

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ST. JOHN-HUDSON U.S.D. #350
REGULAR SESSION
February 9, 2015

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 February 9, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Chad Fisher.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chad Fisher, Barbara Alpers, Carl Behr, Vance Fisher, Tom Garner, Bill Milton (arrived late) and Stan Woodward.

STAFF PRESENT

Josh Meyer, Tara Kinnamon, Travis Olive, Mike Burgan, and Juliann Owens.

WELCOME VISITORS

Carol Riegel, Debby Waddle

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Barbara Alpers 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 January 19, 2015 regular meeting

Bills for payment

Budget Report

Activity Fund Report

Tom Garner moved and Carl Behr seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

YES: 7 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PATRON COMMENTS

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

BUDGET PLANNING

Mr. Meyer informed the board that the enrollment audit was completed recently. The audited enrollment figures and the effect on our budget are included. The district has a couple of budget challenges that require sufficient planning and discussion. Property valuation for the district is heavily

dependent on oil and gas. Since prices have slumped, this will affect valuation and, in turn, the mil levy rates. In addition, the state fiscal situation may require funding cuts this year likely into next year.

FOOD SERVICE POLICY

It is the desire of the superintendent to have practices regarding student lunch balances officially approved and recorded by the board. Mr. Meyer recommends that the policy included in the board packet be approved by the board.

Tom Garner moved and Barbara Alpers seconded the motion to approve the Food Service policy as presented.

YES: 7 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

CALENDAR FOR 2015-2016

Mr. Meyer shared the first draft of the 2015-2016 school calendar with the board. It has been discussed to the district leadership team but the calendar committee has not yet discussed the draft.

6th GRADE ACTIVITIES

Earlier in the year the board discussed the possibility of including 6th grade students in junior high activities. The subject has also been discussed with the district leadership team. Allowing 6th graders could be a positive experience for these students, but there are drawbacks as well. Specifically staff would like the board's input on including 6th grade students on the junior high track team this year, but also including these students on other teams in the future.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION FEE

Currently, the only fee that students pay for driver's education is the small filing fee for the state permit (less than \$5). The district subsidizes the costs of this program from our general fund. Specific numbers for the program was included in the board packet along with information from other school districts. It is recommended that the board establish a higher fee to offset more of the costs for this summer program. No action is required at this time. Any fee will be added to the schedule of fees that is approved later in the spring.

TRANSPORTATION OUTSOURCING

Mr. Meyer has been working with a company to determine whether it would be feasible to outsource district transportation services to a third party. The good news of this is that the district operates the busing service relatively cheaply. This will make it difficult for an outsourcing company to save the district money. However, costs will rise dramatically over the next few years when the district updates the aging bus fleet.

It is recommended that the district pursue outsourcing transportation services. The board will have the right to refuse any and all bids. The rough draft of a request for proposals letter is included in the board packet.

Carl Behr moved and Tom Garner seconded the motion to direct the superintendent to request proposals for outsourcing of transportation services.

YES: 7 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

BOARD MEMBERS ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

Vance Fisher stated that the negotiating team had met. Barbara Alpers commented that a large memorial in honor of Pete Witt had been donated to the Education Foundation. Mr. Fisher thanked the Lions Club for the top notch tournament in the Mid-Winter Classic.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Olive reported that current enrollment is at 160. The county spelling bee was held on January 28 in Stafford with Erin Crissman (7th) taking 1st place and Emma Engel (6th) taking 3rd place. Kansas Day took place on January 29 with a variety of activities taking place at the Lucille Hall Museum and at the Stafford County Annex. The annual Jump Rope for Heart for the American Heart Association collected \$6,800. The first through fourth grade did a fantastic job this year and got to swim for PE as a reward for their efforts. Countywide professional development will be on February 16th with St. John hosting. ELA curriculum development continued on January 26th and another 2 day session is slated for later this month. The state assessment window opens March 9.

Mr. Burgan reported that current high school enrollment is 163. The scholars' bowl team placed 4th at Regionals and 5th at the CPL meet. Bill Cordes met with teachers on January 19 and JH/SR high school students meet with him on the 20th. Three seniors will be attending the Kansas Honors Program in Great Bend on Wednesday, February 11 – Ashlyn Fisher, Britani Grabast and Anna Stryker. The National Honor Society induction will be held on Sunday, February 16. St. John hosted the JH CPL tournament last week.

Mr. Meyer informed the board that he would not be attending the CTE conference on Tuesday as planned. Lisa Cornwell and Susan Patterson will be attending. He will be attending the Council of Superintendents meeting on Wednesday. There will be a district leadership team/site council meeting on Wednesday February 18th. He updated the board on legislative issues facing the district at the state level.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND NEGOTIATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Barbara Alpers moved and Stan Woodward seconded the motion to recess to executive session at 8:18 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 8:33 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: 7 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board returned to open session at 8:33 p.m. in the boardroom.

Tom Garner moved and Carl Behr seconded the motion to extend the executive session for 10 minutes with the board returning to open session at 8:44 p.m.

YES: 7 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board returned to open session at 8:44 p.m. in the boardroom.

DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND NEGOTIATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION Negotiations

Barbara Alpers moved and Stan Woodward seconded the motion to recess to executive session at 8:45 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 8:50 p.m. in the boardroom. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. The Superintendent was asked to be in attendance.

YES: 7 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m. in the boardroom.

Tom Garner moved and Carl Behr seconded the motion to extend the executive session for 2 minutes with the board returning to open session at 8:52 p.m.

YES: 7 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board returned to open session at 8:52 p.m. in the boardroom.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Approve principals' contracts
- b) Consider transportation proposals
- c) Approve calendar for next year
- d) Technology plan review
- e) Update on school vehicles
- f) Review courses and curriculum

Vance Fisher moved and Barbara Alpers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

YES: 7 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 9th DAY OF March 2015

PRESIDENT

BOARD CLERK