

**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**

February 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

At 7 p.m., Board President Vanessa Sanburn called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Marcel Harmon, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to approve the agenda as printed.

Board President Sanburn reported that Board Member Kris Adair had a work conflict and would be unable to attend the meeting.

ROLL CALL

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>SAT Members Present</u>
Vanessa Sanburn, president	Rick Doll, superintendent
Marcel Harmon, vice president	Kyle Hayden, assistant superintendent,
Jessica Beeson	business & operations
Jill Fincher	Angelique Nedved, assistant superintendent,
Rick Ingram	teaching & learning
Shannon Kimball	Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent,
	educational programs & technology
<u>Board Member Absent</u>	Julie Boyle, director, communications
Kris Adair	Janice Dunn, clerk

<u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u>			
Tony Barron	Alissa Bauer	Jennifer Bessolo	Michael Carriger
Kelly Catterton	David Cunningham	Shannon Draper	Jennifer Fessenden
Laurie Folsom	Jeff Harkin	Devin Heath	Shane Heiman
Charla Jerome	Chris Johnson	Denise L. Johnson	Kathy Johnson
Katie Johnson	Ryan Jones	Mark Kalusha	Dani Lotton-Barker
Terry McEwen	Jazmyne McNair	Paula Murrish	Jeff Plinsky
Samantha Saltz	Zach Saltz	Joe Smysor	Rochelle Valverde
Lori Walton	Tom Walton	Colby Wilson	

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Boys & Girls Club 2016 Youth of the Year – Jazmyne McNair, Lawrence High School
Colby Wilson, executive director, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, introduced Lawrence High junior Jazmyne McNair as the Boys & Girls Club's 2016 Youth of the Year.

Special Recognition ~ Jazmyne McNair, BGC Youth of the Year (Continued)

Jazmyne McNair stated that it was an honor to receive this recognition from the Boys & Girls Club, saying it was the place where she met her first friends and felt she could express herself. Jazmyne told how she grew up in a single parent home with her hardworking teacher mom who split her time between her children and her students. Jazmyne said that she cared for her brother and sister while her mom was working and strived to be a good role model for them. She noted that her mother’s example shaped her into the person she is today.

Ms. McNair said that through her involvement at the club and especially her interaction with the staff, she was reminded that what kids have to say is important and that they can be successful and feel supported. Jazmyne stated that a good role model can change the way a child sees the world, and she wants to be the kind of person that students can look up to and receive help from.

Mr. Wilson noted that the Boys & Girls Club State Youth of the Year winner will be announced on Tuesday, March 1, and said that Jazmyne has a good chance to receive that recognition also.

Future City Teams from Liberty Memorial Central, Southwest & West Middle Schools

Teams of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students from Liberty Memorial Central, Southwest, and West Middle Schools who competed recently in the Great Plains Regional Future City Competition were introduced by fellow team members who also shared elements and concepts of their respective Future City projects.

Special awards given at the regional competition were highlighted as follow:

Award	Team	School
1 st Place	Tallakha-Muhara	Southwest
2 nd Place	Paoteora	Liberty Memorial Central
Students Choice Award	Bulate	Liberty Memorial Central
KU Engineering Award	Fljotandi	Liberty Memorial Central
KSU Engineering Award	Stor-Forandring	Southwest
Build it Smaller Award	Samudr-Se-Barhee	Southwest
Creative Materials Award	Bhavishy Yuutoopiya	West

It was reported that the First Place Tallakha-Muhara Team from Southwest Middle School advanced to compete in the 2016 Future City National Finals Competition in Washington, DC from February 13-16, where the team won a special award for Best Use of Renewal Energy.

Sponsors for the Future City teams include Kelly Catterton, English language arts & social studies teacher, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School; Dani Lotton-Barker, gifted education teacher, Southwest Middle School; and Charla Jerome, gifted education teacher, West Middle School.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

President Sanburn asked for public comment on any item not included on the agenda. There was none.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Marcel Harmon, seconded by Jessica Beeson, the board voted, in a 6-0 roll call vote, to adopt the items listed on the consent agenda.

