

Hearing Agenda for LB399 American Civics  
Monday, April 11, 2022 5:15 PM  
HS Computer Lab  
802 Highland Street  
Wakefield, NE 68784

1. Call to Order
2. Hearing Agenda
  - 2.1. Entertain administrative reports, accept public testimony, and otherwise verify and confirm compliance with LB399: the Americanism Bill
3. Adjournment

**Wakefield Community School  
Board of Education Regular January Meeting  
Monday, January 13, 2020 5:30 PM**

The Board of Education Regular Meeting convened in open and public session on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the Board of Education Room at 802 Highland Street Wakefield, NE 68784.

President Victor informed the group of the Open Meetings Act posted in the room and accessible to all members of the public as required by law. All board members had received notice of the meeting and the meeting notice had been published/posted in a timely manner prior to the meeting date.

**Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:**

**Present:** Bree Brown, Arianne Conley, Shannon Johnson, Jeffrey Keagle, Sherri Lundahl, Mark Victor.  
**Present:** 6, **Absent:** 0.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Moody, Secondary Principal Farup, Elementary Principal Wulf and Recording Secretary Gothier.

**Opening Procedures**

School District Mission Statement  
Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Conley.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Recognition of Visitors/Communication from the Public**

**FBLA – Mrs. Tunink**

- Mrs. Tunink, first year business teacher, introduced herself to the board as bringing real world experience to her teaching.
- New classes offered in the Business Department this year are Entrepreneurship and Computer Application II. Students also are able to become Microsoft Office certified.
- FBLA Officers talked to the board about what the organization has on schedule for the year
  - Wayne State Business Competition – Ella Conley, Emily Walsh and Hayden Ekberg all placed.
  - Food drive collected 302 items
  - Co-organized Pink Out Night to raise money for the Susan G Komen Foundation
  - Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
  - Thankful Grams to our Food Service Staff, Custodians, Secretaries & Bus Drivers
  - Will be working on brochure sample for the Civic Center
  - Adopt a Highway
  - Valentine's Community Meal/Sweetheart Dance
  - Volunteer at Nearly New
  - State Leadership Conference – March 30 - April 1

**Reports**

**Elementary Principal Report**

- Elementary staff is starting to look at the Language Arts Curriculum realignment.
- Two paras resigned before break. Josh Cliff and Lizbeth Delgado have been hired as replacements.

## **Secondary Principal Report**

- Working with Mrs. Harding on an overall summative assessment plan for grades 7-12
- We will open the head Volleyball coaching position this month
- Along with ending the co-op, we are also looking at what JH athletics will look like.
- We need to address Allen's request to dissolve the wrestling co-op
- Have begun working on class offerings and planning for the 2020-2021 school year
- Leslie Ziska and Mr. Farup met with Chris Good from ESU 1 and discussed technology curriculum, teacher tools and student use of technology. We surveyed our staff on what they teach, what they use and what they expect students to be able to do.

## **Superintendent Report**

- Held our first annual hearing on the new American Civics statute and we discussed our language arts instructional needs as well as discussing our overall instructional staffing needs.
- The Office of Civil Rights Review has been moved to February 28 & 19
- Called NDE regarding our Wellness Triannual Review

## **Board Committees**

### **Building, Sites & Transportation**

- Met on January 6 to discuss the proposed football field project as well as the bus barn needs.
- All three members of the committee, Mr. Farup and Dr. Moody attended the City Council meeting with the purpose of moving the football field project towards completion.
- Committee member was approached about our intent on the purchase of the quonset for possible bus barn location.

### **Curriculum, Americanism & Technology**

- Hearing for public testimony was held on January 6, 2020.
- Social Studies standards and curriculum alignment was discussed
- Possible curriculum and staffing changes were also discussed

### **School Improvement & Strategic Planning**

- The committee would like to move forward with the community engagement process discussed with NASB. A survey needs to be sent out to staff, parents and community members.

