

Red Cloud Community Schools
Board Minutes

The Red Cloud Community Schools Board of Education held their regular monthly board meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021 in the Conference Room at Red Cloud High School. President Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. with members Armstrong, Hobbs, Horne, Mahin, Peterson, and VanWey answering roll.

Mr. Heldt, Secondary Principal, reported that Red Ribbon Week activities were held the last week of October, the Staff attended the Teaching & Learning Conference held at Adams Central and came home with some good information, the Volleyball team completed their season with TVC and District competition, the Football season came to an end with the first round D6 Playoff game against Pawnee City, the Jr-Sr High students & staff attended the Veteran's Day Program held last Thursday with the Veteran's Memorial being dedicated -- Joe Shuck and Stacy Rasser gave the presentation; and the AD/TVC Volleyball meeting was held with Marissa Hersh and Beau Lewis receiving TVC All-Conference and Beau was selected for the TVC All-Star Game. County Government Day was held recently with the Red Cloud Seniors placing 1st in the Trivia Game. The Junior High Wrestling and Junior High Girls Basketball seasons have started. The JH Girls Basketball team played Franklin and Blue Hill Last week and came out with two wins. The JH Wrestling team held a meet at home and traveled to Superior on Saturday. High School winter sports begin today—there are approximately 20 out for Wrestling between Blue Hill and Red Cloud, 16 for Girls Basketball and 10 for Boys Basketball. Project Exploration was held last week with 35 plus Careers/Businesses and 10 plus Colleges in attendance. Students from Silver Lake and Blue Hill along with the Red Cloud students attended this event. Upcoming activities include the Senior Blood Drive, ASVAB Testing for the Juniors and Thanksgiving Break.

Mrs. Dallman, Elementary Principal, reported that the Firemen came and visited and gave Firetruck Rides to students who won the poster contest. She noted that the Special Education review was held with the primary concern having already been addressed. Red Ribbon Week was held recently at the elementary. Mrs. Dallman participated in the SPED Stakeholders Zoom meeting and attended a meeting for the Sixpence Grant at the Valley Child Development Center. Elementary students and staff attended a performance at the Opera House last week. She noted that it is with deep sympathy that we mourn the loss of our student, Emily Kennedy. Upcoming events include the Stone Soup parent meeting for Pre-School on November 18th, k-12 Music Program on December 9th, and 4th Grade State Night on December 20th.

Superintendent Hof reported that the para-educator who resigned last month is now the Sixpence Teacher at the Valley Child Development Center. He also shared the Thank-you Cards he received from the 5th Grade Class on Veterans Day last week.

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

Horne moved to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2021 regular board meeting. Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Armstrong moved to approve payment of the District 2 claims and Building Fund Claims with the addition of the Red Cloud Chief & Central NE Rehabilitation bills. Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

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

The Negotiations Committee reported that they met with the Teachers Negotiation Team last week. The teachers gave a presentation on what all they are doing at the school. They also went over and agreed on the array of schools to be used for negotiating. They will meet again with the teachers tomorrow, November 16th. The teachers were asked to give their presentation to the entire board at the December meeting.

The Facilities Committee would like to do a walk-through of the facilities. Mr. Hof informed the board that the yellow metal building has been gutted entirely by Mr. Brumbaugh with help from Mr. Sholtz, Mrs. Steinkruger and the students in preparation for moving it to the foundation that has been poured at the elementary. Plans are to move it by the end of the month.

Horne moved to recognize the players, coaches and support staff involved with this year's Football Team on an excellent season. Mahin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Armstrong moved to approve the 2020-21 audit report completed by Romans Wiemer & Associates. Peterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Hobbs moved to approve a 1 year extension to Superintendent Hof's contract. VanWey seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Armstrong asked that the Superintendent Evaluation form be sent to board members at this time.

Peterson moved to approve the purchase of a Polar King outdoor walk-in freezer with ARP funds. Armstrong seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Under discussion, the board inquired about the Spanish Classes with the online teacher. Mr. Heldt indicated that we only have three students taking the Spanish classes this year and is in hopes that next year's schedule will allow more students to take these classes.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the library at Red Cloud Elementary. There being no further business, Mr. Armstrong declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 a.m.

Cathy Ostrander
Recording Secretary