

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
December 10, 2008**

Vice President Kent Grieder called the Regular Meeting of the Southern Lyon County USD #252 Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at the Olpe Chicken House in Olpe, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL:**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jeanette Schmidt

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

Michael Argabright

**CLERK:**

Brenda Redeker

**VISITORS:**

Bill Warner and Curtis Simons

Kevin Flott (Kenny Hamman) moved to recess for Dinner. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Jeanette Schmidt arrived at the meeting 6:05 p.m.

Meeting resumed at the Olpe High School Computer Lab at 7:14 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Bill Veatch (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve the Agenda as presented with the addition of **3. g.)** add the dollar amount of \$400.00 to the Donation from the Gayle Woods Gardner Memorial.

Motion Carried. (7-0)

Tom Thomas arrived at the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approved the Minutes from the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Regular Meeting with the correction of changing the paragraph reading: *The Resolution for the Official Board Member Boundary Line was presented and discussed. Roland Martin (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve the Resolution Changing Boundaries of Board Member Districts as presented. Motion Carried.*

(7-0) **TO:** The Resolution for the Official Board Member Boundary Line was presented and discussed. Roland Martin (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve the Resolution Changing Boundaries of Board Member Districts as presented: The boundaries of the school board member districts shall be changed to the following: Member District No. 1 shall include the areas west of the division line herein described: and Member District 2 shall include the areas on the division line itself and all school district areas east of that line. The division line between the two district shall be as follows: starting at the north end of the district and working south the division line shall begin one-half mile south of the intersection of Road 200 and Road S and continue south to the intersection of Road 130 and Road S, then will head due east to the intersection of Road 130 and Road V before ending one-half mile south of the intersection of Road 30 and Road V. Motion Carried. (7-0)

- b. Approved Bills Due and Payable and Journal Entries
- c. Approved Payrolls for November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>
- d. Approval Financial Reports and Security Pledges – *Pulled for Discussion*
- e. Approved Contracts for Signature - *None*
- f. Approved Melissa Laws as a Recreation Board Member for Hartford/Neosho Rapids District of the Southern Lyon County Recreation Commission to fill the remainder of Mike Esch's four year term.
- g. Approved the \$400.00 Donation from Gayle Woods Gardner Memorial for Library Books for Hartford and Neosho Rapids Schools.
- h. Approved the Resignation of *Becky Holliday*, Olpe Vocal and Instrumental Teacher at the end of the 2008-09 school year.
- i. Approved Emergency Substitute Teachers – *Heather Hamilton, Rochele Romano and Caleb Marsh*; and Substitute Cook – *Mary Yowell*

Bill Veatch (Roland Martin) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the Financial Reports pulled for discussion. Motion Carried. (7-0)

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

Superintendent Argabright presented the Financial Reports and the concerns of receiving our state aid payments of 75% on December 5<sup>th</sup> instead of the entire amount on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the remainder 25% of the aid at the end of the week. With the situation of the economy, we will endure the same problems in the upcoming months and we won't know what cuts will have to be made to this year's budget until the Governor gives her state address in January.

Kevin Flott (Roland Martin) moved to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Motion Carried. (7-0)

David Kendrick arrived at the meeting 7:22 p.m.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*None*

### **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Tom Thomas from Agler and Gaeddert Accounting Firm presented the District's 07-08 Audit Report. No action was taken.

Roland Martin (Bill Veatch) moved to table the approval of the Audit until the January meeting to allow a thorough review from the members. Motion Carried. (7-0)

### **OLD CENTRAL OFFICE**

The proposed contract for the sale of the old Central Office Building was presented and suggestions for changes made. No action was taken.

Tom Thomas left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

### **09-10 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The proposed 2009-10 school calendar was presented and discussed.

Roland Martin (Bill Veatch) moved to approve the 09-10 School Calendar as presented.

Motion Carried. (7-0)

### **BUDGET INFORMATION**

Superintendent Argabright presented a PowerPoint presentation on projected figures for the 2009-10 Budget. Three Phases of cuts will be presented by the Administrative Team: Phase I – deal with the declining enrollment; Phase II – State cuts; and Phase III – End of the year with enrollment projections and budget preparations. Concerns were mentioned for the current year budget cuts as well. The District won't know the amount that needs to be trimmed from this year's budget or next year's budget until the Governor announces those changes.

Additional requests for students to attend the Flint Hills Technical College won't be addressed until the District is notified of the budget cuts for the year.

Superintendent Argabright presented figures from Food Service Director Phyllis Krueger on surrounding school meal prices and a break down of food and labor to produce school meals. No increases in meal prices were recommended. No action was taken.

### **PERSONNEL**

President Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to recess into executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 10 minutes with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons, Bill Warner and David Kendrick left the room.