## **Discussion and Action Items**

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Brown and a second by Keagle.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Bills were reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved as follow: General: \$304,398.35; Employee Benefit: \$110.75; Lunch: \$16,898.29; Special Building: \$600; QCPUF: \$117,976.27; Payroll: \$226,306.04; Activities: \$18,675.53.

### **Adjourn Sine Die and Elect School Board Officers for the 2020 calendar year.**

This motion is required to end the school board term 2019 indefinitely and begin a new school board term for 2020. This motion allows the superintendent to hold a meeting to elect the Board President. Once the President is elected, he/she will take over the meeting and complete the election of officers. The board will need to elect a board President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

Motion to adjourn Sine die and elect school board officers for the 2020 calendar year passed with a motion by Keagle and a second by Conley.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Hold for nomination and election the position of Board President for calendar year 2020.**

Motion to cease nominations passed with a motion by Keagle and a second by Johnson.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to elect Bree Brown as Board President for 2020 passed with a motion by Lundahl and a second by Conley.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Education Election of remaining Board Officers**

**Hold for nomination and election the Vice President of the Board of Education**

Motion to cease nominations passed with a motion by Keagle and a second by Johnson.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to elect Sherri Lundahl as Vice President for 2020 passed with a motion by Johnson and a second by Conley.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Hold for nomination and election of the position of Board of Education Secretary**

Motion to cease nominations passed with a motion by Johnson and a second by Conley.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to elect Jeff Keagle as Board of Education Secretary passed with a motion by Conley and a second by Johnson.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Oath of Office**

Entire board read the Oath of Office – Board Policy 2004.

**Appoint Board Members for the 2020 calendar year to board committees.**

The new 2020 school board president will need to appoint board standing committee members for the upcoming year. Each committee consists of three board members. The board has traditionally appointed each board member a committee chairperson position and then appoint two additional committee members. Every board member will be on three committees.

Motion to approve Board Committee members for the 2020 calendar year as follows passed with a motion by Johnson and a second by Keagle.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>BUILDING AND GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION</b>
Sherri Lundahl - Chairperson	Jeff Keagle - Chairperson
Bree Brown	Mark Victor
Arianne Conley	Shannon Johnson
<b>BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE</b>	<b>CURRICULUM/AMERICANISM/TECHNOLOGY</b>
Mark Victor - Chairperson	Shannon Johnson - Chairperson
Sherri Lundahl	Arianne Conley
Shannon Johnson	Jeff Keagle
<b>PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>	<b>SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING</b>
Bree Brown - Chairperson	Arianne Conley - Chairperson
Mark Victor	Bree Brown
Sherri Lundahl	Jeff Keagle

**Review and sign the Code of Conduct document as written by the Nebraska Association of School Boards.**

**Review and sign a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement as required by the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Act and board policy #2005.**

All board members having a potential conflict of interest need to sign the document which is kept on file.

**Discuss and take appropriate action to designate an official depository of official district funds.**

Each year the school board must designate an official depository of official district funds.

Motion to approve Bank First of Wakefield as the official district depository passed with a motion by Johnson and a second by Conley.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discuss and take appropriate action authorizing Board Officers, Superintendent and Treasurer to sign checks for the General Fund; Contingency Fund; Depreciation Fund; Lunch Fund; Special Building Fund; Employee Benefit fund; Bond Fund; Cooperative Fund and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund.**

Motion to approve the board officers, Superintendent Moody and Treasurer Gothier to sign checks for all funds passed with a motion by Conley and a second by Johnson.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discuss and take appropriate action authorizing the Activities Secretary, the District Business Manager, and the Superintendent of Schools to sign checks for the Activities Fund.**

Motion to authorize Activities Secretary, Dawn Lubberstedt, Business Manager, Becky Gothier, and Superintendent Michael Moody to sign checks for the Activities Fund passed with a motion by Lundahl and a second by Keagle.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize updating access to the school district safe deposit box.**

Motion to replace Mark Bejot with Superintendent Michael Moody and Business Manager Becky Gothier with authorized access to the district safe deposit box passed with a motion by Conley and a second by Johnson.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discuss and take appropriate action designating an official news publication for the school district.**

School districts are required to have an official newspaper where the public can access official district notices.