The consent agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the February 8, 2016 regular meeting
- The financial reports including school activity funds, budget to actual, cash summary
- The February 22, 2016 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

Fund	Amount
General	\$ 394,373.71
Local Option Budget	500.00
Food Service	170,831.53
Vocational Education	7,855.31
Special Education	38,639.21
Drivers Training	43.15
Capital Outlay	199,527.98
Virtual School	5,933.98
Professional Development	892.50
Bilingual Fund	544.00
Student Materials Revolve	10,911.01
Contingency Reserve	5,472.50
2013 Bonds	265,339.65
Title I 2016	1,995.20
Title I Carryover 2016	15,461.25
Indian Educ Title 2016	374.14
Carl Perkins 2016	372.08
Title VIBDIS 2016	6,454.80
KS Deaf/Blind 2016	550.00
Sales Tax	5,150.78
Payroll Fund	439,681.71
Johnson O'Malley In Ed 2015	1,073.77
Title III-ESL 2015	4,084.53
Spectra-Medicaid	18,303.42
Loc/Don/Gra	11,557.24
TOTAL	\$1,605,923.45

- Approvals of the following:
 - Replacement of Vehicles – District
 - Portable Classrooms Installation w/Nabholz – Deerfield, Schwegler
 - Authorization to Issue Vendor Checks
 - Board Policy Committee Recommendations – Final Action
 - Board Policy Committee Recommendations
 - High School Course Description & Planning Guide for 2016-2017
 - Purchase Authority for Casework – Broken Arrow, Sunflower

Approval of Consent Agenda (Continued)

On behalf of the Board of Education, Vice President Marcel Harmon acknowledged and expressed sincere appreciation to the following:

...*Linda L. Stanwix* for her 30 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her early retirement effective June 13, 2016.

REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT VANESSA SANBURN

There was no report.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT RICK DOLL

- Superintendent Rick Doll reported that the district's elementary schools are hosting parent/teacher conferences this week to discuss student progress. He said, due to evening conferences, there will be no school for elementary students on Thursday (February 25) or Friday (February 26).
- Superintendent Doll extended congratulations to Schwegler special education teacher Frances Caudill and Free State history teacher Jordan Boyd for their recent state recognition as Kansas Horizon Award Winners.
- He reported that the Free State High swimming and diving team finished third at the state meet this past weekend. He noted that junior Jordan Portela earned his third straight Athlete-of-the-Meet title after winning the 200-yard freestyle, breaking the state record in the 100 butterfly and participating in the state champion 200-medley relay. Dr. Doll also noted that Jordan is an eight-time state champion in his three years at Free State.
- Dr. Doll extended congratulations to both high school wrestling teams for qualifying sixteen wrestlers for the upcoming state tournament, including Lawrence High's Alan Clothier, the Sunflower League's Wrestler of the Year.
- He announced that the Lawrence Schools Foundation will host a 30th Anniversary Open House event from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on March 8, at the Lawrence College and Career Center, with tours, refreshments, and teachers and students showcasing a variety of projects funded by Foundation Innovative Teaching Grants.
- Superintendent Doll announced that Educate Lawrence will host an Education Rally at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, in South Park, in part to welcome the Game On for Kansas Schools walkers as they make their way to Topeka.
- Dr. Doll asked board members if they would support changing next month's only meeting from March 28 to March 21. There was consensus that the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 21.

BOARD COMMENTARY

Vanessa Sanburn

...reported that she attended last Tuesday the presentation on funding and legislation impacting public schools hosted by Educate Lawrence. She said there was a great turnout. Ms. Sanburn stated that the information shared was not particularly uplifting, but it was good to see that the community is engaged and interested at the legislative level.

