

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

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, November 10, 2008, at the Board of Education Office in Hartford, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL:**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeanette Schmidt, Kevin Flott, Craig Clark, Kenny Hamman and Bill Veatch

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Roland Martin and Kent Grieder

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

Michael Argabright

**CLERK:**

Brenda Redeker

**VISITORS:**

Bill Warner, Jerry Haag, Curtis Simons and Shari Hatfield

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Kevin Flott (Bill Veatch) moved to approve the Agenda as presented with the additions to the Agenda of **11. a.)** Student request to attend the Flint Hills Technical College and pull the Financial Reports from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Motion Carried. (5-0)

Roland Martin and Kent Grieder arrived at the meeting 7:01 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Approved the Minutes from the October 13th, 2008 Regular Meeting
- c. Approved the Bills Due and Payable and Journal Entries
- d. Approved Payrolls for October 24th, 2008 and November 7th, 2008
- e. Approved Financial Reports and Pledged Securities
- f. Approved Contracts for Signature – *Jennifer Schmidt, Olpe Part-time FACS Teacher*
- g. Approval of Transfer Students – *None*

- h. Approval of Emergency Substitute Teacher – *Laura Breshears, Emergency Substitute* for the 2008-09 school year
- i. Resignations – *None*

Kenny Hamman (Craig Clark) 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 attended a meeting with the State Department of Education and was informed that School Districts may have to cut 1 to 3% of this year's Budget. Next year's Budget may double that percentage with a 4 to 6% decrease on top of the declining enrollment. Superintendent Argabright answered questions about the Financial reports as requested.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*None*

### **SCHOOL SAFETY: TORNADO & FIRE INSPECTIONS**

Superintendent Argabright informed the Board that the fire and tornado drills are completed and Bill Ballinger would address any corrections that are needed for safety. The State Fire Inspector will be out to inspect our buildings.

The Kansas State Department of Education is questioning school districts in regards to their Tornado Shelters and if they comply with FEMA Guidelines. The answer to the question for USD #252 will be NO. Hartford High School is our only building that would come close to following those guidelines. Completion of the checklist and drills at each building will be completed soon.

### **FACILITY STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Jerry Haag, Chairman of the Facility Study Committee was present to update the Board on the meetings the committee has held and ideas that were spoke of. They are looking at the needs verses wants and prioritizing in regards to the educational needs of our students. Jerry asked the Board if they had any requests to take back to the Committee. There were none at this time.

Superintendent Argabright met with Dale Dennis at the State Department of Education and spoke with the State Treasurer's office for detailed explanation of the District's bonds. As a result of earlier refinancing for a better interest rate of one of the bonds, the 1999 Series Bond will be paid off in September of 2009 but the mill rate will remain the same and will shift the payment to the 2005 Series Bond which only the interest is being paid at this time.

Jerry Haag left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS – SCORES BY PRINCIPALS**

Shari Hatfield, Curtis Simons and Bill Warner presented testing results from their buildings. Overall, great assessment scores were made and Standard of Excellence was achieved in many areas. Superintendent Argabright commented that it was great news and complimented and appreciated the Principals, Parents and Students work.

Shari Hatfield, Curtis Simons and Bill Warner left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

### **CITY OF HARTFORD – EASEMENT REQUEST**

The City of Hartford has requested an easement for a city waterline to be located on the Northwest corner of Commercial and Maple streets (old gym area lot). Superintendent Argabright suggested to the Board to request the City of Hartford to install a fire hydrant at that corner to service the school and area residents. Due to the installation of the water line, a request was made to bring the handicap parking area up to compliance.

Bill Veatch (Roland Martin) moved to approve the easement for a water line to be located at the corner of Commercial and Maple not to exceed 15' from the presented water line location. Motion Carried. (7-0)

### **PERSONNEL**

President Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to recess into executive session at 7:48 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 left the room.

At 7:58 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 8:00 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. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 8:05 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 8:06 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. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 8:11 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

No action was taken.

### **NEGOTIATIONS**

Roland Martin (Kenny Hamman) moved to accept the Early Retirement Incentive as amended with the dates to notify the Superintendent changed to November 11, 2008 to December 31, 2008 - \$1,000.00 Incentive; January 1, 2009 to January 31, 2009 - \$500.00 Incentive; February 1, 2009 and on – No Incentive offered; and that the incentive is approved for the 2008-09 school term only. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Kent Grieder (Bill Veatch) moved to appoint Roland Martin as the Chief Negotiator for the Negotiation Team. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Bill Veatch (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to appoint Kent Grieder as a Negotiator for the Negotiation Team. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Bill Veatch (Kenny Hamman) moved to appoint Kevin Flott as an Alternate Negotiator for the Negotiation Team. Motion Carried. (7-0)

#### **11a. REQUEST TO ATTEND FLINT HILLS TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

A letter was received from Layne Higgins, Hartford High School to attend the Flint Hills Technical College the second semester of the 2008-09 school year in the Power Plant program. Permission has been granted by the Division Chairman at the Technical College.

