

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2016

President Mitch Feldman called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

Visitors: Brian Johnson, Nikkia Hunt, and Henry Fletcher.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Bill Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Steve Heapy. Motion carried 6-0.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$873,993.30 in the district treasury. Payroll and claims in the amount of \$203,657.50 were presented for payment. Todd Wardyn made a motion to pay the claims. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 6-0.

Henry Fletcher addressed the board on the clearing of the culvert by the Methodist church and other options for drainage by the tennis court and also the alley behind the school house by the practice field.

In the Principal report Mr. Finley reported on finishing up first quarter and report cards sent home, positive external visit from ESU 10 for observation of our blended learning program, complements to Mrs. Ellis and her music program for the participation in the Minden band fest, and the Veteran's Day program, winter sports starting practice and One-Act has started with a public performance on the 28th of November at 6:30 p.m..

In the Superintendent's Report Dr. Maline discussed policy updates by the recommendations by NASB, Recognition of the LEA for 2017-2018 negotiations, early education center, state school board conference, NESA testing in Nebraska, Rule 10 approval, school district audit, long range planning, superintendent and board of education evaluations, board meeting change in March, and new superintendent search discussions.

Marie Sweley made a motion to recommend the policies 509.03 and 804.01 for 1st reading approval. Second by Jim Holm. Motion carried 6-0.

Todd Wardyn made a motion to recommend that the Litchfield Education Association to be the exclusive bargaining agent for the districts non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2018-2019 contract year. Second by Bill Howard. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was made on moving the kindergarten to the white building and moving the 5th and 6th grades to the blue building.

Long range planning goals and discussion will be tabled until after the first of the year until the new superintendent is hired so he/she can participate.

Jim Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Second by Todd Wardyn. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. on December 19, 2016. 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 Small Town Times Newsletter and in the Sherman County Times.

Marie Sweley
Board Secretary