

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF DISTRICT 497, HELD IN THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTER,
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER,
110 McDONALD DRIVE, IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE**

January 29, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:02 p.m., Board President Shannon Kimball called to order the special meeting of the Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Melissa Johnson, seconded by Jessica Beeson, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to approve the agenda, as published.

ROLL CALL

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>ELT Members Present</u>
Shannon Kimball, president	Dr. Anna Stubblefield, interim superintendent
Jessica Beeson, vice president	Tony Barron, executive director, maintenance & operations
Jill Fincher	Julie Boyle, executive director, communications
G.R. Gordon-Ross	David Cunningham, executive director, human resources/chief legal counsel
Rick Ingram	Kevin Harrell, executive director, student support services/special education
Melissa Johnson	Kathy Johnson, executive director, finance
Kelly Jones	Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, leading, learning & technology
	Paula Murrish, executive director, nutrition & wellness, printing/purchasing
	Dawn Downing, deputy clerk

<u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u>			
Rev. Leo Barbee	Dennis Blackwood	Jojo Blackwood	Shakiyya Bland
Georgia Cadue	Carole Cadue	Steve Cadue	Samrie Devin
Blackwood	Blackwood		
Pam Fraley	Emily Gordon-Ross	Shane Heiman	Ashley Hocking
Elvyn Jones, LJWorld	Darcy Kraus	Dr. Anthony Lewis	Tiffany Lewis
Jeff Plinsky	Leslie Rials	Austin Turney	Leah Wisdom

PATRON COMMENTARY

2 individuals provided feedback-

- Steve Cadue, parent, welcomed Dr. Lewis to USD 497 and the Lawrence community;
- Rev. Leo Barbee, parent/clergy/community member, commented on the high school renovations

ANNOUNCEMENT & APPROVAL OF NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR USD 497

Lawrence Board of Education President Shannon Kimball announced the school board's selection of Dr. Anthony Lewis, an assistant superintendent in the Kansas City, Missouri school district, as Lawrence superintendent of schools, effective July 1, 2018.

Upon a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Melissa Johnson, the board voted, in a 7-0 roll call vote, to approve the hiring of Dr. Anthony Lewis as superintendent of schools effective July 1, 2018 for a period of three years ending June 30, 2021, unless otherwise extended by the board."

Dr. Lewis took the opportunity to address the board members and individuals in attendance. He shared the following-

"I am extremely humbled and grateful to be given the opportunity to serve the Lawrence community. My education, work, and other community experiences have all prepared me to lead a district like Lawrence Public Schools as superintendent," "My family and I are excited about being an active and involved part of Lawrence Public Schools and this great community. This was a very important decision for us, as we are looking for a community that we can be a strong part of, as well as a school district that is the right fit for us to live in while our children complete their education. We feel that the Lawrence school district provides this opportunity."

"Researching the district and community, coupled with meeting some amazing stakeholders at the meet and-greet reception, further validated that the Lawrence community shows a tremendous amount of support for its school system. I look forward to working for the students of Lawrence!" he added.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15 p.m., a motion was made by Melissa Johnson, seconded by Rick Ingram, to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Dawn Downing
Deputy Clerk, Board of Education