

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2009

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, November 11, 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 Charles Steffes

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Craig Clark

SUPERINTENDENT:

Michael Argabright

CLERK:

Brenda Redeker

VISITORS:

Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Shane Clark, Bill Ballinger, Matt Walker, Deb Kuhlmann, Kimberly York, Phyllis Krueger and Eric True

Bill Veatch (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to approve the Agenda as presented with an addition of a Transfer Student to **Item 3 f.** to the Consent Agenda and the addition of **Item 8 A. Special Recognition** to the Agenda. Motion Passed. (6-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approved the Minutes from the October 14, 2009 Regular Meeting with the correction of Transfer Students *Wyatt Miller-Dakota, Avery Miller-Dakota and Noah Miller-Dakota* approved to attend Olpe Elementary School instead of Neosho Rapids Elementary School
- b. Approved Bills Due and Payable, Journal Entries and Pledge Securities
- c. Approved Payrolls for October 23, 2009 and November 6, 2009
- d. Approved *Yvonne Gardner* as Neosho Rapids Jr. High School Head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2009-10 school year
- e. Approved Contracts for Signature – **Supplemental Contracts** – *Charles Ewy, Michelle Stewart and Kelli Goodman*
- f. Approved Transfer Students for the 2009-10 school year: **Olpe High School** – *Mariah Kohlmann*; **Olpe Elementary** – *Cameron Rich*
- g. Approved Substitute Teacher for the 2009-10 school year – *Jerry Troxell*
- h. Approved Resignation of *Bonnie Kraus* – Transportation
- i. Approved Changes to Olpe Storage Building of turning the building clockwise so doors will face the South with no additional costs to the project

Bill Veatch (Charles Steffes) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Passed. (6-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Argabright presented the Financial Reports and anticipated cuts to this year's budget. State aid was delayed this month with only half payment made and no indication of a date for the second half of the payment. A tax statement was explained in detail noting the difference in breakdowns from last year to this year with the mill levies and bond information.

Superintendent Argabright has suspended the funding of additional Coaches as per Policy for the remainder of this school year. Any position which becomes vacant or any current position that is vacant will not be filled unless it would eliminate a program.

In an effort to save on certified substitute pay, the District will utilize the language within the Negotiated Agreement when appropriate.

Kenny Hamman (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Motion Passed. (6-0)

AGLER & GAEDDERT – AUDIT REPORT

Due to illness, the 2008-09 Audit Report was tabled until the December meeting.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS – SCORES BY PRINCIPALS

Principal Simons presented the scores on State Assessments for Hartford High and Neosho Rapids Jr. High Schools and noted the Standards of Excellence in 7th grade Reading, 8th grade Reading, 11th grade Reading and Building Wide Standard of Excellence; Standards of Excellence in 7th grade Math, 8th grade Math and Building Wide Standard of Excellence; and Standards of Excellence in 8th grade Writing. Also reported was a second place winner of the Veteran's Day Poster Contest.

Principal Clark reported that Olpe Jr./Sr. High School earned the State Standard of Excellence in Reading in all grades and 7th and 8th grade for Math. Also earned was building excellence in both Math and Reading. Winners of the Veteran's Day Essay and Poster Contests were announced with those students receiving cash and scholarship awards. Winners were announced for State Cross Country, First and Second Team League Volleyball and the Olpe Football Team has advanced to the sectional game to be played Friday night at Olpe against St. Mary's.

Principal Warner reported on Standards of Excellence in Reading, Math and Science at the Elementary Schools. Also reported were winners of the Veteran's Day Essay and Posters Contests. An announcement was made of a Certificate of Merit Award at Neosho Rapids Elementary as a result of its performance on the 6th Grade Math Assessments. A Recognition Banquet will be held in Salina with Superintendent Argabright and Principal Warner attending.

AGENDA ITEM 8 A. - SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Superintendent Argabright read a letter from the State of Kansas Department of Education for Child Nutrition and Wellness congratulating Phyllis Krueger, Food Service Director for completing 60 hours of KSDE sponsored Child Nutrition Management Academy training. President Grieder and Superintendent Argabright presented Phyllis Krueger with a Pin in recognition of her accomplishments and congratulated her on her achievement.

STRATEGIC PLAN – ACADEMIC CLASS SIZE PLANNING

Superintendent Argabright presented information regarding K-12 class sizes with minimum and maximum recommendations to the Board along with enrollment demographics. Many options and ideas were presented to accommodate the changes coming to the District with decreases in state aid and declining enrollment. Superintendent Argabright emphasized the importance of taking ideas slow and thinking over the outcome of decisions made and that this is a very difficult time for the Board and District. President Grieder asked Board members to keep an optimistic mind, be positive as the times become tougher. Discussion on the options to pursue will be difficult but necessary for cost saving measures.

PERSONNEL

President Grieder (Charles Steffes) moved to recess into executive session at 7:59 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, Bill Warner, Shane Clark, Bill Ballinger, Matt Walker, Deb Kuhlmann, Kimberly York, Phyllis Krueger and Eric True left the room.

