

**Elkton –Pigeon-Bay Port Laker School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
February 17, 2014
(Approved Minutes)**

President Baur called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Laker High School Room 211. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Todd Tate, Heath Krohn, Dean Smith, Duane Baur, Neal Eichler, Kathryn McGathy, Mary Frances Tait, and Student Representative Holly Tait.

Members Absent: none.

Approval of Regular/Closed Minutes: Tait moved with support from Tate to approve both minutes dated January 20, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Eichler reported bills to be paid for February 2014: General Fund, \$47,501.30; Food Service, \$3,952.18, and Payroll/Liabilities, \$15,198.42. Tait moved with support from Smith to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Eichler moved with support from Tate to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation: It was noted that the Board received a letter from Tara Lawrence. There was ample time allotted for Public Participation, with no interest shown from the public.

Anchored in Excellence: The Board acknowledged Mark Estelle and Sara Smith for leading the elementary underwater ROV program, the recycling club, and for hosting robotics after school.

Friend of Youth: Because of severe weather, the Thumb Meet of Champions was cancelled last year, so organizers have decided to have last year's honorees attend this spring. Dave Anderson will be the Laker representative as nominated last year.

Personnel: Athletic director Yoder and Superintendent Smith presented a list of spring coaches. Tait moved with support from Tate to approve the list of spring coaches as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

School Funding/Budget: Chief Financial Officer Klosowski supplied the Board with written information related to the 2014-2015 budget and comparing revenue trends over the last 6 years. CFO Klosowski allotted time for the Board to ask questions.

Geronimo Easement: The Board discussed information associated with the proposal of Geronimo Easement Agreement. Pros and cons were considered related to the benefit for the entire school district, long and short term interests. Tait moved to approve the easement agreement between Geronimo and Laker School District. The motion failed due to a lack of support.

Budgetary Adjustments: Superintendent Smith reported an expectation of reducing expenditures or increasing revenue equaling approximately \$150,000. He stated, in the near future, the Board will be considering some possible action.

Administrator Time: Student Representative Holly Tait reported on student activities with Coming Home week, the Blood Drive with American Red Cross, the FFA sending ten teams to the State Convention, Theater placing 13th in state competition, and the high school band conducting their Solo and Ensemble festival and receiving all I's and II's. Dickens reminded the Board and public of the upcoming Kindergarten Round up.

Superintendent Evaluation/Contract Review: Tate moved with support from Krohn to enter into closed session to discuss the superintendent evaluation. Roll call yielded: Baur, yes; Eichler, yes; Krohn, yes; McGathy, yes; Smith, yes; Tate, yes; Tait, yes. The Board moved in to closed session at 6:38 p.m.

At 6:44 p.m. the Board moved back into open session. Tate moved with support from Krohn to extend Superintendent Smith's contract by one year. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business before the Board, Tait moved with support from Eichler to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Frances Tait, Board of Education Secretary