

**USD 340 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2011
7:00pm
210 N Miller, Meriden, KS 66512**

- Members Present** Scott Gibson, Linda Jones-Giltner, Don Knowles, Dreana McClurg, Shannon McMahon, Frank Sayles, Jeff Van Petten
- Members Absent** None
- Others Present** Superintendent Pat Happer, Clerk Amy Adams-Mitchell, Principals Wes Sturgeon, John Hamon and Rhonda Frakes.

Patrons/Staff: Lori Rodecap, Jim Malloy, Kirk Fast, Lisa Sage, Jared Burton, Ron Christlieb
- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Van Petten.
- Communications** Thank you's from many staff members, for the food provided during Parent-Teacher Conferences, were shared with the Board.
- Approve Agenda** Motion made by McMahon, seconded by Sayles to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- Consent Agenda** Motion made by Sayles, seconded by Knowles to approve the consent agenda as presented, which included the minutes of October 10, 2011; check journals 362, 380, 390, 402; and the Treasurer's report. Motion carried 7-0.
- Teacher Presentation** Leschia Sidener shared with the Board some of her classroom teaching and learning practices.
- Academic Reports** Rhonda Frakes, John Hamon, and Wes Sturgeon gave building updates.
- Taxable Benefit Change** Motion made by Jones-Giltner, seconded by McMahon to drop the taxable benefit for cell phones as recommended per IRS and auditor guidelines. Motion carried 7-0.
- Thespian Troupe Donation** Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Sayles to accept the donation of \$400 from The Barn Bed & Breakfast to offset future expenses at Kansas Theatre Troupe Conference. Motion carried 7-0.
- Advertising Policy** Motion made by Jones-Giltner, seconded by Sayles to revise policy KI as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

KI – Free Materials Distribution in Schools - Advertising in the Schools – No advertising for commercial purposes shall be permitted in the school buildings or on the grounds of the district without prior approval of the board. USD 340 Jefferson West advertising/solicitations shall be regulated as follows:

- USD 340 Jefferson West district will not publish advertisements/solicitations which unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, ancestry, or physical handicap.
- The advertiser assumes complete responsibility and liability for the content of advertisements.
- The name of the advertiser must be clearly visible on each advertisement.
- Advertising using a person’s name or photograph must be authorized by that person in order to be printed.
- Advertisements known to be false or misleading will not be accepted.
- USD 340 Jefferson West district reserves the right to reject any advertisement/solicitation for any reason but especially to protect the integrity of the school district.
 - Advertisements will not be accepted that promote: the consumption of alcoholic or cereal malt beverages; the sale or consumption of tobacco products or depiction of the use of tobacco products; political issues; nudity or semi-nudity; profanity; obscenity or lewdness; sexually-oriented products, activities, or businesses; the use or sale of illegal drugs; explosives or other illegal weapons; the glorification of violence or acts of a violent nature; the endorsement of business transactions or activities deemed illegal by local, state, or federal laws.
 - Advertisements/solicitations will not be accepted that violate copyright laws. (Rev. 11-14-2011)

Technology Committee Mr. Happer shared with the Board that surveys will be sent to staff, students (Gr 3 -12), and parents; those results will then be shared. The District Technology Plan will be shared at next month’s Board meeting.

Bond Committee Mr. Happer stated that the next Bond Committee meeting will be held December 5th.

Quill & Scroll Society Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Knowles to approve the recommendation as presented to initiate a Quill & Scroll Charter at the high school and to fund the charter membership of \$50. Motion carried 7-0.

Pat Happer exited at 8:15pm, returned at 8:17pm.

Bus Update This item was tabled until next month when Mr. Happer will bring different scenarios for transportation upgrade for replacement of busses & vans keeping payment and terms similar to current lease.

Van #26 Disposition Motion made by Jones-Giltner, seconded by Knowles to fix van #26. Motion carried 6-1, Gibson against.

Property Discard Motion made by McMahon, seconded by Knowles to accept the recommendation to dispose of bus #18 by the end of the school year. Motion carried 7-0.

IDL Installation Mrs. Frakes shared that installation is complete.

- KCH/SCI Cable** Mr. Happer shared with the Board that the modem that was causing poor internet connectivity had been replaced and the district had been experiencing strong connections since.

- Executive Session** At 8:45pm, motion made by Jones-Giltner, seconded by Sayles to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319, after a five minute recess, for a period of ten minutes, to reconvene in the Board room at 9:00pm, to discuss matters of non-elected personnel, including Mr. Happer. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- Contracts** Motion made by McClurg, seconded by McMahon to accept the recommendations as presented for HS Wrestling Asst Coach, Colin Moriarty; MS Track Coach, David Petesch; HS Asst Baseball, Chris Graves; and pending adequate numbers require an additional coach, HS FR Girls' Basketball, Amber Harlow,. Motion carried 7-0.

- District Audit** Mr. Happer shared that the auditors with Berberich Trahan Co PA should be in attendance at the December Board meeting.

- Transp Radio Update** Mr. Happer shared with the Board that all radios have been installed and a few minor adjustments have been completed giving the district clearer and better communication during bus travels.

- Equipment Disposition** Motion made by Gibson, seconded by McMahon to allow Dr. Scott Myers to purchase the laptop and chair that he was utilizing for \$400. Motion carried 6-1, Jones-Giltner against.

- Energy Audit** Mr. Happer and Jim Malloy recently attended an Energy Seminar in Manhattan; subsequently they will be scheduling an energy audit of our buildings.

- Track Resurface Bids** This item was tabled until a later time.

- KASB Convention** Mr. Happer reminded Board members of the upcoming State Conference to be held at Overland Park Sheraton, December 2-4.

- Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.

Respectively Submitted:

Amy Adams-Mitchell, Board Clerk, USD 340

Jeff Van Petten, Board President, USD 340