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MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 19, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by school board president Mr. Swain. All board members were present.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was said by those present.

II. AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Mike Nelson of CSD & Co. presented the Norwood School District audit report for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Nelson thanked the board for the opportunity to present the audit and noted he would be giving highlights of the audit tonight. He thanked the administrative staff for all their hard work and help with the audit. He stated there were no surprises in his audit work, but did want to point out several pages to the board members. He noted the Management Discussion and Analysis Report at the front of the audit was done by Mrs. Krason. He encouraged the board members to look at pages three thru eight for an overview of the financial status of the district. Mr. Nelson stated the district financial reports look their best as of June 30, 2014. This is because approximately all of the property taxes due to the district have been paid and state equalization funds have been received. Mr. Nelson reviewed governmental funds on pages nine thru thirteen with the board members. He noted the decrease of the general fund of \$77,000, the capital projects fund decrease of \$47,000, and the bond fund increase of \$18,000. Mr. Nelson stated the ending fund balance of \$1,412,000 represents a strong five month reserve! He discussed the food service fund that is now a propriety fund but will change in 2014-2015 to a special revenue fund. The activity fund remains as a fiduciary fund.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Superintendent Evaluation

The board members and Mr. Crews met to discuss the superintendent evaluation.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Anne Krason



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The school board members met with the DAAC committee from 6:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

The school board members had a work session from 6:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. All board members were present.

Discussion Items:

A. Review the Unified Improvement Plan

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by school board president Mr. Swain. All board members were present.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was said by those present.

B. Request for Additional Items

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to add to the agenda action item H.

Approval of the Superintendent's 2015-2016 Contract. Seconded by Mr. Colson. Roll call vote: "ayes" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD

None

III. COMMUNITY REPORTS

None

IV. STUDENT REPORTS

Lauren Crews representing STUCO stated they are currently working on a presentation about the Student Strand they attended at the CASB Conference in Colorado Springs. They will do a presentation to the board in February. STUCO is trying to organize positive rewards for students and to hold spirit day assemblies.

V. STAFF REPORTS

None

VI. CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations included: ACT results –junior class made growth, Mr. Williams worked with the Juniors to see the importance of the test. Hot Cocoa Night was successful with about 30 in attendance. Community members stated they appreciated the event and the feedback was positive. Mrs. Rasmussen said a parent activity/parent teacher conference will be held in February. The 5th grade class is having a fundraiser for Leukemia. Over \$350.00 has been raised. Mr. Ordean recognized the artwork displayed in the Maverick Corral during the Hot Cocoa Night. A volunteer/community member event was recently held with forty three entities represented. The Knowledge Bowl team took 3rd place in the last tournament. Brady Barkemeyer has been selected to the Pinhead Institute. Devyn Rummel and Amber Padgett have been awarded a SMPA Scholarship to attend a leadership conference.

VII. APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of December Minutes
- b. January General Fund Bills
- c. Capital Projects Resolution
- d. Minimum Wage Change from \$8.00 to \$8.23
- e. Approval of Mrs. Krason's Retirement Letter
- f. Unified Improvement Plan Approval for Submittal
- g. Approval of 2014-2015 Revised Budget
- h. Approval of the Superintendent's 2015-2016 Contract

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to approve consent items: A,B,D
Seconded by Mr. Ordean. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

C. Capital Project Resolution

Ms. Barkemeyer made the following motion. Be it resolved the Norwood School District approves the payment from the Capital Projects Fund to Wings Electric Incorporated in the amount of \$2,550.00 for electrical upgrades in the high school concession area. Seconded by Mr. Colson. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Resolution Passed.

E. Approval Mrs. Krason's Retirement Letter

Ms. Barkemeyer read the retirement letter from Mrs. Krason to those present. Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to approve the retirement letter and honor the early retirement request of Mrs. Krason. Seconded by Mr. Colson. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried. Thank you Mary Anne!! You are amazing stated Ms. Barkemeyer.

F. Unified Improvement Plan Approval for Submittal

Mr. Ordean made a motion to table action on the approval of the Unified Improvement Plan until the February board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bray. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

G. Approval of 2014-2015 Revised Budget

Mr. Crews noted the changes on the Revised Budget amounts are shown in colored ink. Ms. Barkemeyer asked about the Beginning Fund Balance change in the amount from the original budget to the revised budget. Mr. Crews discussed the revenue and expense budget changes in the general fund and food service fund revised budgets. Mr. Ordean made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 revised General Fund and Food Service Fund Budget. Mr. Bray seconded. Roll call vote: "aye" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

A. DAAC Report

Karen Gauvey stated they are trying to recruit new members

B. UNBOCES Report

Mr. Crews stated they completed the executive director's evaluation for the second year. The districts are looking at reading and writing programs to be used in future years.

C. WSCF

Grants are being applied for to renovate the preschool playground. They have met with BOCES Staff on classroom needs.

D. PTA Report

Mandy Shirley stated Santa's Workshop was successful in raising \$400.00. They sponsored a middle school dance that was successful. The committee is still discussing the needs involved with the sign project with Mrs. Mahlin and Mr. Hubbard. The PTA has donated \$260.00 to the lunch program, \$42.50 to the WEB program in the middle school, \$250.00 for bulletin boards in the English classroom, and \$200.00 to the kindergarten class.

E. Other Board Reports

None.

X. OLD BUSINESS –

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion to change the February 17, board work session to start at 7:00 p.m. and the regular meeting to start at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Ordean. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion carried.

XI. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A. Superintendent Report

Mr. Crews noted his superintendent's report was in the board packet that was sent out to board members. He updated the board members on the bus parking lot project. Bids for welding the pipe around the outlets are being received. The lights and poles have been ordered. The electrical work to connect the lights is still a work in progress. The State Board of Education passed a motion to grant waivers to districts that request not to administer the performance-based portion of the upcoming CMAS tests in English/Language Arts and Math. Mr. Swain noted legislative meetings in Denver are on February 25 and April 8.

B. Principals Report

Mrs. Gipner stated Monday, January 12 was a collaboration day with teachers and it was a good day. They discussed the master schedule, along with the crisis plan/communication plan with Mrs. Dinsmore.

Mrs. Rasmussen met with elementary students and discussed the three Rs, playground rules, attendance, looking for good things for students to implement.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Barkemeyer made a motion for the board to go into executive session to discuss a student issue as per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(h) and an executive session to discuss personnel as per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f). Seconded by Mr. Bray. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried. The board went into executive session at 7:51 and remained in executive session until 8:37. Those present in executive session to discuss a student issue were: Mr. Swain, Mr. Colson, Mr. Ordean, Ms. Barkemeyer, Mr. Bray, Mr. Crews, Ms. Gipner and Mrs. Rasmussen. Those present in executive session to discuss personnel were: Mr. Swain, Mr. Colson, Mr. Ordean, Ms. Barkemeyer, and Mr. Bray.

H. Approve Superintendent's Contract

Mr. Bray moved to approve the Superintendent's Contract for the 2015-2016 school year. Seconded by Ms. Barkemeyer. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0. Motion Carried.

XIII. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ordean made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40. Seconded by Mr. Colson. Roll call vote: "aye's" 5, "no's" 0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Anne Krason