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At 8:09 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Grieder (Charles Steffes) moved to recess into executive session at 8:10 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. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 8:15 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker and Kimberly York returning.

NEGOTIATIONS

President Grieder (Bill Veatch) moved to recess into executive session at 8:16 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss 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 and Kimberly York left the room.

At 8:26 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker and Kimberly York returning.

President Grieder (Bill Veatch) moved to appoint Jeanette Schmidt as the Chief Negotiator for the Negotiation Team. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Bill Veatch (Kenny Hamman) moved to appoint Kevin Flott as a Negotiator for the Negotiation Team. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Jeanette Schmidt (Bill Veatch) moved to appoint Kent Grieder as an Alternate Negotiator for the Negotiation Team. Motion Passed. (6-0)

FACILITIES

Superintendent Argabright presented updates on the HHS Concession/Locker Room Project with pictures from the building site. The project is ready for cement to be poured for the pad. It was also recommended for Gerald Schumann Electric to install the electricity from the pole to the building. Superintendent Argabright will get a cost for installation to the Board. Specifications for the building included copper pipe for the inside walls. Bill Veatch recommended Pex pipe instead of copper which would save half the cost and half the time as using copper pipe.

Charles Steffes (Kevin Flott) moved to use Pex pipe instead of copper for the inside walls for a cost reduction to the Concession/Locker Room Project. Motion Carried. (6-0)

The pad for the Olpe Storage Building should be prepared next week, weather permitting.

A Scissor Lift has been on loan from White Star Equipment. It is a very much needed item as well as a safety issue. It was not recommended to purchase as the district Bobcat couldn't load it in order to move to all district buildings.

No report for the Intercom Repairs at Olpe and Hartford.

Items listed on the Purplewave Auction have an auction date of December 8th.

Neosho Rapids Elementary buildings were discussed.

Jeanette Schmidt (Kenny Hamman) moved to locate all programs to the main building at Neosho Rapids Elementary to reduce operating expenses with a completion date of November 30th. Motion Passed. (6-0)

With that motion passed, it eliminated the fencing issue at Neosho Rapids Elementary. Lifting the sidewalks for water drainage was also discussed.

The playground fencing project at Olpe Elementary has not been started but should very soon.

Superintendent Argabright met with the Athletic Directors to discuss the football fields at Olpe and Hartford. It was left to the Athletic Directors to suggest what they would like to do to the fields for corrections.

Kimberly York has approached Superintendent Argabright for possibly touring the old Central Office building. The Board does not have the building for sale at this time.

Repainting the metal panels at Hartford High School should begin this week.

A trial run of the Kan-ed service will be completed this week.

Break – 9:00 p.m.

Kimberly York left the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 9:09 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION

President Grieder (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to recess into executive session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed for 10 minutes with the Board present. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Superintendent Argabright and Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 9:20 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Superintendent Argabright and Clerk Redeker returning.

Kevin Flott (Charles Steffes) moved to recess into executive session at 9:23 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed for 10 minutes with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 9:33 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

Kevin Flott (Charles Steffes) 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 individual to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 9:39 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

Kevin Flott (Charles Steffes) moved to recess into executive session at 9:40 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 Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 9:45 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

Kevin Flott (Charles Steffes) moved to recess into executive session at 9:46 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 Passed. (6-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 9:51 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Argabright will present information for the 2010-11 Budget at the December Board meeting. This will allow the Board time to plan ahead.

Jeanette Schmidt will be attending the KASB Convention December 4-6 in Overland Park.

The Calendar Committee will meet Monday, November 30th at 3:45 p.m. at the District Office.

Superintendent Argabright expressed 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. Appreciation of the instructional leadership given by the Building Principals to guide and correct deficient areas within our curriculum was given.

Superintendent Argabright met with Sarah Grimm of the R.E. French Foundation to give thanks and appreciation to the Foundation for their past support of Scholarships and classroom items for our schools.

The Southern Lyon County Education Foundation met and discussed a fund raiser to provide new stage curtains at Hartford and Olpe. More information and letters will follow.

Superintendent Argabright attended the Southern Lyon County Recreation Commission meeting to go over their Budget and answer any questions.

The Cross Country Teams did a great job this season and placed at the State meet.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Extremely proud of our schools and their accomplishments. It shows pride within our communities. Was nice to receive so many Veteran’s Day Contest awards and hope that our teachers do a project with our students in honor of Veteran’s Day. Congratulations to the students – it nice to read about all awards received in our local papers. President Grieder presented a copy from the Board Policy Notebook as an in-service to the Board members with regards to School Board Ethics and reinforced to the members to stay within these boundaries. The District has a lot to be proud of with all the academic successes of our students. It takes the parents backing the students to accomplish this.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Veatch (Charles Steffes) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed. (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Kent Grieder, President

Date

Brenda J. Redeker, Clerk

Date