

**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**

April 24, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

At 7 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 printed.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present	SLT Members Present
Marcel Harmon, president	Kyle Hayden, superintendent
Shannon Kimball, vice president	Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, innovation & technology
Jessica Beeson	Anna Stubblefield, assistant superintendent, educational support & equity
Jill Fincher	Kevin Harrell, executive director, student services
Rick Ingram	Tony Barron, executive director, facilities & operations
Melissa Johnson	David Cunningham, executive director, human resources & legal counsel
Vanessa Sanburn	Julie Boyle, director, communications
	Janice Dunn, clerk

Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)			
Leona Antoine	Kala Banks	Eileen Banyard	Kelly Barker
Dan Beat	Charlie Bryan	Katherine Dillon	Brian Edie
Laurie L. Folsom	Joy Foster	River Foster	Devin Heath
Shane Heiman	Joanna Hlavacek	Alan Hollinger	Sandra Issa
Denise L. Johnson	Kathy Johnson	MK Kelly	Brad Kempf
Dana Lattin	Jennie Lazarus	Dani Lotton-Barker	Zora Lotton-Barker
Jake Lowen	Kendra Metz	Chalita Middleton	Lindsey Morgan
Paula Murrish	Chris Orlando	Stan Roth	Kristen Ryan
Nadia Sanburn	Gary Schmidt	Jamie Shaw	Ernie Steinbach
Effie Sun	Chris Tilden	Charles Walther	Jeanette Walther

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Future City, Model U.N., and History Day Student Honors – Southwest Middle School
Students from Southwest Middle School who received awards in recent Future City, Model U.N. and History Day competitions were introduced.

Special Recognition ~ Student Honors (Continued)

The eighth-grade *Future City* team, “Teratai,” won the Willie the Wildcat Award and received first place out of 56 teams in the Great Plains Regional competition held at Kansas State University in Manhattan on January 21, 2017. The first place finish earned the team the opportunity to compete in the national Future City competition held February 17-21 in Washington, D.C., where the team won fifth place.

In regional competition, Team “Marnh-na” won the Technical Writing Award sponsored by Westar Energy and Team Alttum’anina won the Model Presentation Award sponsored by WSP-Parsons Brinckerhoff.

Fifty-three Southwest students representing ten different councils in 12 different countries participated in the *Model U.N.* competition on February 27 and 28 in Topeka.

Eighth-grade student delegates won individual awards as follow:

- *Yoav Gillath* – Best Affirmative Speech in General Assembly I
- *Emily Bial* – Best Authorship Speech in Economic and Social Council
- *Andrew Phalen* – Second Place, Outstanding Delegate in World Council B
- *Tony Racy* – First Place, Outstanding Delegate in World Council III
- *Aris Grady* – Best Authorship Speech in World Council III
- *Ethan Harris* – First Place, Outstanding Delegate in World Council II & Best Affirmative Speech World Council II

Dani Lotton-Barker, gifted education facilitator, and Jamie Shaw, technology teacher, are co-coaches.

Chris Orlando, social studies teacher, recognized Kangeun “Billy” Moon for earning first place in the Junior Historical Paper at the recent regional *History Day* competition. It was noted that Billy will advance to the state competition this weekend.

Future City, Model U.N., and History Day Student Honors – Liberty Memorial Central Middle School

Students from Liberty Memorial Central Middle School who received awards in recent Future City, Model U.N. and History Day competitions were introduced.

The sixth-grade *Future City* team, “Mirai Shi,” won the University of Kansas Award, and the seventh- and eighth-grade team, “Zokumanyana” won fourth place in the Great Plains Regional competition held at Kansas State University in Manhattan on January 21, 2017.

Forty Liberty Memorial Central Middle School students representing nine countries participated in the *Model U.N.* competition on February 27 and 28 in Topeka.

