

**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**

September 12, 2016

BOARD GOAL SETTING WORK SESSION

At 5:05 p.m., Superintendent Kyle Hayden began a discussion in regard to changes and/or additions to the Board of Education goals for the 2016-2017 school year that had been made since the work session on August 8, 2016 when the goals and corresponding action steps were initially presented.

Further discussion followed as each goal was highlighted and steps were added or clarified. It was reported that the goals will be approved as part of the consent agenda at the September 26, 2016 board meeting.

District administrative staff members were once again in attendance to answer questions and provide input into the formulation of the action steps to meet the goals.

At 6:52 p.m., the work session concluded and a short break was taken to prepare for the start of the regular meeting.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

At 7:01 p.m., Board President Marcel Harmon called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to approve the agenda as published.

ROLL CALL

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>SLT Members Present</u>
Marcel Harmon, president	Kyle Hayden, superintendent
Shannon Kimball, vice president	Angelique Nedved, assistant superintendent,
Jessica Beeson	teaching & learning
Jill Fincher	Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent,
Rick Ingram	innovation & technology
Vanessa Sanburn	Anna Stubblefield, assistant superintendent,
Rick Ingram	educational support
<u>Board Member Absent</u>	Kevin Harrell, executive director,
Kris Adair	student services
	Tony Barron, executive director,
	facilities & operations
	Julie Boyle, director, communications
	Janice Dunn, clerk

Roll Call (Continued)

Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)			
Erica Anderson	Yvonne Chen	Lucinda Crenshaw	David Cunningham
Samrie Devin	Laurie Folsom	Mickey Hanna	Jeff Harkin
Shane Heiman	Joanna Hlavacek	Kathy Johnson	Dena Johnston
Brian Jones	Ron May	Paula Murrish	Kait Perry
Kristen Ryan	Effie Sun	Gail Vick	Keith Wilson

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

NEA Foundation Teaching Excellence Award Winner & Kansas Teacher of the Year Finalist – Lucinda Crenshaw

Laurie Folsom, president, Lawrence Education Association, acknowledged Lucinda Crenshaw, seventh-grade science teacher at West Middle School, as a winner of the National Education Association Foundation Teaching Excellence Award. Ms. Folsom reported that Ms. Crenshaw, who was nominated by the Kansas National Education Association and her peers, will receive \$650 as part of the award to be used at her school.

Ms. Crenshaw then reported on her journey over the past year as a finalist for the 2016 Kansas Teacher of the Year, saying that she, along with the other finalists, traveled to each of their schools and districts. She reported that they also had the opportunity to visit several colleges across the state presenting to students and professors around the theme of “Making Magic Tools of Teaching,” which focuses on relationships.

Ms. Crenshaw stated that this experience has made an impact on her and she will continue to share it. It was also reported that Lucinda may have the opportunity to be part of a Fellowship at the national level, a year-long program that would take her to China next summer to look at their education system.

Lawrence Schools Foundation Support of Learning Forward, Future Ready

Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, innovation and technology, recalled that a survey administered last year to students and families within the school district indicated that there were 400 families who did not have access to the Internet. She reported that 120 Kajeet mobile hotspots were purchased to help provide access; however, more are needed, especially with the 1:1 iPad initiative and recent deployment in the middle schools.

Ms. Kemble reported that she shared in August with the Lawrence Schools Foundation Board of Directors the need for digital equity across the district in the form of Internet access.

Dena Johnston, executive director, Lawrence Schools Foundation, expressed appreciation to Ms. Kemble for sharing the information from the surveys and the impact of the lack of access for students and families. She reported that the Foundation’s board had made the decision to support this need. Ms. Johnston, assisted by Gail Vick, president, Lawrence Schools Foundation Board of Directors, presented a check for \$39,000 to Lawrence Public Schools for the purchase of 200 additional Kajeet mobile hotspots.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Vanessa Sanburn, 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 August 8, 2016 board goal setting work session, budget hearing, regular meeting
- The financial reports including school activity funds
- The September 12, 2016 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

Fund	Amount
General	\$ 902,600.73
Local Option Budget	40,513.92
Food Service	226,827.07
Vocational Education	22,618.30
Special Education	95,110.27
Bond and Interest	12,166,064.57
Capital Outlay	1,059,608.02
Health Fund	22,568.80
Adult Basic Education	4,287.00
Virtual School	39,228.88
Professional Development	1,171.94
Bilingual Fund	763.71
Parents as Teachers	630.27
Student Materials Revolve	109,859.59
At Risk (K-12)	44.82
Work Comp Reserve	14,621.64
2013 Bonds	3,094,582.81
Title I 2017	891.31
Indian Education Title 2016	5,072.78
Indian Education Title 2017	81.00
Johnson O'Malley 2016	123.74
Title III ESL 2016	240.00
Carl Perkins 2016	215.00
Carl Perkins 2017	20,792.27
Payroll Fund	708,225.09
Spectra-Medicaid	30,515.41
Loc/Don/Gra	412,808.02
Memorial/Scholarship	500.00
TOTAL	\$18,980,566.96

- Approvals of the following:
 - Contract with PresenceLearning, Inc. for Speech/Language Services
 - Amended Contract for Districtwide Facility Improvements w/GSR Construction
 - Purchase of Secure Entry Card Readers – Deerfield, Kennedy, Schwegler

Approval of Consent Agenda ~ Approvals (Continued)

- Pavement for Ryan Gray Playground for All Children – Hillcrest
- Purchase of Fuel Education Curriculum – Lawrence Virtual School
- Purchase of Kajeet Hotspots
- Board Policy Committee Recommendations

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

...*Cheryl Packard* for her 25 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective September 23, 2016.

