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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, September 14th, 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
Jan Meyers, Deputy Clerk
Amy DeLaRosa, Elem Principal
Nancy Harness, HS Principal/AD
Gary Schlappe, LHD
Theresa Dasenbrock, LHD
Amy Griffin
Mindy Harrison
Ty Stelting, Student representative

Call to Order

President Christopher Pettz called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14th, 2009 in the high school library.

Open Forum

Mindy Harrison had questions concerning the 4-day week regarding how Special Education students would be affected. Superintendent Ansley and Principal DeLaRosa assured her that was a high priority and more information would be gathered. Mrs. Harrison also inquired about flu shots for the students. Superintendent Ansley has visited with the school nurse about the possibility and how to handle a flu outbreak and will talk to the nurse again. Mark Goudy suggested maybe having the Kearny County Health Department help with student shots.

Additions to Agenda

Superintendent Ansley introduced Ty Stelting as the new student representative. He asked the board if they had anything they felt Ty should know. Mark Goudy asked that he try to get a student prospective on issues and bring the report to the board.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Randy Combs made the motion to approve the meeting agenda with the addition. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Randy Combs made the motion to approve the minutes of the special board of education meeting on Wednesday, August 5th, the Budget Hearing for the fiscal year 2010 on Monday, August 10th, 2009 and the regular board meeting on Monday, August 10th, 2009, the Financial Reports, as well as the Clerk/Treasurer Report, and the Check Journals, 80 and 125, and the Activity report and check journal 128. Mark Goudy seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

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**Presentation of Audit for
USD #216 for the FY 2009**

Gary Schlappe and Theresa Dasenbrock from Lewis, Hooper and Dick LLC presented the audit findings. He reported the district has spend over \$100,000 less during the 08-09 school year and the district is in good financial condition. Board members discussed that more state money would be cut. Theresa Dasenbrock gave information on the audit and reported that there were only a few minor things to improve on and commented that suggestions made last year had been followed through. Superintendent Ansley thanked them for coming to the meeting. Mark Goudy made the motion to approve the audit findings. Randy Combs seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Communications to the
Board of Education**

Communications to the Board of Education included a thank you note from Gayle Tackett and a thank you note from Amy Browning.

**Board Members'
Reports**

David Whatley reported he was now receiving reports on Government Relations and reminded the board of further budget cuts in November.

Richard Braun reported from the Deerfield Recreation Commission that summer programs were all winding down or finished. Deerfield Summer Celebration was a success and all bills have been paid. Cindy Crandall, DRC director, is no longer on health insurance from the school, she is changing to Blue Cross Blue Shield through the recreation commission with the cost of coverage about the same.

Craig Turrentine reported from High Plains Education Cooperative Board with business as usual and they are trying to set up a type of satellite program to save members having to travel and be able to view meetings from home.

Randy Combs reported the Site Council meetings have not started yet.

**Principal's Building Reports
and Activities Director**

Principal DeLaRosa reported enrollment is up from last year's 108 students but is down since the beginning of the year. She reported on the 4-day week team visits to Holly and Weskan. Holly is very similar to our school with enrollment numbers and the numbers of Hispanic students. Weskan has been on a 4-day week for 12 years and is very pleased with the outcome of the program. Both schools

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reported that their ACT scores and other testing scores have improved. Weskan suggested that we give the 4-day week at least a 2 year trial period to see if it fits our needs.

Superintendent Ansley added that they were learning other ideas from team visits as possibilities for changes, such as activity scheduling. The next team visits will be to Ashland, with Tino Rosales going and taking some Spanish parents and a team will be going to Brewster. There will be a community meeting on Monday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 4-day week. Representatives from the schools visited will be coming to present how it works in their districts.

Principal DeLaRosa also reported AYP scores are up; and that Deerfield Elementary is now on Twitter as a way to communicate better with the community.

MS/HS Principal Harness reported that the goals set at the board retreat in August are being followed through and the students are showing a good start to the year on discipline issues. Dress code is being enforced and students are responding well. She is pleased with eligibility reports. Enrollment is down in grades 6-12 from 183 to 147. She commented one possibility of the 4-day week, it could bring in students from other districts. Randy Combs complemented her on enforcing the dress code. She reported HS teachers have been walking students up to the lunch room and it has made a big difference in how quiet and orderly the lunch room is. She thanked the teachers for giving up a few minutes of their lunch time. Mark Goudy complemented Principal Harness on the code of ethics put in place for the MS/HS staff.

Activities Director Jeff Braun was unable to attend the meeting due to MS football/volleyball games. He submitted a report to the board.

Superintendent Ansley went over the band instrument inventory Mr. Michael Quilling, band/music instructor, had turned in. A decision will be made regarding either having students purchase their own instruments or the school continuing to purchase and rent to students. Mr. Quilling can repair instruments which will save the district a considerable amount of money. He also prepared a report on the number of band students being up this year and also showed

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projected numbers of band students for the next 5 years. Several board members commented on the great job Mr. Quilling is doing.

Superintendent's Review

Superintendent Ansley reported on the intruder drill that was held and that he had some information on Public Schools Foundation as a way of involving community members donating to help with the cost of extra classes such as art, etc. He will continue checking on the possibilities.

Superintendent Ansley reported that the Community Learning Center is going strong and the next advisory meeting will be September 29, 2009.

The Regional KASB meeting will be held October 6 and asked if any Board member was interested in attending.

He reported a salary change regarding the raise for sitting time for bus drivers from \$7.00/hour to \$7.25/hour due to the minimum wage increase. Cost of lawn care and mowing was discussed. The district office is keeping track of expenses.

Investing Idle Funds

Bids for investing idle funds were opened in the district office at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14th, 2009. Superintendent Ansley presented the bids to the board. Jerrad Webb made the motion to approve investing idle funds of \$300,000 with Kearny County Bank at the 3 month CD rate of 1.11% with maturity in December 2009. Randy Combs seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Executive Session/
Personnel**

Jerrad Webb 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 twenty (20) minutes starting at 8:40 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 9:00 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; employment at will to Mary Jane Skipton as a Migrant/Family Literacy Para at \$10/hr; Supplemental contracts to Marilyn Danler as senior class sponsor; and Nancy Drennan and Claudia Lozano as junior class sponsors. Jerrad Webb seconded the motion. Randy Combs left the room. The motion passed 6-0.

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Randy Combs returned to the meeting.

Adjournment

President Pettz adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of education will be on Monday, October 12th, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the high school library.

Approved this 12th day of October 2009.

President of the Board

Acting Clerk of the Board