

**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**

June 13, 2016

JOINT CITY/COUNTY/SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

At 5:30 p.m., a joint meeting of commissioners from the City of Lawrence and Douglas County and members of the USD 497 Board of Education convened. Information was presented and discussions were held in regard to the following:

- Mental Health/Jail Expansion
- Internet Access & Collaboration
- Timing of Future Bond Issues/Elections
- Interconnected Food Policy Programs
- Effect of Affordable Housing on USD 497
- Impact of USD 497 Funding Issues on City/County

The next joint meeting will be held in September and hosted by the City Commission of Lawrence.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

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 Kris Adair, seconded by Shannon Kimball, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to approve the agenda as published.

ROLL CALL

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

| <u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u> | | | |
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| Tony Barron | Lauren Bova | Charlie Bryan | Lindsay Buck |
| Jose Cornejo | David Cunningham | Bridget Dixon | Laurie Folsom |
| Susan Fowler | Matthew Hall | Sarah Hamlin | Kevin Harrell |
| John Hays | Shane Heiman | Denise L. Johnson | Kathy Johnson |
| Arla Jones | Kim Kreicker | Ron May | Nancy Murphy |
| Paula Murrish | Jay Pryor | Cyndi Rood | Stan Roth |
| Gary Schmidt | Chris Tilden | Rochelle Valverde | |

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 Kris Adair, seconded by Rick Ingram, 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 Student Transportation Services Contract and place it under **New Business**.

The consent agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the May 23, 2016 regular meeting
- The June 13, 2016 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

| Fund | Amount |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| General | \$ 268,659.60 |
| Local Option Budget | 50,003.20 |
| Food Service | 118,850.72 |
| Vocational Education | 4,055.69 |
| Special Education | 18,929.89 |
| Capital Outlay | 494,906.28 |
| Health Fund | 320.00 |
| Summer School | 180.00 |
| Adult Basic Education | 237.28 |
| Virtual School | 70,414.25 |
| Professional Development | 23,860.20 |
| Bilingual Fund | 1,004.06 |
| Student Materials Revolve | 29,361.97 |
| At Risk (K-12) | 75.05 |
| Work Comp Reserve | 8,994.50 |
| 2013 Bonds | 1,192,530.57 |
| Title I 2016 | 2,090.28 |
| Title I Carryover 2016 | 269.30 |
| Indian Educ Title 2016 | 398.34 |
| Johnson O'Malley 2016 | 280.00 |
| Title III ESL 2016 | 661.00 |
| Title VIBDIS 2016 | 5,735.80 |
| KS Deaf/Blind 2016 | 577.50 |
| Sales Tax | 11,387.56 |
| Payroll Fund | 657,530.95 |
| Johnson O'Malley InEd 2015 | 619.38 |
| Spectra-Medicaid | 12,433.80 |
| KFH Healthy Living 2015 | 1,016.42 |
| Health Dept CDRRSG 2016 | 147.21 |
| Loc/Don/Gra | 3,077.96 |
| Memorial/Scholarship | 375.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2,978,983.76 |

Approval of Consent Agenda (Continued)

- Approvals of the following:
 - Amendment to Construction Management Contract w/McCownGordon – Sunset Hill
 - Amendment to Construction Management Contract w/McCownGordon – Cordley
 - Contract for Facility Improvements – District
 - Contract for Purchase & Installation of Swing Bays & Accessories – Ryan Gray Playground for All Children @ Hillcrest
 - Purchase of Furniture for Media Centers
 - Purchase of Casework, Cubbies, Teacher Desks & Whiteboard Tables – District
 - Purchase of Computers for Diploma Completion Program, ABE/GED/ESL, & Juvenile Detention Center
 - Purchase of MacBook Computers for 2016-17 School Year
 - Purchase of Projectors, Display Monitors & Installation Services – Deerfield
 - Purchase of Secondary Band & Orchestra Instruments for 2016-17 School Year
 - Purchase of Uninterruptible Power Supply Replacements
 - Purchase of Wireless Access Points & Cloud Controller Licenses
 - Contract for Internet, Fiber & Voice Services
 - Purchase of Security Cameras – Liberty Memorial Central, Southwest
 - Board Policy Committee Recommendations
 - Contract with Lakemary Center, Inc. for Special Services
 - Purchase of FLVS Global School Curriculum – Lawrence Virtual School
 - Purchase of AIMSweb Plus Student Subscriptions for 2016-17

On behalf of the Board of Education, Board Member Shannon Kimball acknowledged and expressed sincere appreciation to the following:

...*David Lawrence* for his 31 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon his early retirement effective May 27, 2016.

