

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ST. JOHN-HUDSON U.S.D. #350
REGULAR SESSION
December 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education of Unified School District 350, State of Kansas, Stafford County, met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the board room, on Monday December 14, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Chad Fisher.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chad Fisher, Barbara Alpers, Carl Behr, Darin Brummer, Vance Fisher, Derek Foote

STAFF PRESENT

Josh Meyer, Mike Burgan, Travis Olive, Marla Irvine, Jill Christie

WELCOME VISITORS

Carol Riegel, Jerry Mattocks, Alisa Fisher

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Carl Behr moved and Vance Fisher seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

YES: 5 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Barb Alpers entered the meeting at 4:05

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent items include:

- Minutes of the November 9 regular meeting and the November 19 special meeting
- Bills for payment
- Financial Reports
- Activity Fund Report

Derek Foote moved and Carl Behr seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PATRON COMMENTS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Marquee Sign

The board continued discussing options for replacing the marquee sign near the auditorium. Site council representatives have come up with one recommendation for a replacement sign. Pete Witt's memorial fund is available to cover part of this cost at the request of the family.

An option for sign replacement was discussed. It is a granite sign and will need additional concrete work for a foundation. The memorial will not cover the entire cost.

The board requested additional information regarding costs for the option presented and requested Mr. Meyer and the site council present additional options.

License Plates – Jerry Mattocks

Mr. Mattocks discussed the potential for school district license plates. With a change in state law, this could be an option for school district fund raising. Mr. Mattocks asked for support by contacting Mitch Holmes and Greg Lewis regarding a bill to change the law regarding state license plates.

Senior Release for 2nd Semester

Mr. Burgan presented a list of students to approve for senior release for second semester.

Vance Fisher moved and Derek Foote seconded to approve the list of students for 2nd semester senior release as presented.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Negotiations Team Appointments

Darin Brummer and Derek Foote volunteered to serve on the negotiating team for this year. Mr. Meyer informed the board that training would now be mandatory for these positions.

Barb Alpers moved and Vance Fisher seconded to approve Darin Brummer and Derek Foote as the board's negotiating team for upcoming contract negotiations.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Consider Superintendent's Contract

The superintendent's draft contract was discussed. The board considered rolling the two-year contract forward for another two years. The salary will be determined when teacher contract negotiations are complete. Specific personnel information will be discussed by the board in executive session. The board will be asked to approve the contract at the January meeting.

COMMUNICATION

Board Member Activities and Reports

Vance Fisher attended the Keady Classic Tournament. He offered congratulations to the basketball teams for their performance at the tournament and to the boys for having the state record on consecutive wins.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Olive reported the following: enrollment numbers, Secret Santa helped 53 students this year, several classroom doors that have been replaced and the students are working on thank you notes to the donor for the doors, the staff discussed and are in the process of implementing ways to recognize students for various achievements.

Mr. Burgan reported on the following: enrollment numbers, the high school quiz bowl team's results, the 5th/6th and junior high concert, the all school's play, postponement of the class leadership conference, January 13th a motivational speaker will be visiting the school and the board was invited to attend, the work

being done for career choices for the students – a career day is being planned, Taylor Clark participated in KMEA, junior high KMEA will be in January.

Mr. Meyer shared a video from KSDE regarding a new direction in education with focus on skill sets rather than test scores. The boards goal report was covered in detail. Changes to the wording in the handbook regarding school closing due to weather were presented. Discussion regarding changing the board meeting time to 6:00 pm during the winter months resulted in the board deciding to meet at 6:00pm for the January and February meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Barb Alpers moved and Vance Fisher seconded that the Board go into executive session at 5:10pm to discuss personnel matters in order to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel, with Josh Meyer, Mike Burgan, and Travis Olive to be included, and that they return to open session in 15 minutes.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board returned to open session at 5:25pm.

Barb Alpers moved and Vance Fisher seconded that the Board go into executive session at 5:25pm to discuss personnel matters in order to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel, with Josh Meyer, Marla Irvine and Alisa Fisher to be included, and that they return to open session in 10 minutes.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board returned to open session at 5:44pm.

CLOSING BUSINESS ITEMS

Resignations

Darin Brummer moved and Vance Fisher seconded to accept Danette Russell’s resignation effective June 2016.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Barb Alpers expressed the boards appreciation for Mrs. Russell’s service to the district and acknowledged that she will be missed.

Future Agenda Items

- Approving superintendents’ contract
- Consider items for negotiations

Adjourn

Carl Behr moved and Barb Alpers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:46pm.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2015

PRESIDENT

BOARD CLERK