

**USD 340 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2008
7:00pm
601 E Wyandotte, Meriden, KS 66512**

- Members Present** Jolly, Harden, McMahon, McClurg, Moore, Mumaw
- Members Absent** Van Petten
- Others Present** Superintendent Scott Myers, Clerk Amy Adams-Mitchell, Principals Pat Happer, John Hamon, & Rhonda Frakes, CI Director Mary Getto, Clarke Davis, Leslie Abbott, Matt Tinsley, Kirbie Macary, Amanda Rush, and Mr. Vernon Jarboe.
- Patrons: Leslie Anderson, Karen Kiefat, Bob Overstreet, Kirk Fast, Ernest Allison, Sarah Allison, Madison Fangman, Jacey Cry, Rachelle Fangman.
- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice President Jolly.
- Communications** Two board members were recognized for their accomplishments in the Kansas Association of School Boards' Boardsmanship Academy. Board members Dr. G. Daniel Harden and Dreana McClurg received awards from KASB by earning points for attending continuing education courses from KASB and the National School Boards Association. They each achieved Honor Roll Level 1.
- Items Added** The following item was added to the agenda: Item G, MS Football Substitute Coach, under Board Issues.
- Approve Agenda** Motion made by Mumaw, seconded by McMahon to approve agenda as presented with items added. Motion carried 6-0.
- Consent Agenda** Motion made by Harden, seconded by McClurg to approve the consent agenda as presented, which included the minutes of August 6 & 11, 2008; check journals # 84, 129, 141, 188, 202, 207, 225; and the Treasurer's report. Motion carried 6-0.

BOE Member Arrival Van Petten arrived at 7:03pm.

Introduction of New Teachers Rhonda Frakes introduced the new staff at the high school building: Kirbie Macary, FCCLA; Matt Tinsley, Business/Computers; and Jake Lenherr, Special Ed, not present. John Hamon introduced the new staff at the middle school: Amanda Rush, MS Counselor. Pat Happer introduced the new staff at the elementary & intermediate schools: Clay Mayer, 4th Grade; Debbie Duncan, Mary Melton, & Margaret Houtz, all Special Ed, not present.

MS FCCLA Report Leslie Abbott, MS FCCLA Sponsor, along with students, Jacey Guy, Sarah Allison, and Madison Fangman shared their recent Nationals experience with the Board and thanked them for their support.

Land Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Mumaw to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of fifteen minutes for consultation with the real estate attorney on a matter protected by attorney/client privilege, including Mr. Myers and Mr. Jarboe. Motion carried 7-0. The Board returned to open session at 7:25pm and extended the executive session with a motion made by Mumaw, seconded by Moore for an additional fifteen minutes to continue the discussion with Mr. Myers and Mr. Jarboe. Motion carried 7-0. The Board returned to open session at 7:40pm.

Academic Reports Mary Getto, Pat Happer, John Hamon, and Rhonda Frakes shared information regarding curriculum and instructional building reports.

Acceptance of Gift Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Mumaw to accept the donation of \$1000 as presented by Ernest Spencer Metals. Motion carried 7-0.

Site Council Members Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Jolly to approve the Site Council Members as presented:

ES/IS: Susan Adams, Susan Gaschen, Tina Gibson, Roberta Hagemann, Pat Happer, Janelle Holmes, Phil Korb, Mark Lamb, and Lori Mahoney.

MS: Stacey Broers, Pam Farrant, Kirk Fast, John Hamon, Spike Holloman, Gayle Hunter, Mike Kimberlin, Amanda Rush, and Wes Sturgeon.

HS: Angie Feyh, Rhonda Frakes, Rena Kilgore, Sandra Mumaw, Jason Pickerell, DeeDee Skaggs, and/or Dan Skaggs.

Summer School Report Mary Getto gave an update from Summer School, there was an 85% success rate overall.

MS FB Substitute Coach Motion made by McMahan, seconded by Mumaw to add a MS FB Coaching position due to the upcoming/pending absence of a coach and participation numbers. Motion carried 7-0.

Early Graduation Request Motion made by Harden, seconded by Moore to approve the early graduation requests for Mariah Hund and Francis Cochran, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Early Graduation There was discussion regarding the requirements that are currently being utilized to determine early graduation of students from the high school. Current board policy will remain in effect.

Activity Bus Fee Motion made by Mumaw, seconded by McMahan to approve a \$5.00 per trip fee to be established for "pep club" transportation to away activities such as football and basketball games.

Technology Transition Mr. Myers gave an update regarding the transfer of technology responsibilities to Dynamic Computer Solutions.

Employee Cell Phone Motion made by Jolly, seconded by Harden to establish a \$10/month taxable benefit for cell phone usage provided it is considered a feasible amount by KASB or auditors. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board took a two minute recess.

Executive Session Motion made by Jolly, seconded by Mumaw to adjourn to executive session at 8:45pm per KSA 75-4319 for a period of fifteen minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel, including Mr. Myers. Motion carried 7-0.

Return to Open Session The Board returned to open session at 9:00pm.

Resignation(s) Motion made by Mumaw, seconded by McClurg to accept the resignation Jake Lenherr, HS Girls Basketball Asst Coach. Motion carried 7-0.

Contracts Motion made by Mumaw, seconded by Moore to accept the recommendations of Joni Mikkelsen, MS Girls Basketball Asst Coach; Mitch Loomis, FR Boys Basketball Asst Coach; Jake Farrant, HS Boys Basketball Asst Coach; Jake Lenherr HS Baseball Asst Coach; Lisa Sage, Homecoming Sponsor; Rena Kilgore, HS Scholar's Bowl Sponsor; Clay Mayer, MS Football Asst/Sub Coach; and Mary Getto, an 11 month contract with financials being set at \$75,120. Motion carried 7-0.

Alternate School Update Mr. Myers gave an update regarding the FTE needed for the Alternative School. It was decided that advertisements would be placed in several local publications within the community and surrounding area.

Web Presence Mr. Myers gave an update to the district website since the change to the SOCS based program. Van Petten assisted with this demonstration.

Hepatitis B Shots Mr. Myers shared that Hepatitis B shots would be made available for those within the district that were interested.

Calendar Changes An updated sheet of calendar changes was available for board members. Activities regarding Homecoming would be published in the district newsletter.

The Board took a five minute recess before continuing with the scheduled work session.

Work Session

The Board met for approximately thirty minutes to discuss the future needs of the district. Building assessments, structural and mechanical engineering, centralization of facilities, bond issues, transportation, safety and security were all considered. It was suggested that building evaluations be drafted and submitted to the Board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectively Submitted:

Amy Adams-Mitchell, Board Clerk, USD 340

Jeff Van Petten, Board President, USD 340