Bill Veatch (Craig Clark) moved to approve Layne Higgins to attend the 2008-09 second semester at the Flint Hills Technical College in the Power Plant program. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Due to Budget restraints, Superintendent Argabright mentioned that a cut off date be set for those requesting attendance in the future so that enough money would be allowed when the Budget is set. Allowance for new families moving into the district would be considered. It will be further discussed in the Spring.

#### **FACILITIES REPORT**

Superintendent Argabright presented the Quit Claim Deed for the lot in Hartford donated by the McGuire family.

Amounts for items sold on the Purple Wave Auction were: (2) Convection Ovens - \$575.00, (Approx. 40 sheets) R4 Styrofoam Board - \$275.00, Belsaw Planer - \$275.00, Delta Drill Press - \$220.00, Rockwell/Delta Radial Arm Saw with Bench - \$160.00, Rockwell/Delta Band Saw - \$160.00, Wellsaw Horizontal Band Saw - \$90.00, Rockwell Motorized Miter Box - \$50.00, Kleeerflow Parts Washer - \$25.00, and Kawai Piano with Cover - \$10.00. **Total** - \$1,840.00 less Listing fee, Picturing fee & Mileage was **\$1,810.00**.

Superintendent Argabright explained the letter received from the State Architect in regards to the Olpe Kitchen project and said that the issue of the project being cancelled had been resolved.

Superintendent Argabright had met with the Mayor of Neosho Rapids, Jenny Wagers and discussed the old Jr. High building. The drainage issue at Neosho Rapids affecting the playground was also discussed and that the road on the east side of the school was next to be repaired.

Superintendent Argabright met with Board Attorney Bob Bezek in regards to the old Central Office. A contract has been sent for review. The interested party does not want to lease the building, they want to purchase it. Due to short notice of the contract and information sent, the issue was tabled until a later date.

#### **BOARD MEMBER – DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

The final Election results from the County Clerk's Office were presented to the Board. The official count was: YES – 782 votes and NO – 576 votes.

The Position Numbers for the Board members were reassigned. The Positions are: *Jeanette Schmidt – Position #2, Kevin Flott – Position #4, Kent Grieder – Position #6, Craig Clark – Position #1, Bill Veatch – Position #3, Kenny Hammon – Position #5, and Roland Martin – At-Large Position #7.*

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

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)

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION**

President Schmidt (Kent Grieder) move to recess into executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker and Superintendent Argabright left the room.

At 8:55 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker and Superintendent Argabright returning.

President Schmidt (Kent Grieder) move to recess into executive session at 8:56 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker and Superintendent Argabright left the room.

At 9:01 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker and Superintendent Argabright returning.

Roland Martin (Kevin Flott) move to recess into executive session at 9:02 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board and Superintendent 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.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Argabright reported that the Leadership Team liked the new Parent/Teacher conference schedule that was implemented this year. The Schools reported a higher percentage of parents attending the conferences.

Budget information for the 09-10 school year will be presented at the December board meeting.

Bill Veatch, Mike Argabright and Brenda Redeker will be attending the Kansas Association of School

Board Convention December 5<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup> in Wichita. Roland Martin will not be attending the Chief Negotiations Seminar since he attended last year.

The Calendar Committee first meeting date will be Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 3:45 p.m. at the District office with Kevin Flott representing the Board.

Superintendent Argabright mentioned that their will be an education tour with a foreign language group to Costa Rica over Spring Break and that it is not a school function.

Congratulations to the Faculty, Staff, Students and Parents for another outstanding year of academic success. Grades 3-12 have demonstrated academic success within our state assessments and ACT scores above the state average again last school year. Appreciation was given to the instructional leadership given by the building Principals as they use assessment data to guide and correct deficient areas within our curriculum.

A motivational and character education assembly will be held this Wednesday and Thursday with the first day as in-service for the Coaches and the second day for Olpe 7-12 students in the morning and the Hartford 7-12 students in the afternoon. It is sponsored by Drug Free funding.

A letter was received from the IRS waving the penalties and interest from 2003 and 2004.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Congratulation to Curtis Simons who was inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame. Thanks and appreciation was given to Superintendent Argabright, Clerk Redeker, Haley Rhoads and office staff for all the work involved with information and meetings with regards to the changing of the voting method. Thanks and appreciation was also given to the Patrons of the District for their vote of confidence in what was asked by the Board to benefit our kids. Congratulations to Chris Schmidt for working with the football team in developing mature-acting and successful players. Thanks was given to Tammy Windle, Cross Country Coach at Hartford for a great job working with the kids. They performed well. The District has a lot of good things going on in all areas and we should be proud.

President Schmidt mention that the next Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> starting with dinner at the Olpe Chicken House and resuming with the meeting at the Olpe High School Business Lab.

A reminder to the Board members that they are invited to the Thanksgiving Dinners to be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at Hartford and Olpe Schools and November 21<sup>st</sup> at Neosho Rapids Elementary and to call the school for reservations.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Kevin Flott (Bill Veatch) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Jeanette Schmidt, President

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Brenda J. Redeker, Clerk

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