

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**August 11, 2008**

Vice President Kent Grieder called the Regular Meeting of the Southern Lyon County USD #252 Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, August 11, 2008, at the Board of Education Office in Hartford, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL:**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kent Grieder, Roland Martin, Kevin Flott, Craig Clark and Bill Veatch

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jeanette Schmidt

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

Michael Argabright

**CLERK:**

Brenda Redeker

**VISITORS:**

Bill Warner, Shari Hatfield, Curtis Simons, Karen Hartenbower, Wayne Beshirs, Milton Jones and John O'Connor

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Roland Martin (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the Agenda as presented with the addition of 14a. Board Goals Updates. Motion Carried. (5-0)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approved the Minutes from the July 9, 2008 Regular Meeting, July 23, 2008 Special Meeting and July 23, 2008 Second Special Meeting
- b. Approved the Bills Due and Payable and Journal Entries
- c. Approved Payrolls for July 18, 2008 and August 1, 2008
- d. Approved Resignations - *None*
- e. Approved Transfer Students - *Olpe* – Jeffrey Daniels, Aubrey Hammond, Paul-Michael Johnson, Kaitlin McEvoy and Lance Sadler; **Hartford** – Keenan Barrett, Nickalaus Riggs, Rebecca Sanders and Dallas Swisher.
- f. Approval of Substitute and Emergency Substitute Teachers – Franklin Berens, Charles Bradbury, Janet Brassart, Linda Carson, Hollie Fritts, Marian Johnson, Robert Karr, Laura Miser, Shelly Norling, Mary Lou Pearson, Judith Putman, Jennifer Schmidt, Bonnie Stewart, Peggy Scheidegger,

*Les Stein, Jennifer Stukey, Patricia Thompson and Anna White*

- g. Approved Contracts for Signature – **Teacher Contracts:** *Kimberly Adam, Shannon Aguirre, Jennifer Anderson, Donna Arndt, Gennifer Birk, Michelle Barnhart, Daniel Bolen, Lance Bolen, Thomas Camien, Paul Cassity, Dana Cole, Monica Countryman, Heidi Davis, Linda Davis, Alice Dreier, Charles Ewy, Rebecca Fawcett, Marc Haney, Jessica Hess, Becky Holliday, Jane Kelley, Nancy King, Nichole Kuhn, Shirley Langley, Jodee Lee, Dustin McGuire, Megan McGuire, Martha McMurphy, Karen Moorman, Jesse Nelson, Jack Oglesby, Michael Plunkett, Ella Oentrich, Anne Otte, Debbie J. Redeker, Debra D. Redeker, K. Todd Robert, Donald Roberts, Shandi Schierling, Chris Schmidt, Debra Stein, Marilyn Stueve, Rebecca Surmeier, Angela Swihart, Brenda Taylor, Eric True, Marie Walker, Beth Webb, Gwendolyn Wellnitz, Tamera Windle and Karen Zoglman; **Supplemental Contracts:** *Shannon Aguirre, Daniel Bolen, Lance Bolen, Lisa Brinkman, Thomas Camien, Paul Cassity, Dana Cole, Monica Countryman, Charles Ewy, Rebecca Fawcett, Yvonne Gardner, Marc Haney, Tracy Herrick, Jessica Hess, Becky Holliday, Jane Kelley, Nichole Kuhn, Dustin McGuire, Megan McGuire, Martha McMurphy, Jesse Nelson, Ella Oentrich, Anne Otte, Kortney Poire, Darin, Redeker, Debbie J. Redeker, K. Todd Robert, Donald Roberts, Chris Schmidt, Marilyn Stueve, Rebecca Surmeier, Angela Swihart, Brenda Taylor, Julie Tempelmeyer, Eric True, David Wasylk, Penny Watson, Beth Webb, Amy Wilson, Tamera Windle and Raysha Zweimiller**
- h. Approved *Don Roberts to the Calendar, Evaluation and USD #252 Long Term Suspension/Expulsion Committees for the 2008-09 school year.*
- i. Approved Personnel - *Paige Hamman at minimum wage as a Central Office Student Worker and Vickie Rude as a Substitute Custodian or Cook.*
- j. Approved 2008-09 Flint Hills Special Education Coop Hearing Officers – *Warren White, Steven Sublette and Larry Rute.*

Roland Martin (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried. (5-0)

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

None

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

## **PATRON REQUEST TO APPEAR**

Karen Hartenbower presented to the Board a proposal for the old Neosho Rapids Jr. High School building. A non-profit group is interested in leasing the old Jr. High School with the group paying all costs involved with the building and to utilize the area for office space and possibly a kitchen. The group would also allow the school access to the gym and locker rooms as needed and the local Quilter's Club would also have use of the building. The Board will consider the proposal after a plan from the group is presented which would include the years for a lease commitment.

