

The Westhope School Board met in regular session Feb. 20, 2019. President Chuck Kveum called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m. Present: Danen Lodoen, Liz Tofteland, Ken Radtke, Katie Ogaard, and Lyndsi Engstrom, and Ben Cartwright. Also present: Superintendent Martin Bratrud, Business Manager Sheri Jespersen, AD Layne Fluhrer.

Cartwright moved to approve the agenda with additions, Seconded by Tofteland. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU).

Ogaard moved to approve minutes from Regular Meeting of January 23, 2019, seconded by Radtke. MCU

Engstrom moved to pay General Fund bills \$23,121.06, Debt Service Fund of Activity Fund bills \$6,362.52 and Hot Lunch Fund bills \$4,246.69, seconded by Lodoen. MCU

Cartwright moved to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Lodoen. MCU

Elementary Principal's Report:

Mrs. Lundberg reported that February is reading month. Parents will be coming in to read to our students as part of National Reading Month. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade attended the symphony. March 1<sup>st</sup> will be Sioux Pride tubing. Hess Corp. made a donation to every elementary classroom several STEM trucks us use as part of their science curriculum.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

The next regular meeting will be March 11, 2019-7:00 a.m.

Return Superintendent and Business Manager Evaluations to Sheri by the end of the day on March 8.

Approved School Board Election Date of June 11, 2019 Radtke made the motion, Ogaard seconded, MCU

Approved 2019-2020 School Calendar (option 2). Tofteland made the motion, second by Radtke, MCU

Approved the Westhope /Newburg Overnight Trip Guideline. Engstrom made the motion, seconded by Lodoen, MCU. Approved guidelines to be implemented retroactively. Tofteland made the motion, Cartwright seconded, MCU.

Approved retaining Pearce-Durick Law Firm for possible contract counsel and negotiations for the 2019-2020 school year. Lodoen made the motion, Tofteland

seconded, MCU.

Building Committee Report discussion of breaker issue on the boiler. Ben Cartwright was looking into a less expensive option for the breaker.

Personnel Committee Report: District Historical financial, enrollment, and FTE data from 2007-2019 was present by Supt. Bratrud. Radtke made the motion to Instruct Superintendent Bratrud to bring forth staffing recommendation for the 2019-2020 school year either through joint cooperative opportunities or consideration of position(s) for Reduction in Force by the March Regular Board Meeting based on the needs of the school district. Seconded by Engstrom. Roll Call Vote: Engstrom yes, Cartwright yes, Lodoen yes, Radtke yes, Ogaard yes, Tofteland yes, Kveum yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Business Manager's Report:**

Attended PowerSchool Training in February and will be returning for a follow up training on March 6 in Minot.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Bratrud reported that enrollment is holding steady and that 2 new students will be enrolling in Westhope School in March, Kindergarten and a 4<sup>th</sup> grader. 2018-2019 NDSA Science scores were presented and Superintendent Bratrud indicated they were excellent and well above the state avg. in grade 4, 8, and 11. It was also reported they may be some of the highest science scores in the history of Westhope School. Superintendent Bratrud indicated that all of our staff should be commended for their hard work with our students and recognized for these tremendous testing scores. NCEC professional development conference data flyer was presented.

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

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Martin Bratrud, Superintendent

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Charles Kveum, Board President