

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 8, 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, September 8, 2008, at the Board of Education Office in Hartford, Kansas.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeanette Schmidt, Roland Martin, Kevin Flott and Bill Veatch

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kent Grieder and Craig Clark

SUPERINTENDENT:

Michael Argabright

CLERK:

Brenda Redeker

VISITORS:

Bill Warner, Shari Hatfield, Curtis Simons, Jenny Wagers, Peggy Mast, Kenny Hamman, Gary Romeiser, Chelsey Kohlman, Nick Riggs, Wayne Beshirs and Milton Jones

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Kevin Flott (Bill Veatch) moved to approve the Agenda as presented with the addition of **18. 3.)** Board Member Boundary Lines, **4. f.** addition of Kerri Owns as a Substitute Teachers, **4. k.** addition of two students Matthew Gilligan and LeAndra Hancock for approval to attend the Flint Hills Technical College and **5.** pulled Financial Reports for discussion. Motion Carried. (5-0)

VACANT BOARD POSITION #2

As of August 22, 2008, two applications were received for Board Position #2 vacated by Donald Roberts. Applicants were Gary Romeiser and Kenneth Hamman.

Jeanette Schmidt (Roland Martin) moved to approve Kenneth Hamman as Board Position #2 for USD #252 Southern Lyon County Board of Education until the next election. Motion Carried. (5-0)

Clerk Redeker presented Kenneth Hamman the Oath of Office and signed him in as an official Board of Education member for Position #2 for USD #252 Southern Lyon County.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approved the Minutes from the August 11, 2008 Regular Meeting
- b. Approved the Bills Due and Payable and Journal Entries
- c. Approved Payrolls for August 15, 2008 and August 29, 2008
- d. Pulled Financial Reports for discussion
- e. Approved Transfer Students - **Olpe** – *Camden Davis, Claire Davis, Braxton Pauls, Hayden Pauls and Jamison Knowles*; **Hartford** – *Ryan Shepherd and Tamara Tyner*; **Neosho Rapids** – *Drayden Butterfield and Erica Holmes*
- f. Approval of Substitute and Emergency Substitute Teachers – *Darin Redeker, Emergency Substitute Teacher and Kerri Owen, Substitute Teacher*
- g. Approved Contracts for Signature – **Teacher Contracts:** *Sheila Broyles, Lora McDonald, Carolyn S. Richard-Davis and Terry Smith*; **Supplemental Contracts:** *Shannon Aguirre, Lisa Brinkman, Thomas Camien, Monica Countryman, Carolyn S. Richard-Davis, Patrick Gardner, Joseph Hallacy, Lora McDonald, Dustin McGuire, Megan McGuire, Terry Smith and Chelsi Thornburgh*
- h. Approved to hire *Paige Hamman* and *Joe Gilligan* for OJT (On the Job Training) at minimum wage.
- i. Approved *Martha Gaska* as a Substitute Bus Driver and Activity Bus Driver
- j. Approved the resignation of *Karen Traner*, Part Time Cook at Olpe
- k. Approved *Matthew Gilligan* and *LeAndra Hancock* to attend the Flint Hills Technical College for the 2008-09 school year.

Roland Martin (Bill Veatch) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried. (6-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Superintendent Argabright presented to the Board the air conditioning repairs and replacements costs at currently \$14,000.00 with some invoices remaining to be paid. Upcoming increases in utility costs and the increase in fees to the Flint Hills Technical College for students attending this year. With the number of students more than doubled from last year, the fall semester tuition is \$37,930.00. Building budget amounts were also presented.

Roland Martin (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Motion Carried. (6-0)

EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS

Principal Simons introduced two Hartford students Chelsey Kohlman and Nick Riggs who are requesting early graduation. Chelsey Kohlman wants to start college classes in January and pursue a degree in Kansas Law Enforcement and Nick Riggs wants to work and save money to attend ESU this fall to pursue a Business degree. Both students had the support of their parents and principal.

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to approve an early graduation request to Nick Riggs. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to approve an early graduation request to Chelsey Kohlman. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Nick Riggs and Chelsey Kohlman left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

BUILDING REPORTS

Shari Hatfield reported Olpe High School's ACT test results were higher than in past years. She also presented the building schedule with attendance in each class.

Curtis Simons also presented ACT test results for Hartford High School with higher scores than in the past. Classes offered and attendance in each class were also presented.

