

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 12, 2009

Vice President Kent Grieder called the Regular Meeting of the Southern Lyon County USD #252 Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at the Board of Education Office in Hartford, Kansas.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Steffes

SUPERINTENDENT:

Michael Argabright

CLERK:

Brenda Redeker

VISITORS:

Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Rick Bridges and Shane Clark

Kevin Flott (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve the Agenda as presented with the additions of **10 a. Summer School** to the Agenda and **3 b. Additional Bills for Approval; 3 d. Additional Transfer Students; 3 e. Additional Substitute Teachers for the 2009-10 school year; 3 f. Additional Contracts for Signature; 3 g. Addition to Committee Appointments for the 2009-10 school year; and 3 k. Approval of Resignation to the Consent Agenda.** Motion Passed. (6-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approved the Minutes from the July 8, 2009 Regular Meeting and the July 20, 2009 Special Meeting
- b. Approved Bills Due and Payable, Journal Entries and Pledge Securities
- c. Approved Payrolls for July 17, 2009 and July 31, 2009
- d. Approved Transfer Students for the 2009-10 school year: **Neosho Rapids** – Kadynce Goodwin; **Hartford** – Keenan Barrett, Lukes Kraus, Johnathan Sliter; **Olpe Schools** – Cheyanne Gould, Payton Keiss, David Keiss, Amber Malone, Austin Muse, Kohl Prose. Denied Transfer Students for the 2009-10 school: **Olpe Schools** – *Thomas Hinz*.
- e. Approved Substitute and Emergency Substitute Teachers for the 2009-10 school year – *Mary Reber-Charbonea, Benjamin Clark, Robert Dailey, Jeffrey Judson, Deanna McGuire and Rosemary McGuire*.
- f. Approved Contracts for Signature for the 2009-10 school year – **Teacher Contracts:**

*Kimberly Adam, Shannon Aguirre, Jennifer Anderson, Donna Arndt, Michelle Barnhart, Gennifer Birk, Lance Bolen, Thomas Camien, Paul Cassity, Dane Cole, Monica Countryman, Carolyn Richard-Davis, Heidi Davis, Linda Davis, Alice Dreier, Charles Ewy, Rebecca Fawcett, Jessica Hess, Jane Kelley, Nancy King, Shirley Langley, Jodee Lee, Dustin McGuire, Martha McMurphy, Karen Moorman, Jack Oglesby, Anne Otte, Debbie J. Redeker, Debra D. Redeker, Todd Robert, Donald Roberts, Shandi Schierling, Chris Schmidt, Jennifer Schmidt, Debra Stein, Jacob Stice, Marilyn Stueve, Rebecca Surmeier, Angela Swihart, Brenda Taylor, Eric True, Marie Walker, Beth Webb, Gwendolyn Wellnitz, Tamara Windle, Karen Zoglman; **Supplemental Contracts:** Shannon Aguirre, Gennifer Birk, Lance Bolen, Thomas Camien, Dana Cole, Monica Countryman, Paul Cassity, Carolyn Richard-Davis, Daniel Erb, Charles Ewy, Tracy Herrick, Rebecca Fawcett, Yvonne Gardner, Jessica Hess, Jane Kelley, Melissa Laws, Dustin McGuire, Martha McMurphy, Russell Medley, Anne Otte, Debbie J. Redeker, Todd Robert, Donald Roberts, Kristalee Russell, Chris Schmidt, Jacob Stice, Marilyn Stueve, Rebecca Surmeier, Angela Swihart, Brenda Taylor, Julie Templemeyer, Eric True, Marie Walker, Penny Watson, Beth Webb, Charles Wells, Amy Wilson, Tamara Windle; **Other Contracts:** Michael Argabright, Shane Clark, Brenda Redeker, Haley Rhoads, Curtis Simons, Matt Walker and Bill Warner*

- f. Approved Committee Appointments
- g. Approved Classified Substitutes – *Daretta Ireland*, Substitute Cook and Bus Driver
- h. Approved the Resignation of Megan McGuire as the Hartford High School Boys Track Coach for the 2009-10 school year.

Jeanette Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Passed. (6-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bill Warner reported on Neosho Rapids and Olpe Elementary enrollment numbers. To date, Neosho Rapids has 110 students enrolled and Olpe has 134.