...*Laurie Martin Frydman* for her 13 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 27, 2016.

...*Julie Green* for her 17 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective June 3, 2016.

...*Keith Myrick* for his 18 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon his retirement effective May 20, 2016.

REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT VANESSA SANBURN

Board President Vanessa Sanburn extended thanks to the legislators and legislative candidates who attended the Kansas Association of Schools Boards' summer advocacy meeting held in the district this morning. She reported that attendees received a general update on school finance and a variety of legislative issues that face public schools in Kansas. She added that some of the legislators indicated they had received some good information that will be helpful as they go back into session. Ms. Sanburn also thanked Board Member Shannon Kimball for attending the meeting.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT RICK DOLL

There was no report.

BOARD COMMENTARY

Shannon Kimball

...reported that the consent agenda included a number of board policies that were approved on first reading. She stated that not included was any reference to the discussion surrounding the Confederate flag and those kinds of symbols in our schools. She reported that the Board Policy Committee invited the students who attended a board meeting and spoke in regard to this to attend a recent meeting to give their input to the policy. Ms. Kimball reported that it has now been sent to staff members for their input. She said another meeting will be held to look at that feedback and to see if any modifications need to be made to the language before bringing it before the board for an initial reading.

REPORTS

USD 497 Mental Health Services

Jose Cornejo, mental health facilitator, reported that school mental health refers to a continuum of supports for school-aged children that provides interventions to address significant mental health challenges for improved student engagement and academic success.

He reported the benefits of school mental health in USD 497 as follow:

- Efficiency and coordination of services among school mental health professionals and community service providers
- Social and economic supports through building mental health teams and student services
- Early identification of mental health or social-emotional challenges through a referral process that all building staff can access
- Better access to services, including the Bert Nash WRAP Program for students with serious emotional or behavioral challenges
- Crisis intervention supports
- Reduction in the stigma associated with mental health treatment by informing students of available school and community services
- Prevention education for all students aligned to state outcomes

Mr. Cornejo highlighted a tiered system linked to the Ci3T model that provides different levels of academic, behavioral and social supports for *all* students, *some* students, and a *few* students depending on the degree of need.

It was reported that school mental health challenges include access to community mental health services, students presenting more serious and intense needs, transient and homeless students, implementation of Ci3T with fidelity, and maintaining a focus on the whole child. For the future, the Student Services Department hopes to continue expansion of professional development for district mental health specialists and to provide opportunities for parent education.

USD 497 LGBTQ Components

In response to the 2015-16 Board of Education goal to “*investigate topics related to LGBTQ students and implement supports as needed,*” Lindsay Buck, Lawrence High School interrelated resource teacher, special education department chair, Total Equality Alliance co-chair, and LGBTQ+ task force member, stated that Superintendent Rick Doll had met informally throughout the school year with the district’s LGBTQ+ Task Force which included students, teachers, staff, parents, administrators, and community members.

Reports ~ USD 497 LGBTQ Components (Continued)

Ms. Buck reported that through discussion, significant challenges for LGBTQ+ students were identified in the following areas:

- Facilities
 - Use of restrooms, especially gender neutral
 - Communal dressing rooms and showers
 - Large cafeterias
- Curriculum
 - Inclusion of LGBTQ resources, embedded
 - Education of students about LGBTQ issues
 - Participation in music groups
- Resources
 - Education of mental health teams, especially suicide prevention
 - Increased resources about LGBTQ issues in library/media centers
- Professional Development for Staff
 - Provide for all staff around LGBTQ issues with inclusion of students
 - Evaluation of school activities around gender binary issues
 - Investigation of Skyward and other school paperwork issues
- Student Awareness
 - “Professional Development” for students
 - Emphasis on bullying issues
 - Helpful student-developed brochures
 - Continued support of student organizations in secondary schools

