

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 13, 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, October 13, 2008, at the Board of Education Office in Hartford, Kansas.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

SUPERINTENDENT:

Michael Argabright

CLERK:

Brenda Redeker

VISITORS:

Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Diana Rohde, Gracie Wharton, Jeff Hogan, Linda Hogan, Sheela Foster, Douglas Foster, Mark Swisher, Marlene Swisher, Loraine Zweimiller, Junior Wharton, Austin Hogan, Steve Burris, Brianna Zweimiller, Brian Zweimiller, Deb Ikerd, Randy Ikerd, Dana Cole, Julie Kirby, Emily Kirby, Melissa Laws, and James Laws

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to approve the Agenda as presented with the additions to the Consent Agenda of **3. f.)** Mindy Clark as a Substitute Teacher for the 2008-09 school year and **3. j.)** Olpe Transfer Students, Andrew and Austin Muse and Amber Malone. Motion Carried. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approved the Minutes from the September 8, 2008 Regular Meeting and September 29, 2008 Special Meeting
- b. Approved the Bills Due and Payable and Journal Entries
- c. Approved Payrolls for September 12, 2008, September 26, 2008 and October 10, 2008
- d. Approved Financial Reports and Pledged Securities
- e. Approved Flint Hills Pest Control Proposal for a one year contract in the amount of \$3,065.00

- f. Approval of Substitute and Emergency Substitute Teachers – *Jennifer Galindo, Emergency Substitute Teacher and Mindy Clark, Substitute Teacher* for the 2008-09 school year
- g. Approved Personnel – *Vicki Rude, Olpe Part-time Cook and Peggy Schuler, Substitute Cook and Aide*
- h. Approved Facility Study Committee Member – *Emily Darbyshire*
- i. Approval of the Mentor Teacher Program and notification by KSDE that the District met the required elements of the application
- j. Approved Olpe Transfer Students – *Andrew and Austin Muse and Amber Malone* for the 2008-09 school year

Kevin Flott (Kent Grieder) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

PATRON REQUEST TO APPEAR

Jeff Hogan appeared before the Board and presented a petition and his concerns for those in favor of an 8th Grade Promotion instead of a 6th Grade Promotion.

Bill Veatch (Roland Martin) moved to have a Neosho Rapids Formal 8th Grade Promotion and to eliminate the 6th Grade Promotion. Motion Carried. (7-0)

President Schmidt thanked the patrons for coming to the meeting.

Gracie Wharton, Jeff Hogan, Linda Hogan, Sheela Foster, Douglas Foster, Mark Swisher, Marlene Swisher, Loraine Zweimiller, Junior Wharton, Austin Hogan, Steve Burris, Brianna Zweimiller, Brian Zweimiller, Deb Ikerd, Randy Ikerd, Dana Cole, Julie Kirby, Emily Kirby, Melissa Laws, and James Laws left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Bill Warner left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Break for a Board of Education photo taken by Dana Cole.

Dana Cole left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

EARLY RETIREMENT RESIGNATION INCENTIVES

Superintendent Argabright presented information regarding incentives for licensed employees to notify in writing their intention to retire from USD #252 at the conclusion of the 2008-09 school year. Those licensed employees who meet the KPERS criteria for retirement who informed the Superintendent of Schools by October 15, 2008 through December 19, 2008 would receive an incentive of \$1,000.00, those employees who notified the Superintendent between January 1, 2009 and January 31, 2009 would received an incentive of \$500.00 and those notifying after February 1, 2009 would not receive an incentive. This incentive would be paid to the employee at the June payroll. Early retirement notification incentive would allow the District to advertise and hire qualified applicants as early as possible. This incentive would also allow the Board of

Education to examine future budget constraints at an earlier date. This proposal would be for the 2008-09 school year and renewable as needed.

Roland Martin (Kent Grieder) moved to implement an Early Retirement Resignation Incentive for KPERS eligible licensed employees who will be retiring at the conclusion of the 2008-09 school year as presented. Motion Carried. (7-0)

FACILITY STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

Superintendent Argabright reported on the first meeting of the Facility Study Committee. He indicated that it was a good meeting and the committee was informed of its purpose and timelines for recommendations to the Board.