Curtis Simons reported that Neosho Rapids Jr. High and Hartford High School has 118 students enrolled and reported that they had 7 students enrolled in the Fall Dual Credit English Comp. course and 6 students for the Spring Algebra class. Six students are needed to have the class. The Psychology course is offered to Juniors and Seniors and the Algebra and English Comp. courses are offered to Seniors only. Approximately 3-4 students are enrolled for on-line courses at Hartford.

Shane Clark reported that Olpe Jr./Sr. High School has 152 students enrolled to date and that the school will probably be 2A this year. Seventeen students are enrolled in the Fall Dual Credit Psychology class and a Spring English Comp. and Algebra class will be offered. Principal Clark offered thanks to Bill Ballinger and Custodial Staff for the great job in getting the buildings ready for the new school year. Thanks and appreciation was also given to Matt Walker for a great job preparing the labs for the new school year.

PERSONNEL

President Grieder (Kevin Flott) moved to recess into executive session at 7:20 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. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons, Rick Bridges and Shane Clark left the room.

Bill Warner left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons, Rick Bridges and Shane Clark returning.

Shane Clark left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Jeanette Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to approve Michelle Stewart as the Olpe 10th Grade Sponsor for the 2009-10 school year. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to approve the resignation of Nichole Kuhn from her Teaching Contract with a \$1,000.00 penalty for the 2009-10 school year. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Kevin Flott) moved to absorb the Title I and Reading Recovery position vacated by Nichole Kuhn for the 2009-10 school year and combine Olpe Elementary Title I and Reading Recovery position with Neosho Rapids Elementary. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Kevin Flott) moved to approve Deanna McGuire as the Neosho Rapids Jr. High Head Volleyball Coach for the 2009-10 school year. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve Cody Barrett as the Neosho Rapids Jr. High Head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2009-10 school year. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Kevin Flott) moved to approve Kelli Goodman as the Neosho Rapids Jr. High Head Boys Track Coach for the 2009-10 school year. Motion Passed. (6-0)

DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

Superintendent Argabright presented some changes to the Draft copy of the Strategic Plan.

The Board discussed within the academic section of the Strategic Plan to add minimum class sizes and maximum class sizes as per student to teacher ratio within Elementary and the Jr/Sr High Schools. The Board will discuss and set the class sizes this fall due to our current fluctuating enrollment.

Bill Veatch (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the District Strategic Plan as presented. Motion Passed. (6-0)

FACILITIES

Superintendent Argabright presented the bid results for the Hartford High School Concession/Locker Room Project.

Kevin Flott (Craig Clark) moved to accept the Cement Bid from Bruce Davis Construction at a cost of Project #1 - \$19,430.00, Project #2 - \$3,200.00, Project #3 - \$4,640 for a total of \$27,270.00. Motion Passed. (6-0)

BUDGET HEARING – 8:00 P.M.

Jeanette Schmidt (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve the USD #252 2009-10 Budget as published in the Emporia Gazette for the 2009-10 school year. Motion Passed. (6-0)
Curtis Simons left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

FACILITIES – Resumed

Jeanette Schmidt (Kenny Hamman) moved to accept the Lumber Materials bid from Trendel Lumber Company at a cost of \$63,034.01. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Kevin Flott (Kent Grieder) moved to accept the Plumbing Bid from Neenan Company at a cost of \$11,257.15 without a Grinder Pump. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Directions were given to Rick Bridges to get the electrical list together and out for bids.

The materials list for the Olpe Storage building is started and will get it out for bids and hopefully completed for the next board meeting.

A progress report for the summer projects from Bill Ballinger was presented.

Hail Damage estimates were made available.

Rick Bridges and Bill Veatch left the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Roofing estimates/proposals were discussed for the Annex Building at Olpe.

Jeanette Schmidt left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Kevin Flott (Kenny Hamman) moved to accept the proposal from Doug Schmidt Construction at a cost of \$4,010.47. Motion Failed. (3-1) with Craig Clark opposing.

Roofing proposals were discussed in more detail.

Kevin Flott (Kenny Hamman) moved to accept the proposal from Doug Schmidt Construction at a cost of \$4,010.47. Motion Passed. (4-0)

At 9:03 p.m. Jeanette Schmidt and Bill Veatch returned to the meeting.

Break – Meeting resumed at 9:13 p.m.

Estimates/Proposals for combing the air conditioning units at Olpe due to hail damage were presented.