Karen Hartenbower left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Shari Hatfield reported that the Olpe Jr./Sr. High school had approximately 160 students enrolled and possibly would be 2A school this year. Enrollment went very fast and smooth due to having the student's schedules and fees entered within the Infinite Campus software. Transportation issues were being resolved. In-service training was geared towards technology with the training provided by the staff.

Superintendent Argabright commended the Administrators for the great job with the technology in-service provided to the staff using our trained and knowledgeable staff from within.

Bill Warner reported that Olpe Elementary was down approximately 6 students from last year for an approximate enrollment of 130. Neosho Rapids Elementary was down about 2 students with an enrollment of approximately 116 noting that rising fuel prices probably had an effect on out of district transfer students.

Curtis Simons reported enrollment was down approximately 23 students for an approximate enrollment of 128. Transportation was still being worked out with the transportation for the technical college students being a big challenge this year.

### **NEOSHO RAPIDS PROMOTION**

Currently Neosho Rapids has a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion and an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion. Mr. Simons and Mr. Warner presented a proposal of having just the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion at Hartford following these guidelines: Promotion would be a formal evening event possibly the Tuesday after the High School Graduation with the Principal, Superintendent and a Board member present to hand out Certificates. The set up for the High School Graduation (stage, etc.) would be utilized. Students would practice for the ceremony on the same day 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation is conducted. Students would have the last day of school off.

Bill Veatch (Roland Martin) moved to have a Neosho Rapids 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion only as presented by Mr. Simons and Mr. Warner. Motion Carried. (4-1) with Craig Clark opposing.

### **PERSONNEL**

Vice President Kent Grieder (Kevin Flott) moved to recess into executive session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Carried. (5-0)

Bill Warner, Shari Hatfield, Curtis Simons, John O'Connor, Milton Jones, Wayne Beshirs and Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 7:43 p.m. Vice President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Bill Warner, Shari Hatfield, Curtis Simons, John O'Connor, Milton Jones, Wayne Beshirs and Clerk Redeker returning.

Last year the Olpe part-time FACS position was vacant and advertised at the beginning of the school year with Jenny Schmidt hired as a substitute teacher for 10 days and then a long term substitute for the remainder of the year. Currently Jenny Schmidt has taken classes and has renewed her expired license. She has enrolled in classes to become a certified FACS teacher with the possibility of testing out of the program. If that happens, the District could hire her as the part-time FACS teacher.

Superintendent Argabright explained OJT "On the Job Training" to the Board. Any student working for the school district in that capacity would need to be paid. Superintendent Argabright recommended to the Board to pay minimum wage to those students who are recommended by the teacher and administration and qualify through the approved vocational program. The school district will get extra funding for those students. Duties would be during a two block session within the school day.

Kevin Flott (Bill Veatch) moved to authorize Superintendent Argabright to hire qualified OJT students at minimum wage. Motion Carried. (5-0)

### **OLD CENTRAL OFFICE**

The school district received two proposals to purchase the old Central Office building in Hartford for the

same amount of \$5,000.00. Milton Jones appeared before the Board with his intentions for the use of the old Central Office. Milton Jones wanted to develop an outreach program for the youth and seniors of the community with a possible food distribution from the garage area of the building. The location was great because of the park and ball field nearby. Wanted to improve Hartford to benefit the community.

John O'Connor also spoke and emphasized the information presented by Milton Jones and would appreciate the Board's consideration.

Wayne Breshirs reported that he would oversee any work done at the building and would make sure it was completed correctly.

The Board tabled the discussion until the Budget Hearing was completed.

Bill Warner, Shari Hatfield, Curtis Simons left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

### **8:00 P.M. - BUDGET HEARING**

Superintendent presented the Budget At A Glance portion of the USD #252 2008-09 Budget to the Board and patrons and answered questions.

