

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ST. JOHN-HUDSON U.S.D. #350
REGULAR SESSION
August 11, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education of Unified School District 350, State of Kansas, Stafford County, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom on Monday August 11, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Chad Fisher.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chad Fisher, Stan Woodward, Barbara Alpers, Carl Behr, Vance Fisher and Tom Garner.

STAFF PRESENT

Josh Meyer, Mike Burgan, Travis Olive, Christie Snyder and Juliann Owens.

WELCOME VISITORS

Gary Sechrist, KASB, Carol Riegel, Doris Thompkins, Tabra Ward, Brenda Grabast, Kevin Alpers, Derek Foote, Josh Foote, Shawn Ward and Tyler Axman.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Senior College Release

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Tom Garner moved and Barbara Alpers seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the July 14, 2014 regular meeting	Activity Fund Report
Bills for payment	Acceptance of Gifts and Donations
Budget Report	Special Education Cooperative Assessments
Petty Cash Limit for Activity Fund	

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

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PATRON COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2014-2015 BUDGET

Call the hearing to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Meyer noted that the mil levy for the recreation commission is slightly lower with everything else remaining the same.

Public hearing closed at 6:03 p.m.

BUSINESS ITEMS

BOARD GOAL SETTING FOR 2014-2015

Gary Sechrist with KASB met with the board to assist and facilitate with setting goals for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Sechrist provided an interactive feedback and collaboration session with the board to help the board determine goals for SY 2014-2015.

Carl Behr moved and Stan Woodward seconded the motion to recess for 10 minutes at 7:21 p.m.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board returned to open session at 7:31 p.m.

PATRON COMMENTS

Doris Tompkins presented information on Kansas Statutes Related to School Immunizations at the request of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors and inquired as to whether the district has an official policy on immunizations and if it is available on the district's website. Mr. Meyer indicated that the district does have a formal policy and that it was in process of revision.

2014-2015 BUDGET

The final budget was included in the board packet. There is a slight change in the tax levy for the recreation funds. The amount is slightly lower than was approved for publication. All other figures remain the same.

President Fisher asked for comments on the budget and there being none, requested a motion for approval.

Chad Fisher moved and Barbara Alpers seconded the motion to approve the budget as presented.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICTS

This has been the topic of discussion at prior meetings. At issue is whether the current system of three member districts is best or a system where all board members are elected at large from the entire district. The board may change the way board members are voted into office, but any change must be put to a public vote. To make a change, the board would need to approve a resolution and call for an election. This question could be on the upcoming general election in November.

The board directed staff to put this as an action item for this meeting. However, action does not need to be taken at this meeting. The recommendation is to consider the resolution at the September meeting.

Kevin Alpers spoke to the board expressing concern about the lack of public notification with regards to the matter. He suggested that the board re-visit the agreement between the USD 350 and the old Hudson School District.

Brenda Grabast spoke in opposition to any change.

Derek Foote expressed concerns about the possibility of losing transportation with an at-large structure.

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Tabra Ward also expressed concern about the at-large system. The board directed staff to locate the agreement between St. John and Hudson. The item died for lack of a motion.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR WRESTLING

Staff members from the Stafford School District have approached the district about the possibility of cooperating with them for wrestling. In past years, a cooperative agreement was only allowed between two schools and they were already partnered with another district. New policy allows for a third district to be added to the agreement.

Allowing this would give USD 350 students the opportunity to participate in wrestling. It would require a supervisor, uniforms and transportation for regionals and state competition. The costs involved shouldn't be more than a few hundred dollars.

Tom Garner moved and Carl Behr seconded the motion to approve the cooperative wrestling agreement with USD 349 for the 2014-2016 school years.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

FACILITIES PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS

The district has had a number of items that have been added to the construction project. These items have mostly been communicated to the board in weekly emails. This agenda item is to formally approve the change orders for the contract. A detailed list of items was included in the board packet.

Stan Woodward moved and Tom Garner seconded the motion to approve the list of change orders as presented with the addition of \$2,200 for replacing water lines.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

LIBRARY BUDGET 2014-2015

The recommended library budget will be provided at the meeting. The interlocal board approved the budget at their last meeting. The budget has been rearranged to show all expenses in the general fund and all revenues in the "72" fund. In past years, these expenses and revenues were mixed between funds. The expenses from the general fund will have reimbursements for the 72 (library) fund. This will appear to inflate the general fund budget at the end of the year; however, this system will be more consistent and transparent for the boards and the public.

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

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

REVIEW KASB RECOMMENDED POLICY CHANGES (1ST READING)

KASB provides policy change recommendations twice per year. The district reviews the policy changes one time per year. Both the winter and summer recommendations are included in a separate document. This is the first review of the policy changes and will be presented at the September meeting for final approval.

MINIVAN SALE – SEALED BIDS

The district advertised for sealed bids to dispose of the 2000 Toyota minivan. Mr. Meyer presented the bids received and is recommending that Wade Russell be awarded the minivan for a sum of \$2,125.

Tom Garner moved and Vance Fisher seconded the motion to approve the sale of the 2000 minivan to Wade Russell in the amount of \$2,125.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

SENIOR COLLEGE RELEASE

Breanna Towers is requesting to attend college courses that are not offered on campus for the first semester.

Tom Garner moved and Carl Behr seconded the motion to allow college release to Breanna Towers as presented for the first semester of 2014-2015.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

BOARD MEMBERS ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

Tom Garner and Vance Fisher attended the Library board meeting. Vance Fisher commented on a job well done by staff at enrollment.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Preliminary 7-12 numbers, 9-12 of 109 and 7-8 for 48. Grade school preliminary is up 8 new students.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

DISCUSS PERSONNEL

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL AND NEGOTIATIONS

Barbara Alpers moved and Vance Fisher seconded the motion to recess to executive session at 8:55 p.m. in the boardroom for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board return to open session at 9:10 p.m. in the boardroom. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. The Superintendent and Mr. Burgan were asked to be in attendance.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board returned to open session at 9:10 p.m. in the boardroom.

CLOSING BUSINESS ITEMS

RESIGNATIONS-CONTRACTS

Vance Fisher moved and Barbara Alpers seconded to approve the hire of Clint Kinnamon as JH Head Football Coach.

YES: 5 NO: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Barbara Alpers moved and Tom Garner seconded to approve the hire of Zach Mason as Assistant JH Football Coach.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Carl Behr moved and Stan Woodward seconded to approve the hire of Ron Scott as a Bus Route Driver pending licensing at the rate of \$11.87 per hour.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Tom Garner moved and Vance Fisher seconded to approve the hire of Cindy Allen as a para professional at the rate of \$15.00 per hour for the LIFE after school program.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Staff Handbooks
- b) BOE districts
- c) Tour School Facilities
- d) Preliminary enrollment report
- e) Approve KASB recommended policy changes (2nd reading)
- f) Review site council membership

Vance Fisher moved and Stan Woodward seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

YES: 6 NO: 0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 11th DAY OF August 2014

PRESIDENT

BOARD CLERK