Motion to approve the Wakefield Republican as our official news publication for 2020 passed with a motion by Keagle and a second by Conley.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discuss and take appropriate action to retain a law firm(s) authorized to provide the Board of Education legal counsel.**

KSB School Law has been the official legal counsel for the board. The firm contains Karen Haase, Steve Williams, Bobby Truhe, Coady Pruet, and Jordan Johnson

Motion to approve KSB School Law as the districts legal counsel passed with a motion by Johnson and a second by Conley.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discuss and take appropriate action approval of a teacher's retirement agreement.**

Motion to approve the teacher retirement agreement between Wakefield Community Schools and Mr. Kevin Roberts passed with a motion by Johnson and a second by Keagle.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding teacher's resignation**

Mr. Kevin Roberts wishes to retire from teaching at the close of this school year. Kevin has served Wakefield Community Schools for the past 19 years.

Motion to accept Mr. Kevin Roberts' letter of resignation passed with a motion by Keagle and a second by Lundahl.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discuss and take appropriate action the proposed addition of one (1) full-time secondary Language Arts teacher.**

Mr. Farup as recommended to the Curriculum Committee the additional of a full-time Language Arts Teacher at the secondary level.

Motion to approve the addition of one full-time equivalency (FTE) secondary Language Arts Teacher passed with a motion by Conley and a second by Keagle.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discuss and appropriate action authorizing submission of a Driver Safety Course Application to the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles.**

We currently offer a Driver's Education course, and if the Board wishes to continue this practice, we must complete and file DMV Form 06-90. There is a required \$100.00 filing fee.

Motion to approve the submission of a Driver Safety Course Application with the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles passed with a motion by Keagle and a second by Conley.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discuss and take appropriate action a recommendation from the Building, Sites & Transportation Committee to direct the Administrative team to take necessary action to move the track/football field project toward completion.**

The City Council has stated that they want the Board of Education to make a definite commitment towards this project as a prerequisite to filing a letter of intent to apply for Nebraska Civic and Community Center Financing Fund grant.

Motion to direct the Administrative Team to take the necessary actions to move the track/football project toward completion passed with a motion by Johnson and a second by Keagle.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discuss and take appropriate action a recommendation from the Building, Sites, & Transportation Committee to approve entering into a cooperative arrangement with the City of Wakefield for the purpose of making application for a Nebraska Civic and Community Center Financing Fund grant.**

There is an opportunity for grant funding between \$373,000 and \$562,000. The first step in the process is to join with the city in submitting a letter of intent to apply for the grant. The letter of intent is due on or before January 15, 2020.

Motion to approve entering into a cooperative arrangement with the City of Wakefield for the purpose of making application for a Nebraska Civic and Community Center Financing Fund grant passed with a motion by Conley and a second by Keagle.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Hold for discussion and take appropriate action an administrative request to change the name of the Curriculum, Americanism, & Technology Committee to more closely align with the wording of LB 399 (the "Americanism" bill).**

School Board Policy #2002 (Organization of the Board) as reviewed and revised on July 15, 2019, uses the specific language called for in LB 399. Specifically, board policy mandates that there is to be in place a "Committee on American Civics."

Motion to change the name of the Curriculum, Americanism, & Technology Committee to Committee on American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology passed with a motion by Conley and a second by Johnson.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Hold for discussion and take appropriate action an administrative request to declare the attached list of district owned equipment and supplies to be surplus and eligible for sale or disposal.**

We have identified, and are currently storing, weight room equipment and supplies that no longer hold value for the District. Mr. Farup, in consultation with Mr. Wulf and Superintendent Moody, has compiled a list of said items and the administrative team requests that the Board of Education declare the items on the list to be surplus. Items consist of Newton Selectorized Equipment, bars, weights, racks, treadmill, bike dumbbells, dumbbell racks, benches, miscellaneous collars and clamps.