Enrollment Demographics was shared showing the enrollment possibilities and needs for the future.

PERSONNEL

Superintendent Argabright recommended to the Board to hire Jenny Schmidt to fill the part-time FACS position at the Olpe Jr./Sr. High School for the 2008-09 school year. Jenny Schmidt has been instructing the class as a long term substitute teacher and has renewed her teaching license. She has applied for a waiver through KSDE as she continues to work towards her FACS endorsement/licensure.

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to hire Jenny Schmidt as the part-time Olpe Jr./Sr. High School FACS instructor for the 2008-09 school year beginning October 14th, 2008. Motion Carried. (7-0)

FACILITIES REPORT

Superintendent Argabright has sent a draft contract to Board Attorney Bob Bezek to review and make suggestions in regards to the old central office building. Bob Bezek will view the property before completing the contract.

A suggestion of a long term lease of the building was mentioned instead of selling the building. This would allow the District to retain the lot. Superintendent Argabright will look into the suggestion with the interested party and the Board Attorney.

Superintendent Argabright informed the Board of excess folding chairs not in use and stored at Neosho Rapids. It was suggested to offer them to local civic organizations.

Kevin Flott (Kent Grieder) moved to offer the excess folding chairs stored at Neosho Rapids to local civic organizations. Motion Carried. (7-0)

After the facility tour it was mentioned to have security lights at each football field. Bill Ballinger will get prices to present to the Board.

Curtis Simons left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

STUDENT MATTERS

President Schmidt (Roland Martin) moved to recess into executive session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss matters affecting a student(s) in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual(s) to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker and Diana Rohde left the room.

At 8:18 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Schmidt (Roland Martin) moved to recess into executive session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss matters affecting a student(s) in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual(s) to be discussed for 10 minutes with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 8:29 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Schmidt (Roland Martin) moved to recess into executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss matters affecting a student(s) in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual(s) to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 8:35 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker and Diana Rohde returning.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Argabright informed the Board that the Quit Claim Deed had been filed with the Register of Deeds Office and the Blaufuss purchase of the leased property was completed.

RTI Consultants were at Olpe making recommendations on their roofs and would check Hartford and Neosho Rapids this week. RTI Consultants will make short and long term recommendations for the district's roofs.

Superintendent Argabright complimented District Nurse Deb Kuhlmann on a great job organizing the community flu shots within all the district communities.

Superintendent Argabright presented the dates for the public forum meetings within each community in regards to the upcoming general election ballot for the change in the method of election for our board members. It is required of the Board to address this issue due to balancing the populations based on the last census. Those public meeting dates are: **Neosho Rapids** – Wednesday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Neosho Rapids Elementary Multi-purpose Room; **Olpe** – Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Olpe High School Commons Area; and **Hartford** – Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Hartford High School Commons Area.

Purplewave auction items from the October 9th sale totaled \$1,840.00. Items auctioned were: piano, insulation, shop equipment and ovens.

Superintendent met with other area Superintendents and the President of the Flint Hills Technical College to discuss concerns regarding tuition costs, scheduling and transportation of the students attending vocational classes from local high schools.

President Schmidt handed out to the Board members the superintendent evaluation form to be returned to her by November 5th. This would allow time for completion by the November 10th board meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Thanks and appreciation to sponsors for their support of our kids and schools. Appreciation was expressed for the new clock and flag pole at the Hartford Football field. Fall sport season were going well with appreciation to the coaches and students for a great job. Facility tour was enjoyed and comments of a well diverse Facility Study Committee who will do a great job looking at our communities as a whole with good recommendations for the Board. Both Cross Country teams were having a good season and a reminder that the High School Rodeo was this weekend in Emporia with district students participating.

ADJOURNMENT

Kent Grieder (Bill Veatch) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Jeanette Schmidt, President

Brenda J. Redeker, Clerk