

**USD 340 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2009
7:00pm
601 E Wyandotte, Meriden, KS 66512**

- Members Present** Jolly, Harden, McClurg, McMahon, Moore, Mumaw, and Van Petten
- Members Absent** None
- Others Present** Superintendent Scott Myers, Clerk Amy Adams-Mitchell, Principal Pat Happer and CI Director Mary Getto; John Hamon arrived later.
- Patrons: Leslie Anderson, Karen Kiefat, Lori Rodecap, Wes Sturgeon, Frank Sayles, William Rice, Linda Jones-Giltner, Bob Overstreet.
- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Van Petten.
- Approve Agenda** Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Harden to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- Consent Agenda** Motion made by Jolly, seconded by McMahon to approve the consent agenda as presented, which included the minutes of February 9, 2009; check journals 820, 852, 859, and 890; and the Treasurer's report. Motion carried 7-0.
- Academic Reports** Mary Getto and Pat Happer gave building updates.
- Fiscal Situation** Mr. Myers gave the Board an update of the current fiscal information as being discussed in the Legislature.
- Things that are known at this point:
\$33 cut/BSAPP for this year = \$54,000 cut for this fiscal year
5 – 18% cut levels mentioned for next year (1% = \$100,000 to us
Federal Funds available to states for 2 yrs as long as Education is kept at CURRENT funding level (\$4,400 BSAPP)
Governor's Budget Amendment is built with federal dollars being accepted
- Unknowns at this point:
Whether or not Kansas will accept the federal funds

How the federal funds may be used (what strings/restrictions are attached?)

What happens in two years?

Fiscal Considerations Focus

Mission is to educate the students of the district

Trim as far away from the classroom as possible

- Summer Field Usage** Motion made by Mumaw, seconded by McClurg to increase the fees for summer ball field usage by \$2 in each grade bracket. Fees will be charged as follows: K-1st \$8; 2nd – 8th \$12; 9th and above \$15. Motion carried 7-0. The JW Ball Association will be notified of the increase.
- Ball Field Advertise Fee** Motion made by Jolly, seconded by Moore to approve the ball field advertisement fees and agreement as presented. Fees for profit groups will be charged \$125, non-profit groups will be charged \$75. Motion carried 7-0.
- Financial Donation** Motion made by McClurg to accept the \$200 gift from M Wulfekoetter for the JWHS Baseball program; motion amended by McClurg to accept the monetary donation on behalf of the district, seconded by Mumaw. Motion carried 7-0.
- German Visit** Mary Getto gave the Board an update regarding the upcoming German student visitation program.
- Driver's Ed** Motion made by Moore, seconded by Mumaw to increase the driver's ed fee to \$100. Motion carried 7-0.
- Curriculum Committee** Motion made by Mumaw, seconded by Moore to approve the addition of Roots of Rock-n-Roll to the middle school curriculum as presented by the curriculum committee. Motion carried 7-0.
- MS Facility Study** It was the consensus of the board to retain bids for the following middle school repair projects: roof, brick repair, and guttering. This improvement list was part of a facility study performed by Paul Crawford and the recommendations were shared with the Board at the monthly meeting in February

2009. Research will also be done to see if grant money is available to offset expenses.

Executive Session

Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Jolly to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of thirty minutes to discuss matters of personnel of non-elected positions, including Mr. Myers, Mr. Happer, and Mr. Hamon, as needed; a five minute recess was included in this motion. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Happer exited executive session at 8:21pm; Mr. Hamon entered executive session at 8:22pm.

Return to Open Session The Board returned to open session at 8:35pm.

Executive Session

Motion made by Jolly, seconded by Moore to extend executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of fifteen minutes to continue discussing matters of personnel of non-elected positions, including Mr. Myers and Mr. Hamon. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Hamon exited executive session at 8:45pm.

Return to Open Session The Board returned to open session at 8:50pm.

Resignations

Motion made by Jolly, seconded by Moore to accept the resignations of Lynette Johnston, Technology Aide; and Jocasta Zitek, MS Asst Cheerleader Sponsor. Motion carried 7-0.

Contracts

Motion made by Jolly, seconded by Mumaw to extend one year contracts to the Head Principals at all buildings. Motion carried 7-0.

McMahon exited the board meeting at 8:52pm.

Executive Session

Motion made by Jolly, seconded by McClurg to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of fifteen minutes to discuss matters of personnel of non-elected positions, including Mr. Myers. Motion carried 6-0.

McMahon rejoined the board meeting at 8:54pm.

Motion made by Jolly, seconded by Mumaw to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of ten minutes to discuss negotiations, including Mr. Myers. Motion carried 7-0.

Return to Open Session The Board returned to open session at 9:24pm.

Fiscal Transparency In these times of economic uncertainty, the Board is hopeful to provide some fiscal transparency to the patrons of the community without putting the districts financial securities at risk. In order to provide the requested information an easy to follow document with understandable format will need to be created. As this process is shored up and the documentation is developed, it will be readily available and updated on a monthly basis.

Technology Issues The district is, once again, experiencing some difficult technology issues as we battle to combat a virus known as Mario Forever. This virus is attacking most pc's in the district, fortunately, Mac computers are not affected by this particular virus. During the scheduled spring break, DCS of Topeka will be doing a clean sweep of all computers and servers within the district to contain and destroy the virus.

Summer School Despite budget uncertainties, Summer School will be held this summer; particulars on schedules and staffing will be determined at a later date.

A clarification regarding Driver's Ed fees will be researched and an update will be discussed at the next monthly BOE meeting.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectively Submitted: _____
Amy Adams-Mitchell, Board Clerk, USD 340

Jeff Van Petten, Board President, USD 340