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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, October 12th, 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, MS/HS Principal
Jeff Braun, Activities Director
Ty Stelting, Student Representative
Tyce Yates, Jerri Jones, Shirley Warden, Michael Bowser,
Judy Steinbrink, Charlotte Dillingham, Morgan Butteris,
Shawna Jury, Cindy Skipper, Joel McClure, Amy Griffin,
Julie Roth, Tracy James, and Lisa Bowser.

Call to Order

President Christopher Pettz called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12th, 2009 in the high school library.

Open Forum

There were no comments during the open forum.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Jerrad Webb and Mark Goudy requested board discussion during the Superintendent's Review. Mark Goudy made the motion to approve the meeting agenda. Richard Braun seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mark Goudy made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on Monday, September 14th, 2009, the Financial Reports, as well as the Clerk/Treasurer Report, and the Check Journals, 142,146, and 193, and the Activity report and check journal 130 and 131. David Whatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Communications to the Board of Education

Communication to the board included letters from Kansas Department of Education congratulating the principals and staff on achieving Annual Yearly Progress.

Board Members' Reports

Government Relations - David Whatley reported probable state budget cuts in November. Federal funding could be available through competitive grants called The Race to the Top, with ten to twelve states selected. If our state was selected 50% of the grant would flow through to the districts. Superintendent Ansley reported in addition to the state budget cuts this fall, there probably will be another cut in March to this current year's budget with the cuts close to last year's cut.

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Deerfield Recreation - Richard Braun reported the DRC is collaborating with the after school program, TWIX.

High Plains Education Cooperative - Craig Turrentine reported business as normal.

Site Based Council – Randy Combs reported on the community activities, Community Learning Center, four day week, and homecoming activities.

Student Representative Report

Ty Stelting, Student Representative, reported from the student body that most of the students are in favor of the four day school week. Students are preparing for the play scheduled for November 13th and 15th. Student opinion was given on homecoming, the pep rally, and athletics.

Activities Director Report

Jeff Braun, Activities Director, reported that middle school football and volleyball season will end shortly. Basketball will start soon, with middle school practice starting on October 26th and high school practice starting on November 16th, after buffer week. The district will be charging for admission, in the amount of \$3 for adults and \$2 for school age children. Recommendations have been presented to Superintendent Ansley for high school boys' basketball coach and track coach.

Principals' Building Reports

Amy DeLaRosa, Elem Principal, reported enrollment is up four students from count day at the elementary building; shared information on grant writing to establish a community foundation as a 501c3 organization possibly to open up new opportunities for bringing funds into the district for long range plans to sustain programs in the future. The Four Day Week Committee will present their findings later in the meeting; parent/teachers conferences on Thursday, October 15th and Friday, October 16th. Red ribbon week activities and a music program are planned for later in the month.

Nancy Harness, MS/HS Principal, reported that computers would be made available for parents to use at parent/teachers conferences. Enrollment is up four students from count day in the middle school and high school. Appeal hearings for excessive absences have been held and a plan has been developed for a student. Miss Kansas will be here on Oct 27th to work with the students in band. The Advisory Committee for the

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Community Learning Center has met. Current high school students could go to the CLC for additional credit hours after the school day, reviewed by individual student needs and approved by the school administration. Fall leadership for FCCLA will be hosted on Oct 28th, with school in-session for the middle school and elementary students. Students in good standings will participate with FCCLA and those that are not will attend study hall.

**Superintendent's
Review**

Superintendent Ansley reported on KASB convention in Overland Park, first weekend in December; survey on number of reductions in personnel from school districts across the state of Kansas; current year budget short in the amount of \$36k in at risk and bilingual for this year due to enrollment decline. State cuts will be in addition to these amounts. E-rate funding has been approved for \$75,000 for the current year.

The district has been notified of a grant award for mentoring and professional development with distribution over the next five years. There will be more information to come. Driver's education online course work was discussed.

Superintendent Ansley requested the November board meeting be moved to November 16th instead of the 9th to accommodate a personal need. The board agreed.

Mark Goudy represented information from the emergency planning committee for the designated shelter at the high school and requested the administration look into restricting access to the west side of the building. The administration will bring a proposal back to the board.

Jerrad Webb requested information on the mowing contracts for this fall. Superintendent Ansley will generate a mowing proposal for next spring.

**Implementation of a Four
Day School Week**

The Four Day School Week Committee made up of Judy Steinbrink, Cindy Skipper, Shawna Jury, Amy DeLaRosa, Mark Goudy, Julie Roth, Angela Moore, and Michael Bowser presented to the board the findings of their research from visiting four school districts currently using a four day week. The recommendation is to pursue the four day week schedule with school in-session Monday through Thursday, with no middle school practices on Friday due to

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transportation issues for parents; activity schedules be investigated for game days; no student meetings on Fridays; the library to be open on Fridays for research or to utilize a computer to complete assignments on a trial basis only; and implementation of a minimum of two to three years with an evaluation regarding the effectiveness of cost efficiency and the quality of education. The committee estimated a savings of over \$60k to the district with implementation of the four day school week. The committee recommended the board maintain or increase the number of hours for contract and instructional time per school year. Through the committee's research it was surprised at the additional benefits that come with the four day week. Superintendent Ansley thanked the committee and appreciated the time and effort for researching this option.

The board discussed the four day school week. Jerrad Webb made the motion to implement the four day school week beginning with the 2010-2011 school year and direct the calendar committee to develop a four day schedule with the same or more contract time or instructional time as the current calendar. David Whatley 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, October 12th, 2009. Superintendent Ansley presented the bids to the board. Randy Combs made the motion to approve investing idle funds of \$300,000 with Plains State Bank at the 3 month CD rate of 1.50% with maturity in January 2010. Richard Braun seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Executive Session/
Personnel**

Mark Goudy 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 thirty (30) minutes starting at 8:30 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 9:00 p.m. Jerrad Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Mark Goudy made the motion to continue executive session with Principal DeLaRosa to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed for fifteen (15) minutes starting at 9:00 p.m. and that the board

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will return to open session in this room at 9:15 p.m. Jerrad Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Mark Goudy 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 9:15 p.m. and that the board will return to open session in this room at 9:20 p.m. Jerrad Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Employment Matters

Jerrad Webb made the motion to approve the Substitute Teaching list; supplemental contracts to Doug Crandall as high school track and to Tyson Eslinger as high school assistant boys' basketball; accept the superintendent's letter for retirement effective June 30th, 2010; and the contract offer to Amy DeLaRosa as Superintendent/Elementary Principal for 2010-2011 school year with salary to be determined at a later date. Randy Combs seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

President Pettz adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of education will be on Monday, November 16th, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the high school library.

Approved this 16th day of November 2009.

President of the Board

Clerk of the Board