At 8:26 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons, Bill Warner and David Kendrick returning.

Kevin Flott (Kenny Hamman) moved to hire Darin Redeker as an Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at Olpe for the 2008-09 school year. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Kevin Flott (Craig Clark) moved to open and advertise for a K-12 Music Teacher at Olpe for the 2009-10 school year. Motion Carried. (7-0)

### **BUILDING REPORTS**

Principal Bill Warner commented to the Board of the positive comments he received from the Winter Programs and that both Music teachers presented their programs well. The teachers have been rated, recommended and the order placed for new K-6 Science Textbooks which was up for replacement

according to the rotation plan. Students will be rewarded for their performance with the Accelerated Readers with an activity trip including a movie and visit from Santa sponsored with the help of the PTO. After break it will be time to get ready for the State Assessment testing.

Principal Curtis Simons also commented on the well attended Winter program and that he had heard positive comments on the presentation from first year teacher Lora McDonald. The Social Studies textbooks purchases are an excellent series and that the Social Studies testing showed that with good testing scores which were presented also. State Assessment testing will be soon and Hartford had great scores in Reading, Math and Science last year.

Principal Shari Hatfield was absent from the meeting.

Curtis Simons and Bill Warner left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

## **FACILITIES**

David Kendrick from RTI Consultants presented the results from the district wide roof evaluations. Questions and answers were shared and priorities for the Olpe Jr. High roof and the roof over the entrance to the Hartford old gym were suggested.

Superintendent Argabright asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the Facility Study Committee meetings or minutes. No questions were asked.

David Kendrick left the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Break 8:59 p.m. to 9:05 p.m.

President Schmidt (Craig Clark) moved to recess into executive session at 9:06 p.m. to have preliminary discussions about the acquisition of real property in order to protect the public interest in obtaining the property at a fair price to be discussed for 10 minutes with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 9:16 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Schmidt (Craig Clark) moved to recess into executive session at 9:17 p.m. to have preliminary discussions about the acquisition of real property in order to protect the public interest in obtaining the property at a fair price to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 9:22 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Superintendent Argabright presented a current list and history of the District fleet and recommended the ones for disposal and replacements needed. The recommendation fulfills the updates to our bus and vehicle fleet with a reduction in the total vehicles in our fleet from two years ago. This was one of the 2008-09 Board goals.

Kevin Flott (Roland Martin) moved to authorize Superintendent Argabright to purchase two program Mini-Vans at \$14,500.00 each. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Kevin Flott (Bill Veatch) moved to authorize Superintendent Argabright to list Bus #23, the 1995 Blue Suburban, 1992 Green Mini-Van, 1992 Red Mini-Van and the Utility Van (after a replacement was found) on Purplewave Auction. Motion Carried. (7-0)

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Argabright complimented State Champion Cross Country member Katelyn Henderson and team accomplishments and congratulations to Coach Camien and Cross Country Teams. Olpe High School Football team did a nice job for the season and at State competition. Congratulations to the kids, coaches and community. Best of luck wishes were given to the winter activities. Thanks and compliments were given to Haley Rhoads and Logan Grieder for the new look to the District Website. The Legislative Dinner will be held at Paola on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and those wanting to attend should let Clerk Redeker know those intentions. Thanks and appreciation was given for the donation of \$400.00 for books from the Gayle Woods Gardner Memorial to the Neosho Rapids and Hartford libraries. A New Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) was presented with faculty being trained in that area. This will support a system for K-12 students. The system has three tiers. The District will start with K-3 in 2009-10 and grow the program through an implementation plan. Olpe Jr./Sr. High School is a successful recipient of a Kansas Character Education Grant for the 2008-09 school term and that Hartford has applied for the Grant in 2009-10. Emporia State University will be sending nurse practitioners to our District to work under the direction of our school nurse Deb Kuhlmann.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Congratulation to all Fall sports teams and best of luck with their Winter sports. Reminder to Board members that they are invited to the annual Christmas meal at all schools on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and to let the school know if you will be attending. Congratulations were given to Chris Schmidt for receiving the Area Coach Award. Thanks and appreciation was given to the Olpe Entrepreneurship Class for the Christmas treats provided to the School Board, Superintendent and Central Office staff. Winter programs at both schools were well attended and positive comments were heard from both. Congratulations to Hartford High School with the largest amount of coats donated to Project Warmth and congratulations to Olpe for the largest recycling project in the area. A letter was recommended to be sent by the Board to Kansas Association of School Boards to change the State Convention date to correspond with a non-sports activity weekend and to allow KSHSAA to govern their respected area without KASB suggesting changes. A reminder was given to keep a positive attitude in these tough times.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bill Veatch (Kenny Hamman) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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Jeanette Schmidt, President

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Date

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Brenda J. Redeker, Clerk

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