

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2010

President Kent Grieder called the Regular Meeting of the Southern Lyon County USD #252 Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m., on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at the Board of Education Office in Hartford, Kansas.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kent Grieder, Craig Clark, Kevin Flott, Bill Veatch, Jeanette Schmidt and Charles Steffes

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kenny Hamman

SUPERINTENDENT:

Michael Argabright

CLERK:

Brenda Redeker

VISITORS:

Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Shane Clark, Haley Rhoads, Dana Cole, Jenny Grieder, Brandy Nance, Leona Boosinger, Sandra Scoggin, Kathy Gardner, Gil Gardner, Kevin Darbyshire, Dennis Darbyshire, Connie Darbyshire, Mike Darbyshire, Tammy Darbyshire, Farah Naylor, Larry Rosenquist, Barbara Rosenquist, Scott A. Briggs, Beth Webb, Ron St. Bonnett, Jennifer St. Bonnett and Bettina Shank

President Grieder (Kevin Flott) moved to recess for 10 minutes in order to move the meeting to the new gym in the Hartford High School. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Meeting reconvened at 7:11 p.m. in the Hartford High School new gym.

Superintendent Argabright added changes to the Agenda. We will no longer list and approve donations from the Southern Lyon County Education Foundation separately on the Consent Agenda. Only donations to the schools or district would be listed separately. Also noted was a change in the heading on Item 8. from CISL Review to Efficiency & Building Analysis Reviews.

Bill Veatch (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the Agenda with the changes as presented. Motion Passed. (6-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approved Minutes from the January 13, 2010 Regular Meeting, January 20, 2010 Special Meeting and January 27, 2010 Special Meeting
- b. Approved Bills Due and Payable and Journal Entries
- c. Approved Payrolls for January 15, 2010 and January 29, 2010
- d. Approved Financial Reports and Security Pledges

- e. No Approval of Resignations at this time.
- f. Acceptance of Donation from *Wecker Car Wash (Mike and Steve Wecker)* of \$100 worth of bus washing tokens every month.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Leona Boosinger presented her opinion and concerns with the Budget Options and cuts considered.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Argabright presented the Audited Enrollment report and explained the information in detail to the Board and patrons. The current Expense Summary showing the to-date differences between last year and this year was also explained.

Bill Veatch (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Motion Passed. (6-0)

In promotion of the District, as part of the Board Goals, advertising was placed in the Emporia Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Hartford/Neosho Rapids and the Olpe communities listing our schools with the intention of attracting students to our schools and communities.

BUILDING REPORTS

Principal Bill Warner presented building reports for Neosho Rapids and Olpe Elementary Schools. Personal Safety awareness classes are being taught to the 2nd and 4th graders at each school by staff with a followed up visit from the Lyon County Sheriff's department; 5th and 6th graders have attended a Bullying assembly in Emporia; District Nurse Deb Kuhlmann had arranged a Dental Sealant Program at both elementary schools provided by Lyon County Health Department with approximately 16 students participating; Body Venture was a big success with lots of good publicity for our District and active learning by our students; Spelling Bees have been held at both elementary schools with students representing our schools during the Lyon County Spelling Bee at Admire Elementary School on February 19th. Principal Warner will be moving some of the recess time at the end of lunch to another period as this will maximize instructional minutes counted by the auditors. Recess time will not be reduced, it will be shifted to another period during the school day. Teachers will still get their required 30 minute lunch period.

Principal Shane Clark presented events occurring at the Olpe Jr./Sr. High School. Stucco is sponsoring a fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis in conjunction with Valentine's Day. Olpe Forensics team earned first place at Northern Heights Tournament. Six students will be going to ESU for the Sonja Kovolessky Women's in Mathematics Day; a Valentine's Day Dance will be held for OJHS this coming Saturday; and an auditing error in the Olpe Vocational Fund was discovered and corrected, resulting in a small increase in our vocational funding.

Principal Curtis Simons presented highlights from Neosho Rapids Jr. High/Hartford High School. Students were recognized for Exemplary and Exceeds Standards on State Assessment for grades 7-12 at the last home

basketball game. Congratulations was given to the High School Scholar's Bowl being the Regional Champions and competing in the 1-A State Tournament this Saturday; Jon Sliter signing a football letter of intent scholarship to Bethel College; Leah Roberts for this year's Hartford High School Governor's Scholar; and Adam Ewy to the Topeka Capitol All-State Academic Team.

EFFICIENCY & BUILDING ANALYSIS REVIEWS

Superintendent Argabright presented three options for a review of our schools effectiveness and efficiencies. A Post Audit from the State, CISL (Center for Innovative School Leadership) Review and a review from the Architect firm of Devore & Associates. The Post Audit from the State would be free but were booked through the end of summer; CISL Review would cost the District \$1,000.00 and could possibly be started in April and Devore & Associates could perform a review immediately at a higher cost depending on the plan of review.

Charles Steffes (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to have CISL do a review of our Schools for academic purposes. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Jeanette Schmidt (Bill Veatch) moved to have Devore & Associates conduct a Review at a cost of \$4,100.00 each for a Planning and Programming Review and a Space Utilization and All Space Needs Analysis with information presented at the next Regular Board meeting on Monday, March 8th. Motion Passed. (6-0)

2010-11 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Superintendent Argabright requested from the Board areas to provide information on throughout the spring meetings. Those areas are: lengthening the day and shortening the school year; possible 4 day week; rules pertaining to free and reduced fees for pay to play; combining sports or elimination of some areas; raising the LOB; 4-block schedule with reduction of staff from an academic view.

