

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ST. JOHN-HUDSON U.S.D. #350
REGULAR SESSION
December 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education of Unified School District 350, State of Kansas, Stafford County, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on Monday December 8, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Chad Fisher.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chad Fisher, Carl Behr, Vance Fisher, Tom Garner, Bill Milton and Stan Woodward.

STAFF PRESENT

Josh Meyer, Travis Olive, Mike Burgan, Danny Smith, Clint Kinnamon, Cindy Falk and Juliann Owens.

WELCOME VISITORS

Stephanie Smith and Carol Riegel

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Eligibility Policy – Discussion item

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Stan Woodward moved and Vance Fisher seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the November 10, 2014 regular meeting

Bills for payment

Budget Report

Activity Fund Report

Tom Garner moved and Stan Woodward seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PATRON COMMENTS

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Mr. Meyer discussed potential legislation that could be introduced this year regarding local elections. The legislation would move the local school board and council elections from April to November. Mr. Meyer is looking for direction from the board as to whether it supports a change and the option of

issuing a formal statement in regard to this issue. Several members felt that it should be left in April and there is a consensus to prepare a resolution with regard to the matter.

POLICY LED: ACTIVITIES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY: First Reading

At the November meeting, the board asked that a policy be drafted regarding school activities on Wednesday nights and Sundays. A draft policy was included in the board packet for review. It contains the recommended policy wording from KASB with some district edits. The drafted policy closely fits the district's current practice.

Prior to board discussion, President Fisher allowed public comment from concerned staff and patrons. Coach Stephanie Smith expressed concern about time for cheerleaders and felt that the policy would negatively affect the squad's ability to practice. Coach Danny Smith feels that the teams would be negatively affected because of the loss of the additional time. Coach Kinnamon expressed the same concerns and brought the issue of the limited facilities into the conversation. All three allow squad/team members who have church or family obligations to attend them. Kinnamon stated that he trusted board to do the right thing.

Stan Woodward expressed concerned about the many activities that would be impacted by the implementation of this policy.

Tom Garner expressed concern about the students' unwillingness to leave practice early and then being late for other Wednesday evening activities.

It was agreed by the majority of the board that a policy is not needed and no action was taken. Current practice is that coaches are normally done by 7:00 pm on Wednesdays and work with students to allow them to leave early to attend family or religious activities as needed. It was recommended that Mr. Burgan revisit the basketball practice schedule for next year to find a way for teams to practice but end earlier on Wednesdays.

APPOINT NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

The board should appoint at least two members to represent the Board in upcoming teacher contract negotiations. Items for negotiation will be discussed at the January meeting. The board must provide notice to the teachers' association by February 1 about items for negotiations.

Stan Woodward moved and Bill Milton seconded the motion to approve Vance Fisher and Tom Garner to serve as the board's negotiating team.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

CONSIDER SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Mr. Meyer's recommendation for his contract was included in the board packet. The contract represents an extension of the current two-year contract. Formal action is to take place at the January 12, 2015 meeting.

APPROVE SENIOR RELEASE APPLICATIONS FOR 2ND SEMESTER

Mr. Burgan presented the following names for senior release for 2nd semester: Bre Towers, Sierra Brittian, Tyler Dove and Michael Gilbert.

Stan Woodward moved and Tom Garner seconded the motion to approve the recommended students for senior release for 2nd semester.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Mr. Meyer presented the district's current eligibility policy and reviewed the same with the board.

COMMUNICATIONS

BOARD MEMBERS ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

Stan Woodward announced he is retiring from the board with the April elections. He will not be running. President Fisher attended the Special Education Coop meeting. He and Mr. Meyer attended that KSDE annual conference in Overland Park on December 5 & 6. He shared some of the information that they gained during the conference. He encouraged other board members to attend the conference in Wichita next year.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Olive reported on the elementary building. Current enrollment is 163. Family Night on Tuesday November 18. FCCLA and Lisa Cornwell planned the activities around things to do to stay fit when the weather keeps you indoors. The 5th and 6th grade/JH Band concert on December 2 was well attended and the kids did a great job. AIMSweb Benchmark Training will be taking place over the next month or so. Mr. Olive will be attending training in Hutch on Tuesday and have an early dismissal on Wednesday for professional development. He passed pictures of the new bike rack around.

Mr. Burgan gave his enrollment number of 164. HS Quiz Bowl last Monday at SJ – One team placed 3rd and the other placed 7th. The JH Band/Choir performed last Tuesday evening. The All-School Play was held last month - The Wizard of Oz! HS Basketball has started. This week is a pre-season tourney at Larned. Class Leadership – Ellinwood Dec. 4th

Mr. Meyer presented a power point on how post-secondary education is becoming more crucial for the success of our students.

Site council meets Wednesday night. 4 board seats are up for election in April 2015. Interested people should get their filing requirements done by January 27, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

DISCUSS PERSONNEL

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL AND NEGOTIATIONS AND A STUDENT MATTER

Carl Behr moved and Stan Woodward seconded the motion to recess to executive session at 8:27 p.m. in the boardroom for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel and a student matter; and that the board return to open session at 8:37 p.m. in the boardroom. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. The Superintendent, Mr. Olive and Mr. Burgan were asked to be in attendance.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board returned to open session at 8:37 p.m. in the boardroom.

Stan Woodward moved and Carl Behr seconded the motion to extend the executive session for 5 minutes with the board returning to open session at 8:42 p.m..

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board returned to open session at 8:42 p.m. in the boardroom.

Stan Woodward moved and Carl Behr seconded the motion to extend the executive session for 5 minutes with the board returning to open session at 8:47 p.m..

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board returned to open session at 8:47 p.m. in the boardroom.

CLOSING BUSINESS ITEMS

Vance Fisher moved and Carl Behr seconded the motion to approve the amended clerk and treasurer contracts as presented.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A) Municipal Elections
- B) Approve superintendent’s contract
- C) Consider Principals’ Contract
- D) Consider Items for Negotiations

Tom Garner moved and Vance Fisher seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 12th DAY OF January 2014

PRESIDENT

BOARD CLERK