

**West Fork Community School District Board Minutes
Official Proceedings – November 14, 2011 – Unapproved**

The West Fork Board of Education met for its regular meeting in the Superintendent's Office in Rockwell, IA. Board Secretary Lacey Weier called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Board members present: Mary Beth Sukup, Mary Schlichting, and Rob Heimbuch. Absent: Mary Ingham and Jim Tuttle. Also present were Superintendent Darrin Strike, West Fork Board Secretary Lacey Weier, High School Principal Randy Bushbaum, and Middle School Principal Abe Maske.

Board Secretary Weier, asked for a nomination for a Board Member to serve as President Pro-tem in the absence of our President and Vice President. Schlichting nominated Mary Beth Sukup; seconded by Heimbuch. Motion carried 3-0.

Visitors: Travis Fisher

Schlichting made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Heimbuch. Motion carried 3-0.

After Discussion, Sukup made a correction to the minutes to change Sydney to Sydney Kingery in the visitors listing. Heimbuch moved to approve the minutes as amended from the October 17, 2011 meeting; seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 3-0.

Following discussion Heimbuch moved to approve the November bills, and the October Financial statements; seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 3-0.

The board discussed a contract for Wrestling Cheer Coach, Part Time Para Educator, an agreement with NIACC and Hampton Dumont CSD, and an open enrollment transportation agreement with RRMR. The board agreed to have Superintendent Strike look into the payment option in the agreement with NIACC and Hampton Dumont CSD for the Industrial Technology Program. After discussion, Heimbuch, moved to approve a contract to Jeana Arbegast to serve as the Wrestling Cheer Sponsor; a contract to Tonya Fessler to serve as a Part Time Para Educator in the Pre School at Sheffield; an agreement for the Industrial Technology Program between West Fork CSD, Hampton Dumont CSD and NIACC; and a reciprocal Open Enrollment Transportation Agreement with RRMR; seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 3-0.

Principals Randy Bushbaum and Abe Maske presented information they have gathered about the installation of school camera monitoring systems. Bushbaum and Maske visited two neighboring districts to check out the camera systems. The information will be reviewed again at the December meeting.

Superintendent Strike presented the board with the findings from the Needs Assessment that was held at both campuses during Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 1 and 3. The survey was supervised by the West Fork National Honor Society Students. There were 88 responses. The board agreed to look into the concerns and welcomed the praise from the community.

Heimbuch moved to approve the second reading of the 400 series board policy; seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 3-0.

Heimbuch moved to table the first viewing of the 500 and 600 series board policy until the December meeting; seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 3-0.

Principal's, Bushbaum and Maske, updated the board with some areas of how the teachers and students are working towards improvement and better testing scores.

1. Teachers are still logging student work for review
2. High School kids are enjoying reading at Mid-day, find that they are all reading more on their own also
3. Middle School had a Kick-Off assembly for Iowa Assessment testing
4. Kaylee Rowe and Taylor Twedt spoke to MS students and 3rd Grade students about the importance of testing well
5. Middle School had volunteers come in to help proctor small group tests
6. IDM/RTI professional development at the AEA267 for teachers and administrators

Principal's report was given by Mr. Bushbaum:

1. Winter Sports are starting
2. The Fall Play was a BIG Success and everyone did a great job!
3. November 21st 3rd and 4th grade classes are attending *Jigsaw Jones* in Ames.

Superintendent's report was given by Mr. Strike.

1. The board has agreed to look at signage throughout the district this summer
2. After School shuttle has resumed. It will leave Rockwell at 4:45PM on Wed. and at 5:30PM Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri.
3. Both campuses held fantastic Veteran's Day Programs – West Fork was well represented
4. Effective December 1, 2011 – The Thornton Bus Stop will be moved to the Shelter House at the Park
5. Superintendent Strike and Board Members will be attending the annual IASB conference in Des Moines on November 16th and 17th
6. November 21st will be the Final Audit meeting for SCMT district
7. The November 30th joint board meeting will be postponed until January or February
8. Melanie Van Horne received the highest honor for Middle School Band, she was selected by District Band Directors to perform at the Middle School All Iowa Band
9. The 60 laptops have arrived, Mr. Burt has started to release them
10. MIMIO training was held last week, MIMIO products ordered have been received and are being placed in classrooms
11. The board agreed to have a community Basketball pass for the 11 home games, these will be available in the offices for \$36

Heimbuch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.; seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 3-0.