

**USD 340 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 13, 2010
7:00pm
301 Main, Meriden, KS 66512**

- Members Present** Linda Jones-Giltner, Don Knowles, Dreana McClurg, Blaine Moore, Frank Sayles
- Members Absent** Shannon McMahan, Jeff Van Petten
- Others Present** Superintendent Scott Myers, Clerk Amy Adams-Mitchell, Principals John Hamon and Rhonda Frakes.
- Patrons/Staff: Wes Sturgeon, James Tweed, Bob Overstreet, Leslie Bruton, Laura Newberry, Mark Flood, Noah Livingston, Bret Frakes, Doug Wildeman, Dennis Rouse, David Bruton, Jan Wells, Clay Mayer, Kirk Fast, Karen Kiefat, Leslie Anderson, Jim Malloy.
- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President McClurg.
- Communications** A thank you from MS/HS FCCLA was read.
- Approve Agenda** Motion made by Jones-Giltner, seconded by Knowles to approve the agenda as amended under Student Issues, item VI, add B.Out-of-State Field Trip Request. Motion carried 5-0.
- Consent Agenda** Motion made by Moore, seconded by Sayles to approve the consent agenda as presented, which included the minutes of August 9 & 16, 2010; check journals 123, 133, 172, 186, 191, & 212; and the Treasurer's report. Motion carried 5-0.
- Academic Reports** Rhonda Frakes and John Hamon gave academic updates for their respective buildings.
- Grant Proposal** Leslie Bruton, Laura Newberry, Noah Livingston, and Mark Flood gave a presentation regarding placing a wind turbine at the high school. The grant program called WFS (Wind for Schools) would generate only a small amount of usable energy, but the learning opportunities associated with it are numerous. Motion by Knowles, seconded by Moore to approve applying for the grant. Motion carried 5-0.

ES Presentation

Jan Wells and Clay Mayer gave technology and technology integration demonstrations. Mrs. Wells demonstrated skype, voice thread, and Edmodo; while Mr. Mayer demonstrated InterWrite Workspace and podcasting.

Shannon McMahon arrived at 7:33pm; exited at 7:55pm and returned at 7:56pm.

Capital Outlay Resolution

RESOLUTION FOR CAPITAL LEVY TAX FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

Madam President, I move the adoption of the following resolution:

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 340,
JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy for a period not to exceed 5 years in an amount not to exceed 6 mills upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing and equipping of buildings necessary for school district purposes, including housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board, architectural expenses incidental thereto, the acquisition of building sites, the undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects, the acquisition of school buses and the acquisition of other equipment and for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of KSA 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for the purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the board of election of the above school district.

Motion by Sayles, seconded by McMahon to approve the resolution as read aloud by Sayles. Motion carried 6-0.

Ratification of Negotiated Agreement

Motion by Knowles, seconded by Moore to approve the ratification of the Negotiated Agreement as presented and as ratified by JWEA. Motion carried 6-0.

Technology Cohorts I & II

Dr. Myers shared with the Board that technology collaboration within the district has been established. A group meets with Doug Adams, a representative from All-Tech, several times a year. The participants are then resources for others to

expand their knowledge and/or get help from when utilizing technology within the classroom.

Jeff Van Petten arrived at 8:20pm.

- German Student Visit** The German Exchange students are scheduled to arrive on Thursday, 9/16, and will be in the States for ten days. Several activities have been planned for them to attend or participate in.
- Field Trip Request** Motion made by Moore, seconded by Knowles to approve the out-of-state field trip to WOF as requested by Ed diZerega for the choir groups, both MS and HS; with transportation being the responsibility of the group. Motion carried 7-0.
- Bus Barn** Heinen Custom Operations and Rouse Construction were both in attendance to answer questions the Board had regarding the construction of Bus Barn/Maintenance facilities.
- District Office** Motion by Moore, seconded by McMahon to actively pursue selling the district office and to entertain legitimate offers of sale. Motion carried 7-0.
- Vulnerability Study** Motion by Knowles, seconded by Sayles to proceed with an Open Study at the MS and HS building levels in conjunction with Homeland Security. Motion carried 7-0.
- Executive Session** At 9:13pm, motion made by Sayles, seconded by Jones-Giltner to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of thirty minutes to discuss matters of personnel, including Dr. Myers; after a seven minute recess. Motion carried 7-0.
- Return to Open Session** The Board returned to open session at 9:50pm.
- Executive Session** At 9:50pm, motion made by Van Petten, seconded by Jones-Giltner to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of five minutes to continue discussing matters of personnel, inviting Dr. Myers back in at 9:53pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Resignations Motion made by Moore, seconded by McMahon to accept the resignations as presented: Scott Purdon, HS Wrestling Asst; Mark Ralston, HS Girls Basketball Asst. Motion carried 7-0.

Contracts Motion made by McMahon, seconded by Jones-Giltner to accept the recommendations as presented for Cheryl Lawhorn, MS Clerical Aide; Melanie Hainer, Half-time HS Clerical Aide; Chad Jackson, MS Volleyball; Dennis Darting, HS Girls Basketball Asst. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Sayles, seconded by Jones-Giltner to increase classified wages by 2.16%. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Van Petten, seconded by McMahon to accept the Superintendents recommendation of a one time payment in the amount of \$700 to Rhonda Frakes, Harley Lohness, John Hamon, and Pat Happer; with no payment being given to the Superintendent. Motion carried 7-0.

Possible Bond Comm Dr. Myers asked that the Board members each provide five names of patrons that could be invited to serve on a bond committee.

Field Trip Policy Dr. Myers will look at providing policy that will address field trips and board approval.

Ozawkie Bldg Use Keystone Learning Services is scheduled to hold some meetings in the building at Ozawkie, as they are still interested in it.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.

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

Dreana McClurg, Board President, USD 340