

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2015

President Todd Wardyn called the regular meeting of the Board of Education, District #15, Sherman County, Litchfield, Nebraska to order at 7:33 p.m.

Members Present: Todd Wardyn, Jim Holm, Steve Heapy, Bill Howard, Marie Sweley, and Dave Siegel.

Visitors: Erma Sadler, Brian Moser, Rebecca Eckhout, and Eldon Epley.

President Todd Wardyn announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room. President Wardyn also indicated the instructions for those who wish to speak during the public forum.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,277,446.79 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$87,920.49 were presented for payment. Jim Holm made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 6-0.

Eldon Epley read a letter from Sharon Siegel and then he addressed the board.

Dave Siegel made a motion to ask for resignations from all three administrators. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion failed 2-4.

Dave Siegel asked to be excused from the rest of the meeting. Todd Wardyn made the motion to excuse Dave. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried with two Nays Howard and Holm.

In the Principal's Report, Mr. Smith discussed; Graduation, Retirement Celebration, Kindergarten/Pre-K Roundup, Student Enrollment Numbers for May 2015, Cell Phone Policy, Pioneer Village Field Trip, Academic Awards Night, State Trap Results, Athletic Physicals, Track Qualifiers for State.

In the Superintendent's Report Dr. Maline discussed; Personnel, Business and Technology, Ansley/Litchfield Girls Basketball Coach, Pre-School enrollment and Para, Support Staff Salaries, Approval of the handbooks, Title I Approval, Buildings and Grounds Projects, Painting the Ceiling in the Old Gym, Request to join the Ft. Kearney Conference, Jr. Hi Athletics, Mrs. Dobesh Retirement and End of Year Goodbyes, Thank You to Mr. Smith!.

Marie Sweley made a motion to recommend the hiring of Nikia Hunt, Lauren Heyden, and extending Jeralynn Moser's contract back to a full time position. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 5-0.

Todd Wardyn made a motion to table the recommendation of Ben Gehring as varsity girls' basketball coach until next meeting when we can review his credentials. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley made a motion to recommend that the administration be directed to explore the use of in staff paras before hiring if needs arises in the enrollment of pre-school exceeding 10 students. Second by Todd Wardyn. Motion carried 5-0.

Todd Wardyn made the motion to recommend that the support staff be given a raise of approximately 2 ½ % total package increase as presented at the meeting be included in the new support staff contracts. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley made the motion to recommend that the handbooks for next year be approved and sent to the printer with the proposed change to the electrical devices, cell phones as presented. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Sweley made the motion to recommend that the Ansley/ Litchfield athletic co-op make an application to join the Ft. Kearney Conference of schools, and if accepted, join the conference with scheduled play to begin in the 2016-2017 school year. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 5-0.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Second Todd Wardyn. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on June 15, 2015 at the schoolhouse. The agenda is a continuous agenda and is available for examination during regular hours at the office of the Superintendent. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the Hallway Happenings Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley
Board Secretary