Superintendent Argabright complimented the Principals, Staff and Students on their academic achievements and results.

Bill Warner informed the Board of the increase in federal monies for the programs this year. Donna Arndt will be the Title I instructor for Olpe Elementary and St. Joseph schools and Nichole Kuhn will be the Title I instructor for Neosho Rapids Elementary this year. With an increase in Title I funding, salaries will still need to be supplemented with At Risk monies. Students recommended for the Title I Reading programs have to meet criteria to be eligible. It is based on assessment scores, MAPP testing, and teacher observations and recommendations.

OLD CENTRAL OFFICE

Harry and Cory Haag have withdrawn their offer to purchase the old Central Office and Milton Jones presented a letter to the Board for the intended use of the building. The intentions for the building would be for a community outreach with emphasis placed on the youth of Hartford and would hopefully develop services for the adult community especially for the seniors of Hartford and surrounding area. Renovation plans included making it ADA accessible, restroom modifications, adding a kitchen area and removal of existing ceiling and carpet. Possible use of the building would include after school support programs, exercising area, piano lessons, movies for children and special speakers.

Kent Grieder mentioned a first right of refusal for the buy back option within the contract if things didn't work out.

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to have a formal draft contract drawn up between the Christian Church and the School Board for the old Central Office building. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Milton Jones and Wayne Beshirs left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED – ASSESSMENT FEES REIMBURSEMENT

Superintendent Argabright recommended the use of Title II funds for reimbursement to current licensed staff for the cost of adding additional endorsements onto their license after successfully passing the assessment within their respected content areas. All requests for reimbursement would be recommended necessary and/or needed by their building principal to ensure our staff is highly qualified. This system would be reviewed annually.

Kevin Flott (Kenneth Hamman) moved to recommend reimbursement to current licensed staff for the successful assessment completed to add additional endorsement areas deemed necessary and/or needed by the their building principal to their respected license with the reimbursement subject to an annual review based upon funds available as presented. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Gary Romeiser, Bill Warner and Shari Hatfield left the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

PERSONNEL

President Jeanette Schmidt (Kent Grieder) moved to recess into executive session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 10 minutes with the Board, Superintendent and Principal Simons present. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker, Jenny Wagers and Peggy Mast left the room.

At 7:57 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker and Peggy Mast returning.

President Jeanette Schmidt (Kent Grieder) 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, Superintendent and Principal Simons present. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker and Peggy Mast left the room.

At 8:05 p.m. President Schmidt declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Jenny Wagers and Peggy Mast returning.

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to approve Dustin McGuire as the District Golf Coach for the 2008-09 school year. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to approve Tom Camien as the Olpe Jr. High Cross Country Coach for the 2008-09 school year. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to approve Monica Countryman as the Olpe High School Volleyball Assistant Coach for the 2008-09 school year. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to approved Michelle Barnhart, Jennifer Anderson, Heidi Davis and Rebecca Surmeier as Mentor Teachers for the 2008-09 school year. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to open and hire a part time cook at Olpe for the 2008-09 school year. Motion Carried. (6-0)

ADVANCEMENT ON SALARY SCHEDULE

Ten certified staff members requested to move on the salary schedule with only eight qualifying.

Kent Grieder (Roland Martin) moved to approve Shannon Aguirre for advancement on the salary schedule from BS + 0 to a BS + 10. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Kent Grieder (Roland Martin) moved to approve Jennifer Anderson for advancement on the salary schedule from BS + 20 to a BS + 35. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Kent Grieder (Roland Martin) moved to approve Lance Bolen for advancement on the salary schedule from BS + 20 to a BS + 35. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Kent Grieder (Kenneth Hamman) moved to approve Paul Cassity for advancement on the salary schedule from MS + 20 to a MS + 35. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Kent Grieder (Kenneth Hamman) moved to approve Dana Cole for advancement on the salary schedule from BS + 0 to a BS + 10. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Kent Grieder (Kenneth Hamman) moved to approve Monica Countryman for advancement on the salary schedule from MS + 10 to a MS + 20. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Kent Grieder (Kenneth Hamman) moved to approve Nichole Kuhn for advancement on the salary schedule from BS + 10 to a BS + 20. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Kent Grieder (Kenneth Hamman) moved to approve K. Todd Robert for advancement on the salary schedule from BS + 20 to a BS + 35. Motion Carried. (6-0)

