd. Teachers reported back to school on January 3rd for a work day with 2nd semester starting on January 4th with the students returning. The Junior High Boys Basketball season is underway and the team beat Shelton this evening. Mr. Heldt attended a recent district Athletic Director zoom meeting. The speech team is in action having attended the meet at Adams Central and the upcoming Doniphan-Trumbull meet. The Booster Club recently purchased some mats/rugs for the school buildings, a table cloth and a screen backdrop. Bryce Slaby, who attended school at Red Cloud from 1959-1961, contacted Mr. Heldt regarding the donation of some shop equipment to the school. He recently delivered the items and gave a presentation to the high school students. Upcoming activities include the TVC Basketball tourneys, the Warcat Wrestling invite the last Saturday in January followed by a Youth Wrestling Tourney on that Sunday, FFA Degree Ceremony, Teacher In-Service and Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Amy Dallman, Elementary Principal, reported that the elementary staff held a workday on December 21st along with an in-house Special Education meeting. Data Analysis was held on January 3rd to review each student's results from the Acadience and MAPS testing held prior to break. Second semester started with the students returning on January 4th. Upcoming activities include the County Spelling Bee to be held on January 19th at Red Cloud High School, ESU #9 training on January 23rd for curriculum alignment to the Standards, Parent-Teacher conferences on January 26th with students being dismissed at 1:00 p.m. and conferences beginning at 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Hof reported that the Legislative Session has started. He noted that starting Thursday, Senator Murman will be meeting bi-weekly with administrators to update them on bills regarding schools.

Mr. Hof asked for a closed session to discuss personnel. Armstrong moved to retire to closed session at 6:21 p.m. to discuss personnel. Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

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Horne moved to reconvene in open session at 6:28 p.m. VanWey seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

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

VanWey moved to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2022 board meeting as presented. Peterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

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

Under Committee reports Mr. Armstrong noted that the movement of the Metal Building and use of it for wrestling until the new building is built has been a great repurposing of the building and it will make a very nice maintenance building. Mr. Hof noted that the new door has been installed in the Welding Shop. Progress on the new building is waiting on some nicer weather for pouring concrete. Also talked about the water line and drainage in the parking lot. He reported that the Science Room Labs have been replaced and waiting on parts to connect the water and gas.

Board communications included some staff thank-you's for the Chamber Bucks. Mr. Hof reported that he had been contacted by Rock Hills School in Kansas for the offer of help after the passing of a student and the Principal from Giltner regarding an incident that happened at the basketball game on Saturday.

Horne moved to approve the 2nd reading of Board Policy, Section 1000-Community/Educational Agency Relations and adopt said policy. Armstrong seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Armstrong moved to approve expenses for attendance of board members at 2023 conferences. Horne seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Armstrong moved to table action on the 2023-24 school calendar until next month. VanWey seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Discussion items included the possibility of bringing back information on alumni accomplishments since high school to share with the board monthly, and parking for the local press at activities at the high school.

The next regular monthly board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in the conference room at the high school. There being no further business, Mr. Armstrong declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Cathy Ostrander  
Recording Secretary

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