Superintendent Argabright presented a letter sent to the City of Hartford requesting the vacating of College Street from the corner of Maple south to the ally in order to provide a safe place for a playground should the option of moving Neosho Rapids Elementary School to the Hartford building be needed for possible restructuring.

A heating and cooling controls survey from neighboring Districts was presented to the Board with a range of the heat settings of 65 to 72 degrees and the cooling settings of 68 to 78 degrees. Our District's heat is set at 68 degrees and cooling at 78 degrees.

President Grieder announced to the patrons attending that there would be no action items this evening on the 2010-11 Budget and that the Board would be moving back to the Board Room to hold executive sessions.

President Grieder (Charles Steffes) moved to recess for a 10 minute break to move back to the Board Room. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Jenny Grieder, Brandy Nance, Leona Boosinger, Sandra Scoggin, Kathy Gardner, Gil Gardner, Kevin Darbyshire, Dennis Darbyshire, Connie Darbyshire, Mike Darbyshire, Tammy Darbyshire, Farah Naylor, Larry Rosenquist, Barbara Rosenquist, Scott A. Briggs, Beth Webb, Ron St. Bonnett, Jennifer St. Bonnett, and Bettina Shank left the meeting at approximately 8:25 p.m.

President Grieder called the meeting back in open session at 8:35 p.m.

PERSONNEL

President Grieder (Bill Veatch) moved to recess into executive session at 8:35 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 Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Shane Clark, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole left the room.

At 8:45 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Shane Clark, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole returning.

President Grieder (Jeanette Schmidt) 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 45 minutes with the Board, Superintendent and Building Principals present. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole left the room.

At 9:32 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole returning.

President Grieder (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to recess into executive session at 9:34 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 and Building Principals present. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole left the room.

At 9:54 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole returning.

President Grieder (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to recess into executive session at 9:55 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 Building Principals present. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole left the room.

At 10:00 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole returning.

President Grieder (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to recess into executive session at 10:01 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 Building Principals present. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole left the room.

At 10:06 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole returning.

President Grieder (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to recess into executive session at 10:07 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 Building Principals present. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole left the room.

At 10:12 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole returning.

Bill Veatch (Kevin Flott) moved to accept the retirement resignation of Paul Cassity at the end of the 2009-10 school year pending contractual agreements. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Charles Steffes) moved to accept the retirement resignation of Jesse Nelson at the end of the 2009-10 school year pending contractual agreements. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to accept the resignation of Chuck Ewy at the end of the 2009-10 school year. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Jeanette Schmidt (Bill Veatch) moved to open and hire a Social Studies and additional endorsement(s) position for the 2010-11 school year. Motion Passed. (6-0)

President Grieder (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to authorize the Administration to reduce the teaching staff by 9 FTE with proper notification given to the staff. Motion Passed. (6-0)

NEGOTIATIONS

President Grieder (Bill Veatch) moved to recess into executive session at 10:18 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss 2010-11 negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker, Shane Clark, Bill Warner, Curtis Simons, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole left the room.

At 10:28 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Shane Clark, Bill Warner, Curtis Simons, Haley Rhoads and Dana Cole returning.

Jeanette Schmidt left the meeting at 10:29 p.m. and returned at 10:31 p.m.

Dana Cole left the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

FACILITIES

Superintendent Argabright noted that due to the weather that the Hartford Concessions/Locker Room project hasn't been worked on and an almost completed project picture of the Olpe Storage Building was shown.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Argabright stressed that the elementary students were not losing recess time and it is only a shifting of time with the school getting credit for available instructional time.

Thanks and appreciation was given to Wecker Car Wash for donating \$100.00 worth of bus washing tokens per month to the District.

Superintendent Argabright asked the Board if they were interested in a possible meeting with some area school boards and legislative representatives to share and voice concerns for school finance and budget cuts.

President Grieder (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to recess into executive session at 10:36 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, Superintendent and Principal Simons present. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker, Bill Warner, Shane Clark and Haley Rhoads left the room.

At 10:41 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Shane Clark, Bill Warner and Haley Rhoads returning.

POSSIBLE SPECIAL MEETING DATE

There was discussion on having a Special Meeting before the Regular Meeting on Monday, March 8 for a Facility Tour.

President Grieder (Charles Steffes) moved to set Monday, March 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. as the date for a Special Board of Education Meeting with the Agenda Items of a Facility Tour, Personnel, Negotiations, Facilities and Superintendent's Report. Motion Passed. (6-0)

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Congratulations to the Basketball Teams and good luck at Regionals. Congratulations to the Hartford Scholars Bowl Team at State. With all the tough issues to deal with, everyone needs to stick together and keep working at it a little at a time - tough times call for tough decisions. Thanks and appreciation to all staff for going above and beyond the call of duty. Times are tough and we will get through it hopefully sooner than later. Hats off, big thanks and appreciation to the Administration for all they have done and are doing; they are not thanked enough for all they do for our District.

ADJOURNMENT

Charles Steffes (Kevin Flott) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed. (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Kent Grieder, President

Date

Brenda J. Redeker, Clerk

Date