Shannon Kimball

...updated board members on three bills affecting education that are currently being considered in the legislative session.

REPORTS

Update on Expansion of Blended Learning Districtwide

Angelique Nedved, assistant superintendent, teaching and learning, recalled that conversations in regard to blended learning began in the fall of 2012 with field testing in eight classrooms, then reported that the number of district-supported blended classrooms has grown to 300 in the current school year.

Three teachers from each school level including Chris Johnson, US History, US Government, and world geography, Lawrence High School; Kelly Catterton, English language arts and social studies, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School; and Samantha Saltz, first grade, New York Elementary School; reported on the reasons they made the decision to bring the personalized, blended learning approach to their classrooms, its favorable effect on various students, and what it looks like within their teaching spaces.

Terry McEwen, director, curriculum, instruction and assessment, reported that applications for new district-supported blended classrooms for the 2016-2017 school year are available online and will be accepted until March 9. He noted that over 100 applications have been received and the district will be able to accept 65-75 of them for implementation by August 1.

It was also reported that meaningful conversations in regard to the expectation that all teachers will transition to personalized learning strategies in a blended environment will continue. In addition, staff will be assured that support through collaboration and professional development will be provided.

Learning Forward/Future Ready Initiative

Kyle Hayden, assistant superintendent, business and operations; Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, educational programs and technology; Angelique Nedved, assistant superintendent, teaching and learning; Jennifer Fessenden, supervisor, technology services; Jennifer Bessolo, principal, South Middle School; and Joe Smysor, integration support specialist, technology services; reported in combination on the strategic planning that has taken place to identify challenges as well as solutions to ensure that every student in Lawrence Public Schools has access to technology inside and outside of the classroom through the Learning Forward/Future Ready Initiative.

Information was shared in regard to current solutions to give students and families access to technology devices and the Internet which are inadequate because of the level of need. Highlighted were components for success of the learning forward vision which include communication to staff, students, parents, the community, and business partners; learning support for staff to increase comfort and skills; ways to assess student/staff achievement and accomplishment; and environmental design of learning spaces and more efficient Wi-Fi infrastructure; and reasoning behind an iPad proposal.

Ms. Kemble stated that a recommendation for approval will be brought to the next board meeting for a 1:1 iPad initiative to be implemented at the middle school level for the 2016-2017 school year. She added that a team will begin in March to investigate a recommendation for the high school level that will be implemented in the 2017-2018 school year.

Report ~ Learning Forward/Future Ready Initiative (Continued)

Jeff Plinsky, English teacher and debate/forensics coach, Lawrence High School, stated that he appreciated the recent opportunity to share with Assistant Superintendent Jerri Kemble some challenges and concerns of high school teachers in regard to technology devices. He said that he supports the 1:1 initiative, but is not sure which device he prefers—iPad or laptop. Mr. Plinsky said he is glad that the district is planning to speak with other districts, and he encouraged board members to visit the high schools to talk with individual teachers about how they want to learn and if devices would be useful to their teaching.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Capital Improvement Plan

Kyle Hayden, assistant superintendent, business and operations, updated the board on a couple of changes made to the Capital Improvement Plan since it was first presented at the February 8 meeting. He reported that two potential lease agreements had been added. One would cover iPads for students and teachers at the middle schools (previous agenda item), additional devices for the rollout of more blended classrooms, and an iPad for every high school teacher for exploration purposes and the other would be for a new facilities and operations/warehouse facility. Mr. Hayden noted that, even though there has been some modification to the plan, the bottom line is essentially unchanged.

