

**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**

November 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jill Fincher, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to approve the agenda with the following amendment: Under **NEW BUSINESS**, add Acceptance of Resignation of Superintendent Rick Doll.

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,
<u>Board Member Absent</u>	educational programs & technology
Kris Adair	Julie Boyle, director, communications
	Janice Dunn, clerk

<u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u>			
Tony Barron	David Cunningham	Laurie Folsom	Denise D. Johnson
Kathy Johnson	Ryan Jones	Paula Murrish	Stan Roth
Anna Stubblefield	Rochelle Valverde	John Williams	

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

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

APPROVAL OF AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jessica Beeson, the board voted, in a 6-0 roll call vote, to adopt the items listed on the consent agenda with the following amendment: Under Approvals, remove Amendment to Architect Contract w/Sabatini – Deerfield, Schwegler, and place it under **NEW BUSINESS**.

The consent agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the November 9, 2015 regular meeting
- The November 23, 2015 personnel report

Approval of Amended Consent Agenda (Continued)

- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

Fund	Amount
General	\$ 459,018.77
Local Option Budget	161,893.70
Food Service	223,427.71
Vocational Education	4,073.88
Special Education	322,815.94
Capital Outlay	129,768.43
Adult Basic Education	530.14
Virtual School	101,689.52
Professional Development	9,412.67
Bilingual Fund	404.00
Student Materials Revolve	145,607.69
2013 Bonds	109,286.07
Title I 2016	1,397.70
Indian Educ Title 2016	534.99
Carl Perkins 2016	142.80
Title VIBDIS 2016	3,998.40
KMSG Middle School 2016	1,673.00
KS Deaf/Blind 2016	1,583.15
Payroll Fund	386,350.05
Johnson O'Malley InEd 2015	276.02
Title III-ESL 2015	310.11
Spectra-Medicaid	9,742.26
Loc/Don/Gra	6,289.09
TOTAL	\$2,080,226.09

- Approvals of the following:
 - Amendment to Construction Contract w/ Nabholz – Lawrence High
 - Amendment to Construction Contract w/ Nabholz – Kennedy
 - Board Policy Committee Recommendations
 - Final Approval of 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 District Calendars

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

...*Michael Wormsley* for his 11 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon his retirement effective May 27, 2016.

...*Jeanette Weber* for her 30 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective January 29, 2016.

REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT VANESSA SANBURN

There was no report.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT RICK DOLL

- Superintendent Rick Doll reported that West Middle School science teacher Lucinda Crenshaw represented the district very well in the Kansas Teacher of the Year program. He stated that Lucinda was honored as a state finalist on Saturday night, November 21, in Wichita, where Justin Coffey, a Dodge City High School math teacher, was ultimately named Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Report of Superintendent Doll (Continued)

- Superintendent Doll extended congratulations to Dena Johnston who has been selected as the new executive director of the Lawrence Schools Foundation. He reported that she is currently the chief operations officer for OrthoKansas and will need some additional transition time there, so will begin her duties with the Foundation in January.
- He also extended congratulations to South Middle School Assistant Principal Lynn Harrod who received the Lawrence Police Department's Citizen Meritorious Public Service Award. Dr. Doll noted that the district's school administrators work in close partnership with the School Resource Officers to ensure safe schools, and Lynn's award is acknowledgement of that good working relationship at South.
- Dr. Doll thanked the district's 2015 Friends of Education who were honored by each of the schools last Wednesday, November 18, as part of American Education Week celebrations. He stated that it is remarkable that so many busy working parents, grandparents and community partners make time to volunteer in our classrooms and support student achievement.
- He also thanked the Lawrence Education Association, Lawrence Schools Foundation and Truity Credit Union for joining the district in sponsoring the American Education Week staff appreciation mixer on Friday, November 20.
- Superintendent Doll announced that Fall Recess begins on Wednesday, November 25. He noted that schools will be closed Wednesday through Friday, and the district office will close at 3:30 on Wednesday.

BOARD COMMENTARY

Shannon Kimball

...reported that she was glad to represent board members at the recent Lawrence City Planning Commission meeting to follow up on the letter sent by the board in regard to the proposal for a gun shop and shooting range to be located across the street from the Lawrence College & Career Center. She stated that she was pleased that the planning commission voted 4-2 to recommend denial of the request. Ms. Kimball said the request will now go to the Lawrence City Commission and they will take action.

REPORTS

SchoolDude Software Management Systems

Tony Barron, director, facilities and operations, reported on SchoolDude, a software management system, that streamlines the management of all areas of operations including maintenance, energy, facility usage and technology. He stated that 35% of all school districts in the United States use SchoolDude to manage their facilities, while 22% of public K-12 clients use it to manage both facility and technology needs.

Mr. Barron reported that Lawrence Public Schools utilizes software modules to manage maintenance, facility scheduling, utilities, trips, preventative maintenance, and information technology. He stated that future purchases will include an automated facility scheduler that will potentially be used by the entire community.

The school district benefits from the use of SchoolDude through automated maintenance workflow, a mobile component, cost savings, evidence of efficiencies and areas in need of improvement, and detailed reporting capabilities. Mr. Barron said that continued use of the software will result in better staff accountability, finding further efficiencies,

Report ~ SchoolDude Software Management System (Continued)

tracking areas and locations in need of more resources, additional cost savings, cost recovery for facility usage, and utility management. It was noted that the Facilities and Operations Department saw a \$332,885 savings in costs in the 2015 budget, which was attributed partially to the software system.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Amendment to Architect Contract w/Sabatini – Deerfield, Schwegler

Following a motion by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Shannon Kimball, the board voted, in a 5-0 roll call vote, to approve a fee amendment with Sabatini Architects for additional services in the amount of \$35,600. Board Member Marcel Harmon declared a conflict of interest and did not vote. He left the meeting room at 7:39 p.m. and returned at 7:40 p.m.

Acceptance of Resignation of Superintendent Rick Doll

Dr. Rick Doll offered his resignation as superintendent of schools in USD 497 Lawrence Public Schools, stating that his seven-year tenure has been the most challenging and the most rewarding of his career. He reported that he is resigning to take a position at Kansas State University as a professor and executive director of the Kansas Education Leadership Institute where he will resume teaching and mentor the next generation of administrators.

Dr. Doll acknowledged the board members, administrative team members and staff members with whom he has worked. He stated that he is most proud of the district's work around equity, and especially pleased with the increase in student academic performance and closing of achievement gaps.

He said it has been fun to watch the transformation of schools into 21st century learning environments, but supporting the educators inside the schools has brought him the greatest rewards. He stated that it will also be fun to watch the evolution of the College & Career Center.

Dr. Doll expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as superintendent of schools, stating that he will continue his work over the next seven months and look forward to "passing the baton" to the next capable leader.

David Cunningham, director, human resources and legal services, reviewed the process followed during the last search for a new superintendent and stressed a timeline that should be considered. He stated that the board will need to make a decision in regard to either conducting an in-house search or hiring an executive firm to handle the search, both with involvement from stakeholder groups. Mr. Cunningham suggested that the Board of Education schedule a special meeting or work session prior to the December 14, 2015 regular board meeting to make some important decisions.

Following a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Marcel Harmon, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to accept Dr. Doll's resignation and move forward with the process of searching for a new superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:51 p.m., a motion was made by Marcel Harmon, seconded by Shannon Kimball, 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