Wayne Breshirs left the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Kent Grieder (Craig Clark) moved to approve the USD #252 2008-09 Budget as published in the Emporia Gazette for the 2008-09 school year. Motion Carried. (5-0)

### **Returned to discussion of the Old Central Office**

The Board decided to wait until all Board members were present to make a decision and for Superintendent Argabright to contact Harry and Cory Haag (who also submitted a proposal) and ask both interested parties to come up with a plan to present to the Board with their intended remodeling and use. The District will set guidelines and stake out an area for purchase along with the area needed for an easement to the building for the District.

Milton Jones and John O'Connor left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

John O'Connor returned to the meeting 8:16 p.m.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Superintendent Argabright recommended to the Board to accept the low bid from Allied Bus for the purchase of an International (60 passenger) bus.

Roland Martin (Bill Veatch) moved to approve the bid from Allied Bus in the amount of \$73,797.00 for an International, 60 passenger bus as presented. Motion Carried. (5-0)

Superintendent Argabright reported that the District purchased a 2007 Ford Taurus from John North Ford for \$10,500.00 and a 2008 Chevrolet Impala from the State Contract in the amount of \$16,703.00.

Superintendent recommended the purchase of two additional cars from the State Contract to help with the rotation of vehicles for the District.

Kevin Flott (Bill Veatch) moved to authorize Superintendent Argabright to purchase two additional new Impalas for \$16,703.00 each off the State Contract. Motion Carried. (5-0)

Superintendent Argabright presented the Purplewave.com website that included District Buses #20, #22, #26 and #27 for sale and the amounts of bids on each bus. He also presented the District web page and the “Free Homework Help” site from the State Library Association that was there for the students.

## **FACILITIES**

Superintendent Argabright reported that the Olpe bus loading area and sidewalk had been completed and an added 15 ft. of cement was added to join the repaired area. Bruce Davis was asked to look at the drainage problem on the north side of the elementary school and submit ideas and costs for fixing the problem. Summer projects are just about completed. Neosho Rapids has had many compliments on the three remodeled rooms; Hartford High School flooring was completed and prices will be gathered for gravel or asphalt on the south side of the school. Work has been started on setting the scoreboard at the Hartford Football field. The Handicap porta-pot will be available at the Hartford Football Field in time for the games. Have not heard back from the state architect about the plans for the Hartford locker-room, concessions and restroom building. The doors to the old gym at Olpe have been hung but not completed. The Olpe Jr. High practice area has ridges that need to be worked out before practice is held on it. An insurance check for the amount of \$10,864.40 was received from recent storm damage on the district buildings. Superintendent Argabright received an estimate from Groh Roofing for approximately \$33,000.00 for repairs at all facilities.

## **FACILITIES STUDY COMMITTEE**

Superintendent Argabright recommended that each Board member recommend someone who is not employed by the District from within their district area as a possible committee person to study the needs of the District. Other members would be administration, teachers, staff, superintendent and maintenance director for a group of approximately 12 to 14 persons.

Purpose of the Study Committee: Appoint a district facility study committee to make recommendations for improvements, additions, and/or new construction of district facilities within all three communities.

Committee members will be appointed at the September meeting.

**14a.** Superintendent Argabright presented a revised copy of the Board Goals for 2008-09.

Roland Martin (Bill Veatch) moved to approve the revised District Board Goals for the 2008-09 school year. Motion Carried (5-0)

## **SCHOOL SAFETY**

Neosho Rapids will be replacing exterior locks to their buildings. Fire Inspections and Alarm Systems have been checked at all facilities. Any doors in need of repair or replacement have been completed. Camera systems in buses and facilities have been checked and are working and bus/vehicle inspections were held on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

All Board members were invited to the All Staff Luncheon at Olpe on Wednesday, August 13 starting at 11:30. The luncheon is sponsored by the Emporia State Credit Union.

To date, one person has applied for Board Position #2 with the deadline for applying as August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

New staff training was held on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> with seven new staff members in attendance. Superintendent Argabright commented that we have added a nice group of new teachers to the District.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Support was appreciated for the National Rodeo Finals – Cheyenne Veatch placed 31<sup>st</sup> in the Nation. Comments were made that it was nice to have two groups interested in the Old Central Office to better the community and youth of Hartford.

Best wishes for a new school year.

It was great to see students from different school getting along so well at the recent county fair.

Teacher, staff and administrators deserve a “pat on the back” for making a difference in the lives of students.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kevin Flott (Bill Veatch) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

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Jeanette Schmidt, President

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Brenda J. Redeker, Clerk