

WRHS PTO “Blues Backers”

Minutes of Meeting

September 12, 2007

Present: Janet Aleshire, Lori Carrier, Laura Gasperich, Karen Gideon, Linda Gwaltney, Bretta Hopkins, Kim Jones, Jo Lepse, Jackie McGranahan, Kathy Petersen, Chris Ridley, Leeta Rinehart, Karen Russell, Madge Schmank, Mary Lou Silverman and Marcy VanderHart. Guests: Darren Haddock, WRHS board member, Alex Hunt, WRHS student, Matt Mosher, WRHS teacher, and Mike Myers, treasurer, USD 437 Bond Committee.

Call to Order - Co-presidents Kim Jones and Madge Schmank called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Kim and Madge then welcomed Mike Myers, treasurer of USD 437 Bond Committee. He came to the meeting to share with the PTO information on the proposed \$67.95 million bond issue. The bond issue will be decided by a mail-in ballot that you will receive in mid October and will be due back November 8th. The proposed work will effect 5500 students in our district. Detailed plans for all present and future school locations is at www.usd437.net. Highlights for WRHS campus are:

- New and improved security entrance features
- Removal of lagoons and placed on sanitary sewers
- The high school would receive a 21st century library & media center, a science room addition, cafeteria and commons expansion, PE classrooms and gym, renovations to special education rooms, additional auditorium seating, music, drama and art rooms, Alternative High School, and IMC’s converted into classroom spaces.
- Mechanical systems upgrades

He closed by asking for support to help with costs of the advertising campaign, which includes buttons, yard signs and mailers.

Staff Requests – Matt Mosher, WRHS teacher and Robotics Club sponsor, and Alex Hunt, WRHS student, presented a request on behalf of the robotics club, which consists of approximately 20 students, in the amount of \$1,500. The funds would help them be more competitive, by purchasing an improved platform, parts and supplies. The funds would also assist them with attending competitions and events.

Chris Ridley, WRHS Assistant Principal, presented a request for the purchase and installation of a CD player and program with interface equipment for the public address system. This \$895 improvement would allow for music to be played, such as the fight song, to enhance and increase school spirit and tradition.

A request was received from the Boys and Girls Cross Country team for a \$318.70 timer/printer. It was submitted for consideration by Scott Shufelberger, WRHS teacher and Cross Country coach.

A request was received for \$500 to purchase two grills for school so that all organizations have access to them. The request was submitted by Penny Lane, Athletic/Activities Director.

Co-presidents Madge and Kim thanked those who presented and said that the requests would be considered during the New Business portion of the meeting. Please see the New Business portion **Action Items** below.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the August 22, 2007 meeting, with corrections noted, were unanimously approved following a motion by Janet Aleshire and second by Marcy VanderHart. Minutes can be found on the WRHS web site.

Treasurer Report – Madge and Kim provided the Banking Summary 8/1/07 through 8/31/07 of income of \$21,022.69 and expenses of \$16,423.49, with a positive net of \$4,599.20. They also provided an itemized report of income and expenses from 8/1/07 through 8/31/07.

Action Items – A motion was made by Janet Aleshire and seconded by Karen Gideon to accept the financial reports. The reports were unanimously approved.

Vice President – Leeta Rinehart reminded everyone to find their own replacement, when needed, for concession stand assignments. All WRHS PTO “Blues Backers” board members are to work 2 sessions every quarter. Also, the office asks that the money bags be picked up by 3:45 p.m.

Concession Scheduling - Jackie McGranahan asked for help opening the concession stand on certain dates. Please contact her with dates you can work.

Activities/Athletic Director – No report

Homecoming – Karen Gideon and Kathy Peterson reported that Homecoming planning is underway, including planning for decorations, pom poms, balloons, seating arrangements and concession \$5 gift cards.

Hospitality – Marcy VanderHart updated us on the open house.

Membership – Sally Brown provided a written report with an update, that \$7,015 in membership dues have been collected from 246 memberships. Sally will email lists to everyone. Please review the list and she asks that you get your friends/neighbors/co-workers to join PTO.

Merchandise - Janet Aleshire reported great sales to date. Look for merchandise tables at home football and soccer games.

Newsletter –The next due date for articles is October 11, 2007.

Post Prom - Co-president Kim reported that they will start decorating sessions at the end of the month. Leadership is needed, included the fundraising committee and co-chairs are welcome, with detailed notebooks provided for guidance. Contact Lori Schile, Denise, Madge or Kim if you would like join in.

Publicity – The photograph of the PTO board is scheduled to be taken at the October PTO meeting. Rescheduled for November meeting.

Recognition – The Recognition committee is meeting concurrently with this PTO meeting today, for the first time. They will be discussing how to recognize those individuals who were involved and keeping our school **GREEN**. WRHS was the first high school to be recognized for their recycling program, winning the “Kansas Green School Award.” They also will be discussing who to recognize (and how) in the future.

Staff Appreciation – No report.

Volunteers – Madge reported that Philicia McKee and Sue Bielman have a wonderful volunteer pool. To help them help you, please call them at your earliest opportunity for your volunteer needs.

Board Members at Large – Lori Carrier provided a written report on the Spirit Committee. She highlighted several upcoming events. A third hour assembly will be planned for Friday, September 14th. A meet and greet, to meet our new principal Ed Raines, is also being planned for the September 14th football game. Sheidan’s will provide frozen custard. Also, a fall picnic is planned for October 5th, with Engroff’s catering.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Staff Requests - Action Items – During the New Business portion of the meeting, the staff requests noted above were considered as follows:

Robotics Club – Karen Gideon moved that \$1,500 request be granted. Bretta Hopkins seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

WRHS gas grills - Questions arose during a discussion regarding \$500 request for gas grills, that could not be answered by those in attendance. Mary Lou Silverman made a motion to table the request until the next meeting, pending further information. Karen Gideon seconded the motion and the motion to table the request was unanimously approved.

WRHS Public Address System Improvement – Janet Aleshire moved that \$895 request be granted. Lori Carrier seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Cross Country timer/printer – Karen Gideon moved that \$318.70 request be granted. Mary Lou Silverman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Co-presidents Madge and Kim noted that they would see what other Washburn Rural PTOs were doing regarding support to the USD 437 Bond Committee.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Linda Gwaltney, secretary.

Next meeting October 10 at 7 p.m. in Room 123