

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

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| Members Present | Jones-Giltner, Knowles, McClurg, McMahan, Moore, Sayles, Van Petten |
| Members Absent | None |
| Others Present | Superintendent Scott Myers, Clerk Amy Adams-Mitchell, Principals Pat Happer, John Hamon and Asst Principal Harley Lohness, CI Director Mary Getto.

Patrons/Staff: Sara Becker, Daniel Sayles, Tana Kern, Lori Rodecap, Erin Beougher, Wes Sturgeon, Rod Smith, Karen Kiefat, Kirk Fast, Larry Deiter, Mitch Miller and Mark Strong, DCS. |
| Call to Order | The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Moore. |
| Spanish Presentation | Teacher Sara Becker and students, Daniel Sayles and Tana Kern thanked the Board in supporting their recent field trip to Kansas City and shared presentations of ofrendas – “Day of the Dead”. |
| Communications | Thank you’s from Janell Ross and Jody Lockhart were shared with the Board. |
| Approve Agenda | Motion made by McClurg, seconded by McMahan to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0. |
| Consent Agenda | Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Jones-Giltner to approve the consent agenda as presented, which included the minutes of October 12, 2009; check journals 437, 428, 403, 380, 460; and the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried 7-0. |
| Academic Reports | Mary Getto, Pat Happer, and John Hamon gave building updates. |
| Fiscal Update | Mr. Myers stated that sometime between November 10 -20 th the district would learn the fate of any additional financial cuts to this years school budget due to the State budget ramifications. Mr. Myers shared a fiscal considerations worksheet, basically a laundry list of possible expenditures/savings that could be |

considered to help try and meet next years reduced budget. There was discussion regarding the different areas that could be affected by the reduced dollars and the impact it would have toward students. It was the general consensus of the Board that the task at hand is three fold: to educate kids, keep budget constraints away from classrooms, and maintain fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers.

A resolution to close the intermediate school and consolidate with the elementary school will be presented during the December Board Meeting. As required by the passing of said resolution, a public hearing date will be scheduled.

Health Care Comm

Motion made by Moore, seconded by Van Petten to approve the recommendation of an eight teacher, four classified staff, three board member, and superintendent committee. The committee will be reviewing options available for health insurance and make a recommendation to the Board. Motion carried 7-0.

SPED Rpt

Mr. Knowles gave a report from attending the Keystone Learning Board meeting.

Janitorial Outsourcing

Mr. Myers reported to the Board regarding benefit options available to employees of vendor; part-time, zero benefits; full-time, health insurance, sec 125 part, 401k part.

It was asked that the vendor, ISS Janitorial, be available at the December Board meeting with information detailing cost savings at a district wide level of service.

Field Trip Requests

Motion by Van Petten, seconded by Sayles to approve the out-of-state field trips as requested: Rod Smith, Fermilab in Chicago and 7th Grade Ski Reward Trip to Westin, Mo; with the 7th Grade group offsetting transportation fees to some extent; a suggestion of \$5 per student. Motion carried 7-0.

Technology Update

This item was taken out of order. Mitch Miller and Mark Strong of Dynamic Computer Solutions of Topeka presented information to the Board regarding technology within the district, including the most recent loss of data files, the recovery attempts of the 'lost' files and backup storage rotation.

McMahon exited at 8:52pm, returned at 8:54pm.

Executive Session

Motion made by Van Petten, seconded by McMahon to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of fifteen minutes

to discuss matters of a student issue, including Mr. Myers; with a four minute recess, executive session convening at 9:05pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Return to Open Session The Board returned to open session at 9:20pm.

Executive Session Motion made by Van Petten, seconded by McMahon to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of fifteen minutes to discuss matters of a student issue, including Mr. Myers. Motion carried 7-0.

Return to Open Session The Board returned to open session at 9:36pm.

Vehicle Purchase Motion by McClurg, seconded by McMahon to purchase a 2002 Dodge Caravan for \$7,200 from Federal State Surplus and gave authority to purchase an additional passenger car from F S Surplus for a maximum of \$8000. Motion carried 7-0.

Trane Project Mr. Myers shared with the Board that the project with Trane was still ongoing; data is currently being collected and forwarded to them to analyze.

Bus Barn Discussion Mr. Myers shared with the Board the most recent estimates of \$20-30,000 to construct a shell building or utilization of a modular at the current location. It was suggested the lower parking lot at the middle school be considered for location of overnight bus parking and utilization of classroom space within the vo-ag building be considered for office space. This was considered a practical and rational consideration that would help alleviate parking issues at the football stadium also.

Executive Session Motion made by McClurg, seconded by McMahon to adjourn to executive session 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 10:14pm.

Contracts Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Knowles to approve the recommendations as presented: Amanda Rush, MS Girls Asst Basketball; Allison DeVader, Asst Softball; Steve Stallbaumer and Dave Petesch, MS Asst Track; and Roxanne Silovsky, HS Asst Track. Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session Motion made by McClurg, seconded by McMahon to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of five minutes to discuss matters of negotiations including Mr. Myers. Motion carried 7-0.

Return to Open Session The Board returned to open session at 10:21pm. McMahon exited at 10:21pm; returned at 10:23pm.

Superintendent Update Mr. Myers shared with the Board that several efforts were being made to increase all communication aspects; in-house, with parents and the patrons of the community. Mr. Myers reported that he has started a blog segment on his district website page and is hopeful to have a new topic every two weeks to engage in public participation.

The district Site Council Summit will be held at the district office on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 6pm. Topics for discussion will be the Form 150, comparison of fiscal cuts last year to this year, and communication efforts.

A reminder that the December Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2009 at the Middle School library.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10:28pm.

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

Blaine Moore, Board President, USD 340