

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

February 9, 2009

President Jeanette Schmidt called the Regular Meeting of the Southern Lyon County USD #252 Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, February 9, 2009 at the Board of Education Office in Hartford, Kansas.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeanette Schmidt, Bill Veatch, Kevin Flott, Kenny Hamman, Kent Grieder and Roland Martin

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Craig Clark

SUPERINTENDENT:

Michael Argabright

CLERK:

Brenda Redeker

VISITORS:

Bob Bezek, Shari Hatfield, Bill Warner, Curtis Simons, Allyson Lyman, Jeanette Slitter and Jenny Grieder

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Kenny Hamman (Bill Veatch) moved to approve the Agenda as presented with the additions to the Consent Agenda of **3 f.** *Neosho Rapids PTO* donation of \$176.97 towards Computer Supplies and **3 g.** Approval of Emergency Substitute Teachers for the 2008-09 school year - *Mark Grigsby, Jennifer-Lynn Ramsey, Leo Reyes, Chelsi Thornburgh and Jacob Naverud.* Motion Carried. (6-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approved the Minutes from the January 12, 2009 Meeting
- b. Approval of Bills Due and Payable and Journal Entries – *pulled for discussion*
- c. Approved Payrolls for January 16, 2009 and January 30, 2009
- d. Approved Financial Reports and Security Pledges
- e. Approval of the Resignation of *Marc Haney*, Neosho Rapids Jr. High/Hartford High School Teacher at the end of the 2008-09 school year – *pulled for discussion*
- f. Approved the *Wal-Mart Education Community Grant* to Hartford High School in the amount of \$1,000.00, *Olpe Elementary PTO Donation* of \$353.94 towards Computer Supplies and *Neosho Rapids Elementary PTO Donation* of \$176.97 towards Computer Supplies.

- g. Approved Emergency Substitute Teachers for the 2008-09 school year – *Mark Grigsby, Jennifer-Lynn Ramsey, Leo Reyes, Chelsi Thornburgh and Jacob Naverud.*

Bill Veatch asked that the items of the resignation of Marc Haney and the Bills be pulled for discussion.

Roland Martin (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the items of Marc Haney's resignation and Bills pulled for discussion. Motion Carried. (6-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

A comment in Marc Haney's resignation letter in regards to his opinion of the AR Program was discussed.

Bill Veatch (Roland Martin) moved to approve the resignation of Marc Haney at the end of the 2008-09 school year. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Also questioned and discussed were the Westar Energy bills and the number of electric meters at Neosho Rapids.

Bill Veatch (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve the Bills due and payable as presented. Motion Carried. (6-0)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jeanette Slitter presented concerns in regards to Supplemental Contract Renewals for the upcoming year.

Craig Clark arrived at the meeting 7:18 p.m.

FACILITIES

Superintendent Argabright explained the Rotation Plan contained plans for two District roofs to be repaired this summer and he would like to see the District fix at least one of those roofs.

Olpe buildings have had a lot of heating problems and that the 1996 Addition's Heating Units life span was approximately 15 years and we are experiencing more problems with the units as they age.

The City of Olpe has met with Consultants and has requested easements with regards to laying a new water line. Superintendent Argabright presented a map with the outline of the water lines to be laid and the discrepancy within property deeds. The deeds would have to be dealt with before the work can start. The City hopes to lay the lines this summer.

IDL (Interactive Distance Learning) Labs was presented as an option from Greenbush. This would allow participation with other schools when classes were not large enough to have one teacher for a subject. Districts would share a teacher for those subjects. Grants are available to put these labs in schools. Some area schools already participate in this program.

The State Fire Marshall investigated a complaint about employees getting shocked in the kitchen area at Olpe. None of the employees were aware of this happening. He recommended hiring an electrician to investigate further and make sure codes were being met. Thirty days was allowed to complete this recommendation.

Wilson & Company Consultation Service gave an estimate of approximately \$24,000.00 to provide a study of the District's space and organization.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Curtis Simons announced that five Hartford students sponsored by Angela Swihart have qualified for the State Scholars Bowl to be held this Friday. State Assessment testing in Math and Reading will be completed before Spring break with the other subjects to be tested after break. March 12th, Net Smarts will put on a presentation to students during the day and for parents in the evening. Issues facing students, staff and parents will be presented (Face book, texting inappropriate photos and bullying to mention a few). The Booster Club will sponsor a Chili Feed that evening.