...*Sondra Wilson* for her 5 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 27, 2016.

REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT MARCEL HARMON

There was no report.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT KYLE HAYDEN

- Superintendent Kyle Hayden thanked members of the Board of Education and District Administrative Team for participating once again in the goal setting work session prior to the meeting and for the time, effort, and thoughtfulness that went into it.
- Superintendent Hayden stated that in addition to honoring Lucinda Crenshaw at this meeting for her state and national recognition, two of the district's outstanding educators were celebrated yesterday afternoon at the Kansas Teacher of the Year Region 2 banquet in Topeka. He extended congratulations again to Lawrence Teachers of the Year Debra Williams, Sunset Hill Elementary School, and Kristin Mallory, Southwest Middle School.
- Mr. Hayden reported that the district's elementary marathon clubs will kick off their running season with a Pack the Field Event starting at 5 p.m. tomorrow, September 13, on the Southwest Middle School track. He stated that students ages 5-12 and their families are invited to come prepared to be active.
- He invited the public to attend the annual Lawrence Schools Foundation Community Education Breakfast on Friday, September 16, 7:30 a.m. at the Double Tree by Hilton. Mr. Hayden stated that he is looking forward to hearing from one of Lawrence Public Schools' many successful alumni and honoring four outstanding seniors. He noted that the breakfast is one of the Foundation's major fundraisers and extended appreciation to the community for its support.

BOARD COMMENTARY

Shannon Kimball

...reported that she attended on August 27 a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) in her role as Region 1 vice president. She stated that the Legislative Committee shared a rough outline of the legislative agenda for this year containing significant changes that are going to be made. She said the agenda will focus on a series of major goal statements and the visual layout will also change.

...reported that Governor Brownback has recently made an announcement seeking input from stakeholders about what the next school finance plan should look like. She said if anyone has input they should go to StudentsFirst@ks.gov. She said, in addition, that there is a group of school administrators that has announced its own starting point and are also hoping for input from school districts into that plan.

Board Commentary ~ Shannon Kimball (Continued)

...reported that last Wednesday, she and David Cunningham attended KASB training on transgender issues in schools. She said the laws and policies are evolving, so it is hard to say what action can be taken right now. She said it will be interesting to see how those continued discussions will impact some of our board goals, especially with facilities planning.

Vanessa Sanburn

...reported that she attended last Saturday a Nominating Committee meeting for the president-elect of the KASB. She stated that there was only one candidate to interview this year, saying, however, that he is a very good one. She noted that his name is Patrick Woods and he has served on the school board in Topeka for nine years. She added that he previously worked for Kathleen Sebelius and wants to see the KASB become a real leader in providing policy guidance. Ms. Sanburn said this is great news for the organization.

...reported that she has been attending the Voter Education Coalition meetings where the group is currently working to determine questions for forums leading up to the November national, state, and county elections. She reported that there is a meeting on Thursday and she is unable to attend, but would like for someone with a board lens to be there to help in crafting questions.

REPORTS

LiveWell Lawrence "Tobacco 21" Initiative

Yvonne Chen, chair, LiveWell Lawrence Tobacco-Free Work Group, accompanied by Erica Anderson, past-chair, LiveWell Lawrence Tobacco-Free Work Group, reported on the "Tobacco 21" initiative which is a nationwide movement to encourage governmental entities to adopt ordinances to raise the legal minimum age for sale of all tobacco and nicotine products to age 21.

Ms. Chen reported that 90% of those who provide cigarettes to kids under 18 years of age are themselves under 21. She said it has been scientifically proved that raising the tobacco sales age will result in a reduction of high school smoking by possibly 50%.

She asked the Board of Education to join the local movement by encouraging the City of Lawrence to adopt an ordinance increasing the legal minimum age for the sale of all tobacco and nicotine products to age 21.

Board President Marcel Harmon asked for consensus among board members and stated that a resolution could be written in support of the adoption of an ordinance by the City of Lawrence. There was agreement among the board and a resolution will be included for approval in the consent agenda at the September 26 meeting.

Learning Forward, Future Ready Initiative – Middle Schools

Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, innovation and technology, introduced middle school principals, Kristen Ryan, Southwest, and Jeff Harkin, Liberty Memorial Central, who shared their experiences working on the district's strategic team to ensure a successful deployment of iPads to all middle school students at the beginning of this school year. In addition, both principals reported that the actual deployment and other related activities including parent nights, staff training, and testing have gone well.

REPORTS AND APPROVAL

Approval of Real Estate Contract between Douglas County and USD 497

Tony Barron, executive director, facilities and operations, recalled the report made to the Board of Education at its August 8 meeting in regard to the possible purchase of property owned by Douglas County and requested that action be taken in regard to it.

Upon a motion by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Shannon Kimball, the board voted, in a 6-0 roll call vote, to approve a purchase from the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County of property located at 711 East 23rd Street in exchange for Lawrence USD 497's property located at 146 Maine Street, plus \$500,000 as outlined in the real estate contract.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:11 p.m., a motion was made by Rick Ingram, 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