

Red Cloud Community Schools
Board Minutes

The Red Cloud Community Schools Board of Education held their regular monthly board meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023 in the Library at Red Cloud Elementary. President Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with members Armstrong, Hobbs, Horne, Ord, Peterson and VanWey answering roll.

Amy Dallman, Elementary Principal, reported that she attended a recent NSCAS Training given by the Department of Education and that the elementary will begin testing in April, attended the monthly SPED webinar and attended a Zoom meeting on Chronic Absenteeism. She noted that the administration had met with ESU #9 to work on planning for the 2023-24 school year and that there had been a Preschool Parent meeting recently. Upcoming activities include the Science Fair on March 23 and Kindergarten Roundup preceded by a Title I Meeting on April 13th.

Jason Heldt, Secondary Principal, reported that the 7th Grade participated in the District History contest at Hastings College and approximately 7 students qualified for the State contest in Lincoln, Winter Sports have come to a finish with the Boys Basketball team losing to Shelton in sub-districts, Mariah McDole and Isabel McCutcheon attended TVC Speech Contest placing 2nd and 4th respectively in their divisions, FFA Week was put on by Mrs. Steinkruger and the FFA students to help promote the FFA program, FFA students attended District CDE's with 15 students qualifying for state competition and two receiving state degrees--Ben Ely and Brooks Armstrong; the high school & junior high quiz bowl teams have been attending meets with the junior high team taking home 1st place at the Lawrence-Nelson meet. The high school team will be attending the TVC meet. 7-12 students attended a performance at the Opera House by Animal Engine Group that chronicled some of the stories of Willa Cather and the members of the group worked with Mrs. McDole and the One-Act students following the performance. Teammates Sweet Talents was held with Art projects on display and Speech and One-Act performances to entertain the audience. The Juniors & Seniors recently attended Cadaver Day at Cloud County and toured the campus; Cheer & Dance tryouts are being completed for the 2023-24 school year; Actions Day was held at CCC with around 13 students attending. The Art students visited the Opera House to view the traveling art display in the gallery. The Track and Golf seasons are underway with there being 19 high school and 19 junior high students out for Track and 13 students out for Golf. He noted that a planning meeting had been held with ESU 9 to plan in-services for next year. The Instructional Coach from ESU #9 came down to work with the High School staff on strategies in their classrooms and will be coming back on March 27th to work with the teachers on consistency across the board. The Junior class will be taking the ACT test tomorrow, Track & Golf meets will be starting this week, Prom will be Saturday, April 1st and FFA students will be attending State FFA Convention next week. Mr. Heldt also reported on Keaton Burgess who graduated from RCHS in 2018.

Superintendent Hof's report consisted of updates on legislative bills being introduced in the State Legislature and progress of the bills.

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

Armstrong moved to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2023 meeting and the American Civics Committee meeting as presented. Ord seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

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

Hobbs moved to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Ord seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Jeff Armstrong reported that the Negotiations Committee had met with Mr. Heldt and Mr. Hof to discuss contracts. Jeff Ord reported for the Policy Committee regarding the recent survey on extracurricular activities.

Peterson moved to approve a calendar change dismissing students at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 27th for staff in-services. Horne seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Armstrong moved to accept the resignations of Christi Lewis, Art Teacher and Lacey Hild, High School SPED/Librarian to be effective at the end of this contract year. Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Ord moved to approve hiring Alexandria Sunday for the Special Education position and Miles McDole for the Business Manager position. Peterson seconded the motion. For—Armstrong, Horne, Ord, Peterson, VanWey; Abstain—Hobbs. Motion carried 5-0-1.

The next regular monthly board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 a.m. in the Library at Red Cloud Elementary. There being no further business, Mr. Armstrong declared the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Cathy Ostrander
Recording Secretary

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