Motion to declare the attached weight room equipment to be surplus and direct the school administration to sell or otherwise dispose of said items passed with a motion by Lundahl and a second by Johnson.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Upcoming Dates and Times**

- February 12 – Regular Board Meeting at 5:30pm

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm passed with a motion by Keagle and a second by Johnson.

Yea: Brown, Conley, Johnson, Keagle, Lundahl, Victor

Yea: 6, Nay: 0



Jeff Keagle, Secretary



Becky Gothier, Recording Secretary

LB 399 imposes the following requirements that must be met:

1. Each calendar year, the Board must appoint three board members to the “Committee on American Civics.”
  - a. The Committee on American Civics must meet at least twice per year. One meeting must include public testimony. The Committee is to keep minutes of each meeting showing the time and place of the meeting, which members were present or absent, and the substance and details of all matters discussed.
  - b. During the meetings, the Committee is to review the social studies curriculum to ensure that it aligns with NDE standards and LB 399’s requirements.
2. Students between eighth grade and twelfth grade must complete one of the following:
  - a. Administration of a written test that is identical to the entire civics portion of the naturalization test used by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services prior to the completion of eighth grade and again prior to the completion of twelfth grade with the individual score from each test for each student made available to a parent or guardian of such student; or
  - b. Attendance or participation between the commencement of eighth grade and completion of twelfth grade in a meeting of a public body . . . followed by the completion of a project or paper in which each student demonstrates or discusses the personal learning experience of such student related to such attendance or participation; or
  - c. Completion of a project or paper and a class presentation between the commencement of eighth grade and the completion of twelfth grade on a person or persons or an event commemorated by a holiday listed below.
3. For grade levels below sixth grade, at least one hour per week is to be devoted to exercises or teaching American history topics (including those listed in LB 399).
4. For grade levels between fifth grade and eighth grade, there must be time “set aside” for the teaching of American history (including those topics listed in LB 399).
5. In at least two courses in every high school, time shall be devoted to the teaching of civics and American history (as outlined in LB 399).
6. “Appropriate patriotic exercises” are to be held on George Washington’s birthday, Abraham Lincoln’s birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day, or on the day or week preceding or following such holiday, if the school is in session.

## COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN CIVICS CHECKLIST

For the calendar year \_\_\_\_\_, the Board appointed the following three members to serve on the Committee on American Civics: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

The Committee on American Civics met on the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (At least two meetings per year are required.)

The Committee accepted public testimony on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_.

The Committee completed the following tasks (check when completed):

\_\_\_\_ Minutes of the Committee on American Civics' meetings have been kept and show the time and place of the meeting, which members were present or absent, and the substance and details of all matters discussed.

\_\_\_\_ Confirmed the District's social studies curriculum is aligned with NDE standards.

\_\_\_\_ Confirmed that the District's social studies curriculum stresses the required patriotic themes.

\_\_\_\_ Confirmed that the District's social studies curriculum includes a requirement, in accordance with state law, that high school students (i) complete a written test; (ii) attend a public meeting; or (iii) present or write a paper on an appropriate topic.

\_\_\_\_ Confirmed that the curriculum approved by the Committee is available for public inspection.

\_\_\_\_ Confirmed that the District's social studies curriculum includes all required components, in accordance with state law and NDE standards, including (a) one hour per week of patriotic instruction for grade levels below sixth grade; (b) a set amount of time to teach American history for grade levels from fifth grade to eighth grade; and (c) at least two courses in high school that teach American civics.

\_\_\_\_ Confirmed that the District will conduct appropriate patriotic exercises for the following holidays: George Washington's birthday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day