Legislative & School Finance Update

Kyle Hayden, assistant superintendent, business and operations, assisted by David Cunningham, director, human resources and legal services, and Kathy Johnson, director, finance, reported on the ways USD 497 could be impacted should the Kansas Legislature fail to address the financial inequities identified as unconstitutional by the Kansas Supreme Court by the June 30, 2016 deadline. The Court has said that it will not allow money to be “raised, distributed or spent” under such a system.

In the area of employee benefits, the district will be able to schedule its open enrollment for health, dental and vision coverage utilizing a passive enrollment and grace period in which to pay for it. Employees can be paid by the end of June for time worked up until June 24; however, after that date, compensation could be problematic. The Human Resources Department will be able to continue to hire staff for the 2016-17 school year with no major disruptions.

In the area of finance, there are concerns because the months of June, July and August are extremely busy as financials are closed out yearend and records for the next fiscal year are being established. Vendors have expressed concerns about not being paid and want to cancel orders, and contractors must pay sub-contractors.

Ms. Johnson reviewed the impact of the old funding formula for Local Option Budget (LOB) equalization which has been ruled constitutional when fully funded. If the “hold harmless” option is removed the district would lose approximately \$1,721,096 and state aid to the LOB fund would provide \$1,684,573 in property tax relief, but would not provide any new spending authority. She reported that other options have been discussed and the two that would have an effect/impact on Lawrence Public Schools

Reports ~ Legislative & School Finance Update (Continued)

would be a reduction in the Extraordinary Needs Fund which assists districts with large enrollment growth or significant assessed valuation decline OR a reduction in the virtual education per pupil funding amount which would be a net decrease of approximately \$-218,789.

If the State of Kansas cannot distribute funds to the district after June 30, the June payment of \$4.2 million, which is paid in July, will not be received to cover outstanding payroll and invoices. Ms. Johnson reported that there are cash reserves from various funds in the bank to cover bills and payroll and to continue to do business; however, a statutory violation will be incurred if other funds are used to pay general operating expenses.

Mr. Hayden stated that if any action is needed following the Special Session of the Legislature beginning on June 23, recommendations will be brought before the Board of Education at its regular meeting on June 27.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Student Transportation Services Contract

Ron May, director, administrative services, assisted by Kyle Hayden, assistant superintendent, business and operations, provided information in regard to a question from a board member on the cost savings should Lawrence Public Schools make the decision at some point in time to run its own bus system.

It was reported that the cost savings would be minimal; however, around \$950,000 could be reallocated from the general fund to the capital outlay fund, freeing dollars for general expenses. If this were to be done, the board would need to make decisions about what capital projects would be removed in order to begin and continue transportation services. Mr. Hayden noted that several elements need to be in place ahead of the district's operation of its own transportation system. These would include acquisition of a warehouse and new office space for the Facilities and Operations Department. He said a determination would then need to be made if transportation services would be a part of that.

When asked about a timeline to transition to in-house bus services, Mr. Hayden answered that the fall of 2019 would be the earliest this could be done.

Matt Hall, business agent and secretary/treasurer for Teamsters Local 696, stated that this union has a national and local contract with First Student and represents the drivers and monitors in Lawrence who work for them. He said that Teamsters 696 negotiates every 3-5 years for wages, increased safety, seniority, a grievance process, and anything that will improve their quality of life. He said First Student has trouble keeping drivers and monitors here because the pay is low and the cost of living is the highest in the state, so he is glad to see the increase in pay. Mr. Hall asked the board to consider that if transportation services were brought in-house, they would lose their union contract.

New Business ~ Approval of Student Transportation Services Contract (Continued)

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Kris Adair, the board voted, in a 6-0 roll call vote, to approve a new five-year contract with First Student for student transportation services.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:22 p.m., a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Kris Adair, 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