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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, August 10th, 2009
7:00 p.m. – High School Library

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christopher Pettz, President
Jerrad Webb, Vice-Pres.
Richard Braun
Randy Combs
Mark Goudy
Craig Turrentine
David Whatley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jon Ansley, Superintendent
Betty Greer, Board Clerk
Amy DeLaRosa, Elem Principal
Nancy Harness, HS Principal/AD
Jeff Braun, Athletic Director
Michael Bowser
Michael Quilling

Call to Order

President Christopher Pettz called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10th, 2009 in the high school library.

Open Forum

There were no comments during open forum.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Randy Combs made the motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Jerrad Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Randy Combs made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular board of education meeting on Monday, July 13th, 2009 and the Financial Reports, as well as the Clerk/Treasurer Report, and the Check Journals, 33 and 57. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Communications to the Board of Education

Communication to the Board of Education included a letter of resignation from Lance Carter, Transportation Director and a thank you note from Anna McElroy.

Board Members' Reports

David Whatley and Superintendent Ansley reported on Government Relations with the possibility of more budget cuts in the future. Richard Braun reported from the Deerfield Recreation with the Summer Celebration going well and swimming lesson participation was up. Craig Turrentine reported from High Plains Education Cooperative Board with business as usual and concerns about budget cuts.

Principal's Building Reports and Activities Director

Principal DeLaRosa reported on the parents survey exploring the possibility of uniforms that was conducted at enrollment with an overall split decision, 133 in favor and 135 against. In addition the parent survey on a four day school week was also reported with a split decision of 51 in favor and 46 against with comments attached. The staff survey on a four day school week is underway. Enrollment numbers at the

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elementary were reported and the staff in-service is going well.

Principal Harness reported on new students enrolling at the high school and handed out the goal setting worksheet developed from the special board meeting last week that was shared with staff. The in-service is going well discussing student and staff expectations. School will start with a half day on Thursday.

Activities Director Jeff Braun report on game schedules and sports practice starting on Monday, August 17th. There are a few supplemental contract still open, high school boys basketball assistant coach and high school head track. The league meeting is scheduled next week with four teams in the Santa Fe Trail League. Superintendent Ansley complimented the AD for the outstanding job he has done. Michael Quilling was introduced as the new band/vocal teacher.

**MS/HS Student Handbook
for 09-10**

Principal Harness met with the middle school and high school staff and came to concensus on dress code violations. Other attendance issues were discussed as tardies, excessive absences, and zero policy for discipline. More language is needed with not changing the intent of the handbook. An attendance committee is developed for students to appeal decisions. Mark Goudy made the motion to approve the MS/HS Student Handbook with allowance of non contextual changes to contents. Randy Combs seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Superintendent's
Review**

Superintendent Ansley presented the grant awards from KSDE, the Twenty-First Century Community Grant; and the Technology Rich Classroom Grant. The Community Learning Center is up and running with location at the Kansas Children League location. The health insurance committee is recommending to continue with Preferred Health Insurance for the districts group coverage; Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the group dental coverage; and American Fidelity as the district's 125 plan provider. An ad was placed in the local papers about discovering the excellence of Deerfield Schools.

**USD 216 Employee
Handbook and Substitute's
Handbook for 09-10**

Jerrad Webb made the motion to approve the certified and classified employment handbook with salary scale and the

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Substitute's Handbook for 2009-2010. Randy Combs seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Investing Idle Funds

Bids for investing idle funds were opened in the district office at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10th, 2009. Superintendent Ansley presented the bids to the board. Jerrad Webb made the motion to approve investing idle funds of \$300,000 with Plains State Bank at the 6 month CD rate of 1.50% with maturity in February 2010. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Certification to KSDE

The board discussed the resolution to the Kansas State Board of Education prohibiting any policy that prevents constitutional prayer in the schools. Randy Combs made the motion to approve the resolution to the Kansas State Board of Education prohibiting any policy that prevents constitutional prayer in the schools. Jerrad Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Wellness Policy on Physical Activity and Nutrition

Jerrad Webb made the motion to approve the district's Wellness Policy on Physical Activity and Nutrition. Randy Combs seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Executive Session/
Personnel**

Richard Braun made the motion to go into executive session with Superintendent Ansley to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed for ten (10) minutes starting at 8:05 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 8:15 p.m. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Richard Braun made the motion to continue executive session with Superintendent Ansley to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed for ten (10) minutes starting at 8:15 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 8:25 p.m. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Richard Braun made the motion to continue executive session with Superintendent Ansley to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed for five (5) minutes starting at 8:25 p.m. and that the board will return

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to open session in this room at 8:30 p.m. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Employment Matters

Mark Goudy made the motion to approve the substitute teaching list including Tyson Eslinger; approved the substitute salary range; accepted the resignation of Lance Carter as Transportation Director; the employment at will of Cesilia Enriquez as ESOL para educator and John Meinert for transportation dispatcher; supplemental contracts for Lisa Bowser, Head HS volleyball coach; Joel McClure, HS scholars bowl coach; John Meinert, MS Ass't football coach; and Vita DeLaRosa, MS Ass't volleyball coach. Jerrad Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

President Pettz adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of education will be on Monday, September 14th, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the high school library.

Approved this 14th day of September 2009.

President of the Board

Clerk of the Board