Shari Hatfield announced that Olpe was a recipient of a Grant and therefore selected as Kansas Character Ed Control Group members to develop and implement a K-12 Character Education Curriculum. Members participating are Jesse Nelson, Carolyn Davis, Rebecca Fawcett and Shari Hatfield. They are working on a second Grant through Sprint for additional funding towards Character Education supplies.

Bill Warner mentioned the Grants the Elementary schools were working on. One with the Jones Institute for Math improvement. This program would be for 2nd through 6th grade teachers. This will be the third year for applying for the Technology Rich Classroom Grant. This would be focusing on Elementary Science improvement. Both PTO's have submitted for the Wal-Mart \$1,000.00 Education Grants. Winners will be announced at a later date.

Superintendent Argabright complimented the efforts of everyone involved with writing and applying for these grants.

TRANSPORTATION

Items sold on the Purplewave Auction and the monies sold for are: *1989 GMC Gray Utility Van - \$600.00, 1992 Ford Red Van - \$1,550.00, 1993 Ford Green Van - \$1,500.00, 1993 Bluebird - Bus #23 - \$2,150.00 and 1995 Chevrolet Blue Suburban - \$2,500.00.*

The Board previously approved the purchase of two mini vans for the District. One has been purchased and Superintendent Argabright recommended putting a hold on the second one until we know what the State will do with our Budget for this year.

SUMMER DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAM

The State has cut 70% of the Driver's Education funds in 2008-09 and Driver's Education will not be funded in 2009-10. Possibilities of moving Driver's Education back into the school year was discussed or combining courses if enrollment numbers justify the need. Driver's Education is not a required class per state graduation requirements. Superintendent Argabright recommended that we charge \$200 for In-District students again this year and Out-of-District Students \$260. The prices were discussed and charging the Out-of-District students more was favored. It was also recommended to pay the instructors \$24.00 an hour with the course running from June 1 to June 26, 2009. Students must be 14 by June 12, 2009 or they may not enroll. Out-of-District Students would have to be paid in full by May 21, 2009. Enrollment Dates for In-District Students would be March 1-April 30, 2009 and Enrollment Dates for Out-of-District Students would be May 1-21, 2009 on a first come first serve basis provided that student is in good standing to attend our schools. Payment Plans can be worked out with the building principal provided a down payment is made prior to May 21 for current USD 252 students.

Kent Grieder (Roland Martin) moved to approve the Summer Driver's Education Program fees as

\$200.00 for In-District Students and \$350.00 for Out-of-District Students. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Bill Veatch (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the Instructor's pay as \$24.00 per hour as presented. Motion Carried. (7-0)

PERSONNEL

President Schmidt (Kent Grieder) moved to recess into executive session at 7:51 p.m. for consultation with our attorney on a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege in order to protect the privilege and the Board's position in (litigation, potential litigation, administrative proceedings, etc.) to be discussed for 15 minutes with the Board, Superintendent, Olpe High School Principal and Board Attorney present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

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

Jenny Grieder, Jeanette Slitter and Allyson Lyman left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

At 8:06 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons and Bill Warner returning.

President Schmidt (Kent Grieder) moved to recess into executive session at 8:07 p.m. for consultation with our attorney on a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege in order to protect the privilege and the Board's position in (litigation, potential litigation, administrative proceedings, etc.) to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board, Superintendent, Olpe High School Principal and Board Attorney present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

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

At 8:12 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons and Bill Warner returning.

Roland Martin (Bill Veatch) moved to accept the resignation of Darin Redeker from all coaching positions effectively immediately. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Kevin Flott (Kenny Hamman) moved to authorized the Olpe High Principal and Athletic Director to open and hire a Jr. High Track Coach for the 2008-09 season. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Authority was also give to hire an additional Assistant Track Coach for the 2008-09 season if needed due to the number of students participating.

NEGOTIATIONS

Jeanette Schmidt (Craig Clark) moved to recess into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker, Bob Bezek, Bill Warner, Curtis Simons and Shari Hatfield left the room.

