***Red Oak Community School District***

**Regular Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Location: Sue Wagaman Board Room, Webster Building, Red Oak, Iowa

Monday, February 28, 2011

This regular board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Red Oak Community School District was called to order by President Lee Fellers at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT: Directors:** Lee Fellers, Charla Schmid, Paul Griffen, Warren Hayes,

Elizabeth Dilley, Terry Schmidt, Superintendent, & Shirley

Maxwell, Board Secretary

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Director Schmid moved, and Director Hayes seconded to amend the agenda, moving the Red Oak Middle School Cage Renovation Project Review to the end of the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Schmid moved, seconded by Dilley to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

* Review and approval of minutes from February 14, 2011
* Review and approval of monthly business reports
* Approval of Paige Spangenberg as assistant softball coach for summer 2011
* Approval of resignation from Deb Blomstedt as 7th grade girls basketball coach
* Approval of resignation from Stacy Kutzli as ROMS co-director effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year
* Approval of the cooperative swim program agreement for 2011-2012 with the Lewis Central School District

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ONE-TO-ONE COMPUTING INITIATIVE**

Mr. Deter reported that a team of district staff and board members has been formed to examine the multitude of considerations in order to begin the desired student computer program. Vendors, including local business Mediacom, have submitted plans to help the district increase its bandwidth capability. Additional reports will be given to the Directors in subsequent meetings as the study process pace quickens.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SECONDARY INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL REVIEW: BLOCK SCHEDULING**

The Red Oak Directors began its journey through the planned goal to review the high school’s instructional tool called ‘block scheduling’. Principal Jedd Sherman introduced the high school faculty present as they reviewed the history of block scheduling; identified current benefits of block scheduling as found in practice and in the research literature; reported on the instructional models used in conference schools; and provided a composite report of faculty attitudes and perceptions for block scheduling. After a lengthy time for comment and questions by the Directors, it was determined the current goal would receive more data gathering by staff and the deeper look continues.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR CONCEPTS FOR 2011-2012**

The Directors reviewed two calendar concepts with a preference for a school calendar for 2011–2012 that would allow for a two-week shutdown of district facilities during the winter holiday break. An analysis by Accounting Clerk Jeanice Lester revealed the district saved a total of $18,469 in utility costs from two years ago and $9,358 over one year ago. The potential first day of school for Red Oak students for the 2011–2012 school year would be August 17, 2011, while the last day of school would be May 25, 2012.

**OPEN ENROLLMENTS**

Director Griffen moved and Director Schmid seconded to approve open enrollment requests for three students from the Stanton Community School District. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Dilley moved and Director Hayes seconded to deny the open enrollment request from the Villisca Community School District due to a lack of a specialized instructional program for the student requesting. The motion carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS MANAGER’S MONTHLY REPORTS**

Business Manager Shirley Maxwell gave the monthly revenue and expenditure report that revealed a trend towards decreased expenditures and increasing revenues. The business manager also reported about progress made towards the fiscal year 2012 school budget. A complete fiscal year 2012 budget overview will be provided at the March 14 regular meeting. It is anticipated the Directors will conduct a public hearing for the fiscal year 2012 budget on April 11, 2011.

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET PLANNING**

Preliminary 2012 budget planning and authorization for the budget guarantee provision was discussed. Director Griffen moved and Director Dilley seconded to approve that the Board of Directors levy property taxes for fiscal year 2011-2012 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.15, Code of Iowa.

**RED OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL CAGE RENOVATION PROJECT**

Director Griffen moved and Director Dilley seconded that the ROCSD will commit to being the fiscal agent for the joint Red Oak Rotary Club/Red Oak CSD Cage Renovation Project located just off the campus of the Red Oak Middle School. The Directors determined in their formal action that various aspects of the project will only be completed as the funds are available in the renovation account. Pledges are welcomed but will only be spent when the monetary gift arrives. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Griffen moved, and Director Hayes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., in the Sue Wagaman Board Room at the Webster Building. The motion carried unanimously.

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Lee Fellers, President Shirley Maxwell, Secretary