FACILITIES STUDY COMMITTEE

Suggested persons to serve on the Facilities Study Committee are: *Olpe Elementary – Linda Davis, Neosho Rapids Elementary – Gwen Wellnitz, Hartford High/Neosho Rapids Jr. High – Don Roberts, Olpe Jr./Sr. High School – Michelle Barnhart, District – Bill Ballinger and Mike Argabright, Bill Veatch recommended – Mike Rhudy, Craig Clark recommended – Dorothy Dunn, Kevin Flott recommended – Jill Davis, Kent Grieder recommended – Lisa Mautz, Roland Martin recommended – Mike Klumpe, Jeanette Schmidt recommended – Jerry Haag and new board member Kenneth Hamman will recommend someone.*

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to approve Linda Davis, Gwen Wellnitz, Don Roberts, Michelle Barnhart, Bill Ballinger, Mike Argabright, Mike Rhudy, Dorothy Dunn, Jill Davis, Lisa Mautz, Mike Klumpe, Jerry Haag and one additional person recommended by Kenneth Hammon to the Facilities Study Committee. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Kent Grieder) moved to set the first meeting date for the Facilities Study Committee as September 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Office. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Superintendent Argabright presented the Facilities Study Timeline and Guidelines which reflects the District Strategic Plan and other needs.

Bill Veatch (Roland Martin) moved to approve the Facilities Study Timeline and Guidelines as presented. Motion Carried. (6-0)

TRANSPORTATION

Superintendent Argabright shared with the Board measures being taken to combine and be more efficient with the District transportation needs.

SPECIAL MEETING – FACILITIES TOUR

Kevin Flott (Kent Grieder) moved to set the date for the Special Meeting for the Facilities Tour as September 29th at 8:00 a.m. starting at Olpe and ending at Neosho Rapids for lunch. The Facilities Study Committee will be asked to attend. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Curtis Simons left the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Roland Martin left the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

RTI ROOF CONSULTANTS

Superintendent Argabright recommended to the Board the consulting services of RTI for the district's annual roof evaluations and management schedules at a cost of \$3,700.00. He noted that the District had used them in the past (1999).

Roland Martin returned to the meeting 8:30 p.m.

Kevin Flott (Bill Veatch) moved to hire the consulting services of RTI for the annual roof evaluations and management schedules at a cost of \$3,700.00. Motion Carried. (6-0)

FACILITIES REPORT

Superintendent Argabright shared information on the Tornado Refugee Site Assessment due this fall.

Jenny Wagers, Mayor of Neosho Rapids spoke to the Board about the City's interest in the old Jr. High building and its possible use for the City of Neosho Rapids. The Board expressed interest in her idea and asked her to tour the building and present a proposal in writing to the Board. Clerk Redeker will get last year's utility costs to her.

Peggy Mast presented a handout and spoke to the Board on school funding and how hard it was for the smaller school districts to make ends meet.

Bill Veatch presented concerns from a couple of Neosho Rapids patrons in regards to the lack of formal presentation in past years for the 6th grade promotion.

Jenny Wagers and Peggy Mast left the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Argabright presented upcoming KASB meetings to the Board and asked for volunteers for attendance. Jeanette Schmidt showed interest in the Regional Meeting and Bill Veatch in the State Convention.

Craig Clark arrived at the meeting 9:07 p.m.

Superintendent Argabright also presented the Ballot question, current boundary lines and proposed boundary lines to be available to patrons.

Kent Grieder (Bill Veatch) moved to approve the Boundary Line information for release to the public. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Thank yous and appreciation was given to APAC who donated supplies and labor for repairing the south parking lot at Hartford and to the Emporia State Credit Union for their support of our staff by providing the in-service luncheon. The support of our schools and communities are greatly appreciated.

A company in Emporia will dispose of computer monitors at a cost of \$5.00 each. Jeanette Schmidt will provide the name of the company from a radio advertisement.

Kevin Flott left the meeting at 9:08 p.m. and returned at 9:10 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A welcome to Kenneth Hamman as a new board member was given by all and he thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the school district. Appreciation to the staff and administration for a good start to the school year. A question regarding a possible meal stipend was mentioned for all day school events in the future. Fund raising activities were mentioned in regards to the activity fee charged this school year. It was mentioned to decrease fund raising activities since the activity fees will supplement the uniform buying plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Roland Martin (Kent Grieder) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Jeanette Schmidt, President

Brenda J. Redeker, Clerk