Following a motion by Rick Ingram, seconded by Shannon Kimball, the board voted, in a 6-0 roll call vote, to approve the list of projects for 2016 as outlined in the Capital Improvement Plan. (See Attachment No. 1)

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:12 p.m., a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Rick Ingram, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Janice E. Dunn
Clerk, Board of Education

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED COSTS
CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

2/22/2016

Sum of Estimated Cost Row Labels	Column Labels			
	2016	2017	2018	2019
District-wide Technology	1,965,000	2,325,000	1,825,000	1,825,000
Computers/Mobile Devices	965,000	925,000	925,000	925,000
Phone System Upgrade		500,000		
Technology Equipment	600,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Wiring/Switches/Access Points/Other Infrastructure	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
East Heights		150,000		
Replace Rooftop Units		150,000		
ESDC	505,000	640,000	100,000	
Building Improvement/Exterior		100,000	100,000	
Business Office & Reception Area (remodel)	40,000			
Facilities & Operations, Warehouse (new)		500,000		
IT Area (remodel)		40,000		
Parking Lot repair	365,000			
Print Shop Equipment & Software	100,000			
Free State	115,000	75,000	150,000	1,000,000
Door hardware - replace			150,000	
General interior improvements (classrooms & flex spaces)				500,000
Hallway/Corridors		75,000		
HVAC - replacements				500,000
Security Lighting	35,000			
Track - resurface/repairs	80,000			
Hillcrest	150,000			
Playground Equipment & Site Improvements	150,000			
Kennedy	45,000	45,000		
Playground Equipment & Site Improvements	45,000	45,000		
Langston Hughes		250,000		
Add Exit/Entrance Drive to Langston Way		250,000		
Lawrence Virtual School	200,000			
Computers/Mobile Devices	200,000			
LHS	200,000	25,000	1,250,000	3,000,000
Exterior Tuckpointing			150,000	
General interior improvements (classrooms & flex spaces)			500,000	500,000
HVAC - repair/replacements				2,500,000
Kitchen - remodel			300,000	
Parking lot & other site improvements	200,000			
Roof - repairs/replacement			300,000	
Security Lighting, motion sensors, walkway lighting		25,000		
LMCMS	50,000	250,000	300,000	500,000
Auditorium - remodel			150,000	
Classroom Remodels	50,000			
Flooring/Wood Refinish			150,000	
General interior improvements (classrooms & flex spaces)				500,000
Gym Roof - repair/replace		250,000		
New York	53,644			
Playground Equipment & Site Improvements	53,644			
Pinckney		70,000		
Playground Equipment & Site Improvements		70,000		
Quail Run				250,000
Roof - replace flat membrane				250,000
Schwegler	421,641	125,000		
Art Room	90,093			

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CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

2/22/2016

Sum of Estimated Cost	Column Labels			
Row Labels	2016	2017	2018	2019
Carpet - Replace		75,000		
Courtyard	100,880			
Fire Alarm Upgrade	73,327			
Hallways/Corridors (new flooring)	19,107			
Playground Equipment & Site Improvements		50,000		
Restrooms	54,934			
Rooftops	83,300			
South			85,000	
Classroom Doors - add glass panels			25,000	
S.T.E.M. Lab (furniture, technology, remodel)			60,000	
Southwest	375,000		235,000	
Gym Remodel & Floor Re-finish			125,000	
Parking Lot - resurface			50,000	
Roof (repair/replace)	375,000			
S.T.E.M. Lab (furniture, technology, remodel)			60,000	
Sunflower		25,000		
Playground Equipment & Site Improvements		25,000		
Sunset Hill	222,165			
Add turn lane - 9th Street	117,133			
Playground Asphalt Resurfacing	45,000			
Playground Equipment & Site Improvements	60,032			
Wakarusa Valley			500,000	
Roof - repair/replace			500,000	
West	250,000		30,000	3,000,000
Fencing Track/FB Fields	25,000			
General interior improvements (classrooms & flex spaces)				500,000
Gym Remodel & Floor Replacement	225,000			
HVAC - repair/replacements				2,500,000
S.T.E.M. Lab			30,000	
Woodlawn		25,000		
Library Remodel (paint & carpet)		25,000		
Grand Total	11,452,577	10,235,800	10,007,300	15,107,300