

**USD 340 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2009
7:00pm
210 N Miller, Meriden, KS 66512**

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 Rhonda Frakes, CI Director Mary Getto. Patrons/Staff: Clarke Davis, Karen Kiefat, Leslie Anderson, Becky Black, Dawn Shepard, Gary Kirkwood, Gary Buchheim, Nate Beech, Lilly Wells, Donna Kochanski, Ed Lindsay, Bill Rodecap, Anita Graham, Bob Overstreet, Clay Mayer, Jan Wells, Wes Sturgeon, Joanne Roberts, Dana Boyer, Jason Boyer, Mary Naumann.
Comments	Kirk Fast addressed the Board.
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Moore.
Approve Agenda	Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Van Petten to approve agenda as amended; under Personnel Issues, Item B – Resignation. Motion carried 7-0.
Consent Agenda	Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Sayles to approve the consent agenda as presented, which included the minutes of November 9 and December 8, 2009; check journals #529, 533, 524, 493, 476, 571; and the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried 7-0.
Academic Reports	Mary Getto, John Hamon, and Rhonda Frakes gave building updates.
Teacher Presentation	Mary Naumann, Kyleigh Ray and Courtney Emory presented information regarding the activities within the Read To Succeed Program.
Fiscal Challenges	Mr. Myers shared a fiscal considerations worksheet, a listing

of possible expenditure/savings that could be considered in reducing next years budget.

Closing Intermediate School Mr. Myers shared with the Board the steps required to close any school building. Motion made by Van Petten, seconded by McClurg to instruct the Superintendent to begin the process to close the Intermediate School and to hold a public hearing on January 18, 2010. Motion carried 7-0. Motion amended by Van Petten, seconded by McMahan to set hearing time at 7pm at the Intermediate School in Ozawkie.

Janitorial Outsourcing To date, five Board Members have met with the ISS Representative, Arnold Gordon, regarding the possibility of outsourcing the custodial services for one or all of the district buildings. The Board received concerns and comments from patrons and staff.

Reduction in Force/Furlough Mr. Myers shared the current language from the Negotiated Agreement with the Board. He also reminded them of the May 1st deadline to notify certified employees of intent to nonrenew contracts.

Special Education Report Mrs. McMahan gave an update from the Keystone Learning Services Board meeting. A major concern is possible proposed assessment costs for next year and funding issues. She also shared that the organization is interested in the use of the building in Ozawkie to house one of their programs, JDLA.

Van Petten exited the board meeting at 8:37pm.

Policy Adjustment Motion made by McMahan, seconded by Knowles to change the current language of the nepotism policy to read as follows:
The board will not employ anyone who is the father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law of any board member as a permanent employee and/or as a long term substitute in any USD 340 employment position. This provision shall not apply to any person who has been regularly employed by the board prior to the adoption of this policy or to any person who has been regularly employed by the board prior to the election or appointment of a new board member to whom the person is related.
Motion carried 6-0.

Van Petten returned to the board meeting at 8:50pm.

District Gift Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Sayles to accept the gifting of a Smith Weight Machine from Dean Cook. Motion carried 7-0.

Unofficial Minute Publication In order to provide more transparency of district issues and to further provide communication to the community, it was recommended to publish unofficial meeting minutes to the district website within one week of scheduled Board meetings.

Board Recess Motion by McMahon, seconded by Jones-Giltner to take a ten minute recess with the Board reconvening at 9:10pm. Motion carried 7-0.

National Comp Guidelines Motion by Van Petten, seconded by McMahon to limit expenditures for co-curricular activities to \$2500 for the remainder of this fiscal year; money to be expended for students that qualify this year to compete at the national level; with no funding for future years. Motion carried 6-1, Knowles against.

Vehicle Purchase Motion by Van Petten, seconded by Sayles to purchase a comparable mini van to the one most recently purchased for \$8,000 or less, with no restrictions on vendor. Motion carried 7-0.

Trane Project Mr. Myers shared with the Board that the project with Trane was still ongoing; data that was collected is being analyzed. A report may be available by the next board meeting.

Executive Session Motion made by McClurg, seconded by Van Petten to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of twenty minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel, including Mr. Myers. Motion carried 7-0. Myers exited at 10:02pm.

Return to Open Session The Board returned to open session at 10:05pm.

Executive Session Motion made by Van Petten, seconded by Jones-Giltner to adjourn to executive session per KSA 75-4319 for a period of fifteen minutes to continue discussion of matters of non-elected personnel, with a five minute recess. Motion carried 7-0.

Return to Open Session The Board returned to open session at 10:25

Resignations Motion made by Van Petten, seconded by Knowles to accept the resignation as presented from Mark Ralston, HS Girls FR Basketball Coach. Motion carried 7-0.

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 negotiations, including Mr. Myers. Motion carried 7-0.

Return to Open Session The Board returned to open session at 10:45pm.

Superintendent Update Mr. Myers gave an update from the Health Insurance Committee and the first meeting of the Site Council Summit. Both committees will be meeting again in January.

Mr. Myers shared timelines of board goals that have been completed and a listing of on-going goals.

Mr. Myers stated that next month prior to the Board meeting a small celebration would be held for an Alternative School Graduate who has completed all of their course work.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10:50pm.

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

Blaine Moore, Board President, USD 340