

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2015

President Todd Wardyn called the regular meeting of the Board of Education, District #15, Sherman County, Litchfield, Nebraska to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members Present: Todd Wardyn, Britt Howard, Jim Holm, Steve Heapy, Dave Siegel

Visitors: JoEllen Russell, Dallas Watkins, Allison Varah.

New Board Members: Marie Sweley, Bill Howard

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.

New Board Members, Marie Sweley, Bill Howard, Steve Heapy, were sworn in and took the Oath of Office.

President Wardyn instructed the Board to begin the Election of Officers.

Jim Holm nominated Todd Wardyn for President. Second by Steve Heapy. Dave Siegel ceased the nominations. Todd Wardyn was elected President. Motion carried 5-0 with one abstention, Wardyn.

Dave Siegel nominated Bill Howard for Vice President. Second by Steve Heapy. Todd Wardyn nominated Dave Siegel for Vice President. Second by Jim Holm. Steve Heapy ceased the nominations. After a vote by ballot, Dave Siegel was elected Vice President. Motion carried 4-2.

Dave Siegel nominated Marie Sweley for Secretary. Second by Steve Heapy. Jim Holm ceased the nominations. Marie Sweley was elected Secretary. Motion carried 5-0 with one abstention, Sweley.

Dave Siegel nominated Steve Heapy for Treasurer. Second by Bill Howard. Marie Sweley ceased the nominations. Steve Heapy was elected Treasurer. Motion carried 5-0 with one abstention, Heapy.

Allison Varah took a board picture.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,311,318.74 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$188,870.45 were presented for payment. Steve Heapy made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

In the Principal's Report, Mr. Smith discussed, Lindsey Siegel Scholarship, Accelerated Reader Update, Staff Development, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Practice Lockdown Drill, Basketball, Wrestling, Track and Speech Tournament Schedule, Student of the Month, Technology News, NeSA Writing and Junior High Speech.

In the Superintendent's Report Dr. Maline discussed, Special Presentation, Board Election of Officers, Approval of District Federal Programs Administrator, District Website Improvement, Qualified Capital Undertaking Funds-Bonds Refinancing Options, Long Range Planning, Co-op Meeting, 2015-2016 Calendar, NASB Legislative Issue Conference, District Response to Audit, Approve Mission and Vision Statement, ALICAP Report, Polices Review, Superintendent Evaluation, Board Evaluation and Administration Discussion.

The new Mission and Vision Statements approved include the new language:

Mission Statement

The Litchfield School is dedicated to nurturing an environment to motivate and educate all students with essential foundations for achieving success in our changing societies.

Vision Statement

Litchfield High School graduates will have the necessary skills to be successful citizens.

Steve Heapy made a motion to assign Ameritas to set up a plan and schedule for refunding the Qualified Capital Undertaking bonds to be formally approved at the February meeting. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 6-0.

Jim Holm made a motion to recommend that the Superintendent, Scott Maline, be approved as the District's Federal Programs Administrator for 2015. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 6-0.

A discussion was held regarding, accepting a possible gift of underground sprinklers for the entire school grounds. This project will be completed if enough money is raised.

Bill Howard made a motion that Ansley and Litchfield schools participate in a joint Co-op in Athletics for Varsity and Junior Varsity: Football, Cross Country, Basketball, Wrestling, and Track for the 2015-2016, 2016-2017 school year. Volleyball was omitted from the vote by oversight. It will be discussed at next month's meeting. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 4-2. Nay, Siegel & Sweley.

Marie Sweley made motion to approve the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented. Second by Todd Wardyn. Motion carried 6-0.

Dave Siegel made a motion to approve the Mission Statement and Vision Statement as presented by the School Improvement Committee. Second by Marie Sweley. Motion carried 6-0.

The topic of Policy Review was tabled until next month's meeting.

President Todd Wardyn made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Administration. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 6-0.

President Todd Wardyn restated the intent for Executive Session was to discuss Administration.

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:39 p.m.

Dave Siegel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on February 16, 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

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