Kevin Flott (Bill Veatch) moved to accept the proposal from Bass Heating & Air Conditioning at a cost of \$2,400.00 for 20 units. Motion Passed. (6-0)

The Olpe Music Room had water damage due to a faulty water fountain. New carpet, new water fountain and storage rooms for kitchen supplies and music instruments are in process.

Sometime over the weekend, the frozen food deliveries that were stacked in the walk-in freezer at Neosho Rapids collapsed and push open the freezer door resulting in the loss of \$2,742.17 in food. It has been turned into the insurance company to see if our policy will cover any of the loss. Replacements have been

ordered and should be delivered before school starts.

Murray & Sons Contractors (original contractors) out of Topeka will repaint at the Hartford High School new gym when the weather cools. During construction it was touched up with the wrong paint.

10 a. SUMMER SCHOOL

Recommendations from Dale Dennis at the State Department of Education were to transfer the monies from Summer School into the K-12 At Risk Fund where they can be used or carried over. No monies have been used from the Summer School Fund for the past several years as summer school is funded through K-12 At Risk.

Jeanette Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved authorize moving the remaining funds of \$8,168.00 from Summer School to K-12 At-Risk as the funds are no longer needed for the purpose since USD #252 utilizes K-12 At-Risk for summer school funding. Motion Passed. (6-0)

CLASSIFIED HANDBOOK CHANGES

Recommendation to prorate the health insurance benefit for part time employees was presented. It was a policy change this year for the Certified Staff. It was tabled until it could be checked out with KASB to find out how many hours qualified for benefits with the Classified Staff.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Updates on the facilities were shared. New and replaced exterior locks at Neosho Rapids; fire and alarm systems were inspected at all buildings; doors in need of repair or replacement have been completed; camera systems and radios in buses have been checked and are working, new digital security cameras installed; Bus/Vehicles inspections will take place August 13th; each facility has a minimum of two new colored cameras installed and all systems will be checked the week of August 24th by ADS out of Lenexa, KS and Superintendent Argabright or Debra Kuhlmann, District Nurse will be attending meetings to keep up to date on the H1N1 Flu facts and work with the Lyon County Health Department.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Board members were invited to the All Staff Luncheon at Neosho Rapids on August 19th starting at 11:00 a.m. Staff from Hartford State Bank, Olpe State Bank and the Emporia State Credit Union will be present to answer questions. The luncheon is sponsored by the Emporia State Credit Union.

Updated Board Policy Manuals were distributed to all Board members and buildings.

It was recommended to have a recognition dinner in honor of Roland Martin for his fourteen years of service as a Board member for USD #252.

Jeanette Schmidt (Craig Clark) moved to have a special meeting for a recognition dinner in honor of Roland Martin on Tuesday, September 22nd, 6:30 p.m. at Montana Mikes. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Transportation information was shared with regards to spare buses and student transportation to Emporia. It is possible that the District will work out transportation to the Technical College with Hamilton and Madison for the Olpe Students to help defray costs.

Superintendent Argabright was notified from the vendor for the new bus that the luggage rack will not be installed due to the luggage racks not allowed in school buses in Kansas.

Board members were invited to attend the upcoming Open Houses at the Elementary schools. Neosho

Rapids will hold their Open House on Monday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m. and Olpe will hold their Open House on Tuesday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m.

The local Auditors were in the office the week of July 13th. Preliminary results show that good records have been kept at all offices in the District. A Workman's Comp Audit will take place on Thursday, August 13 at the Board Office.

Superintendent Argabright asked all Board members to be present at the next meeting as pictures will be taken for the website and yearbooks.

Superintendent Argabright also noted that future proposal/estimates for repairs or other work will be held until all received and shared with the board at the meetings. They will not be put in the Agendas.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The buildings look good with all the summer projects coming to a close. The school year is off to a good start but will be a tough year financially. A spread sheet showing all expenses for the Hartford High School Concessions/Locker Room Project and the Olpe Storage Building project was suggested to keep on top of the expenditures. President Grieder reported on the Workshop he attended at KASB. A lot of good information was shared. He encouraged all board members to attend a workshop, that it was very beneficial. Hartford and Olpe students participating in the National High School Rodeo Finals did a great job and represented the areas well. A possible contingency plan incorporated into the strategic plan was mentioned as money "gets tight". Good luck to the students, staff and Administration starting a new school year. The facilities look good!

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Veatch (Kevin Flott) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed. (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Kent Grieder, President

Date

Brenda J. Redeker, Clerk

Date