At 8:20 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

Jeanette Schmidt (Craig Clark) moved to recess into executive session at 8:21 p.m. for 5 minutes to

discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

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

Break 8:28 p.m. with the meeting resuming at 8:37 p.m.

BUDGET INFORMATION

Superintendent Argabright presented strategies and action items to address Budget cuts for the 2008-09 school year. Action Items suggested: Freeze building budgets at 20%; freeze General Fund and LOB maintenance purchases (unless emergency); reduce Food Service by 5%; reduce General Fund/LOB Technology and Equipment purchases 50% and utilizing At-Risk money available to update Olpe labs; lower fuel prices than what was budgeted for; suspend LOB rotation plans until June (bus, flooring, desks, major summer projects, copiers, furniture, etc.); emphasize the Energy Savings Plan (unplug during extended breaks); re-bind textbooks instead of replacing (emphasize to teachers for proper care of textbooks by students with obligations issued to students for textbooks returned misused and/or abused); savings in mileage expenses due to updated vehicle fleet; use any available year-end money to prepay for 2009-10 school year and possibly shut off utilities to the Jr. High building at Neosho Rapids. Retaining the Contingency Reserve Fund for 2009-10 will be needed along with making accounting changes (journal entries) for items paid for out of the Contingency Fund from July through October which can be paid for out of the Capital Outlay Fund which would allow more funds available in the Contingency Fund for this year and next year. Also build and transfer any year-end available funds to the Contingency Fund.

Superintendent Argabright also recommended fulfilling and completing any necessary equipment purchases and repairs through the Capital Outlay Fund including any of the Rotation plans as prioritized in May and June and to continue Professional Development activities as approved by Administration utilizing Title II (highly qualified) and Small Rural Grant monies.

Building enrollment demographics for the past ten years and teacher/student ratios were presented.

President Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to recess into executive session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 20 minutes with the Board, Superintendent, Principals and Board Attorney present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 9:07 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to recess into executive session at 9:08 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 15 minutes with the Board, Superintendent, Principals and Board Attorney present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 9:23 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to recess into executive session at 9:24 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 15 minutes with the Board, Superintendent, Principals and Board Attorney present.

Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 9:39 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to recess into executive session at 9:40 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, Superintendent, Principals and Board Attorney present.

Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

Bob Bezek left the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

At 9:50 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to recess into executive session at 9:52 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, Superintendent, Principals and Board Attorney present.

Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 10:02 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to recess into executive session at 10:03 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, Superintendent, Principals and Board Attorney present.

Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 10:13 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to recess into executive session at 10:14 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, Superintendent, Principals and Board Attorney present.

Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 10:24 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

Curtis Simons, Bill Warner and Shari Hatfield left the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Argabright mentioned that he had received a letter from the County Attorney's office in

regards to Drug Awareness with the upcoming Prom and Graduation activities. It will be sent to parents. A commitment letter was received from the Jones Trust for a grant of \$50,000.00 towards the Hartford High School Football Field Concession stand. With the percentage of donations received, plans to proceed with interviews of architects for the project could be held.

Kevin Flott (Kent Grieder) moved to allow Superintendent Argabright to interview architect firms to proceed with the plans for the Hartford High School Football Field Concession stand project. Motion Carried. (7-0)

TwoTrees (Internet Filter) will have the District set up for student (7-12) e-mail accounts soon. We will start with the seniors and working down to 7th grade for this service.

Superintendent Argabright congratulated the Hartford High School Scholars Bowl team for qualifying for State and wished them good luck in their competition this week. Congratulations were also given to the Olpe Basketball Teams for Lyon County League Champions.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Congratulations to all the teams participating in the Lyon County League Tournament. There was a great turnout with good sportsmanship from all. Don Roberts did an outstanding job announcing and singing at the Tournament. Congratulations to the Olpe Girls and Boys for their performance and thanks to all the supporters and advertisers of the event. Thanks also to Ted Vannocker for a well organized Tournament and to Superintendent Argabright for the advertising of the District. Congratulations to the Hartford High School Scholars Bowl for advancing to State Competition.

ADJOURNMENT

Roland Martin (Kevin Flott) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Jeanette Schmidt, President

Date

Brenda J. Redeker, Clerk

Date