Student delegates won team and individual awards as follow:

- Best Middle School Delegation Award – The Democratic People's Republic of Korea: *Giovanni Ventello, George Dobson, Ike Phillips, Zora Lotton-Barker, Isaac Seybold, Violet Amouak*
- Second Best Middle School Delegation Award – Lebanon *Mikah Beaty, Harriette Perkins, Nadia Sanburn, Amanda Earnhart, Cole Huang, Daniel Sikes*
- *Zora Lotton-Barker* – Overall Best Middle School Delegate

Special Recognition ~ Student Honors (Continued)

& Best Delegate in General Assembly I

- *Lexi Meston Ward* – Best Delegate & Best Affirmation Speech in World Council B
- *Doran Elliot* – Best Delegate & Best Affirmation Speech in World Council C
- *Cole Huang* – Third Best Delegate in Political Council
- *Daniel Sikes* – Third Best Delegate in Economic & Social Council
- *Giovanni Ventello* – Best Authorship Speech World Council I
- *George Dobson* – Best Authorship Speech World Council II
- *Izzi Magnuson* – Best Authorship Speech World Council C
- *Serena Rupp* – Best Negation Speech World Council B
- *Anthony Webb* – Best Affirmation Speech World Council A

Also recognized were teams that received first place in the District 1 regional History Day competition with presentations on Easter Rising that took place in 1916 in Ireland and Wes Jackson, a scientist from Salina, Kansas.

Devin Heath, gifted education facilitator, serves as sponsor.

Introduction of *Chalita Middleton*, new Kennedy Elementary principal

Kyle Hayden, superintendent, welcomed Chalita Middleton as the new principal at Kennedy Elementary School, replacing Cris Anderson who is retiring. He noted that Ms. Middleton comes to Lawrence from the Kansas City Kansas School District where she served as an assistant principal at an elementary school.

Mr. Hayden stated that Ms. Middleton has good experience and said he is confident in her leadership ability and what she will bring to the table in Lawrence Public Schools.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Board President Marcel Harmon reminded the community that the May 2 deadline for the bond mail-ballot election is rapidly approaching. He noted that ballots can be mailed or dropped off at the Douglas County Courthouse before noon on that day.
- President Harmon acknowledged the “Yes for Lawrence” group for its presence at the Earth Day Celebration last Saturday, April 22, marching in the parade to promote energy efficiency and cost savings benefits that the bond will provide at our secondary schools. He thanked them for their efforts on Saturday and throughout the bond campaign.
- He reported that he and his family participated in the “March for Science” event in Topeka last Saturday, which is an effort to promote the importance of well-funded and publicly-communicated science, which also means science education, as a key element of freedom and prosperity.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Superintendent Kyle Hayden reported that the District Equity Leadership Team Advisory, made up of parents of color representing all schools, met for the first time last Tuesday, April 18. In addition, he reported that the newly formed District Equity Advisory Council, comprised of school and community representatives who will

Report of Superintendent Hayden (Continued)

advise the board around racial equity, LGBTQ supports and special education services, met for the first time tonight prior to the board meeting. He extended appreciation to all of the individuals serving on these two advisory groups.

- Mr. Hayden reported that the process of collecting feedback related to this year's goals and input about areas on which to focus next year began last week. He stated that he will continue to gather information from schools, the District Site Council and the Employee Advisory Committee over the next month.
- He thanked the Lawrence Schools Foundation and the many business and organization sponsors of last Friday night's Foundation Follies. He reported that this is one of the Foundation's major fundraisers, supporting innovative teaching and school assistance grants.
- Superintendent Hayden reminded board members about their lunch tomorrow, April 25, at 11:15 a.m. at Kennedy Elementary School.

PATRON COMMENTARY

President Harmon read the audience participation guidelines and asked for patron comments on any item not included on the agenda.

Laurie Folsom, president, Lawrence Education Association (LEA), reported that at its last meeting, association building representatives took a position of support for the upcoming bond election for improvements to secondary schools. She noted that there are 550 members in every building in the district. She said it is not only important to have a quality faculty, but it is important for them to be able to teach in quality facilities. Ms. Folsom encouraged the community to vote "Yes" by May 2.

Michael Kelly, patron, stated that there is a need for an extension on the west side of Langston Hughes Elementary School so students in the Langston Heights subdivision can have a direct and safe route to walk to and from school. He said completion of an extension was on a list of projects to be completed several years ago, and he understands there are funding challenges, but he doesn't understand why the project was removed after saying it was going to happen.

BOARD COMMENTARY

Shannon Kimball

...thanked the Lawrence Education Association for its support of the bond issue.

...reported on her participation in the following activities over the past several weeks:

- Bond presentation at Deerfield Elementary School
- Kansas State Board of Education Challenge Award Presentation at New York Elementary School
- Leadership Lawrence panel on Civic Engagement
- Dedication of a bench in honor of Dr. Rick Doll at the Lawrence College & Career Center for his dedication to the district and to creating the center
- Interview with Hank Booth in regard to the bond issue
- Tour of Hallmark production facility and Peaslee Tech to see how the programs Peaslee Tech provides relate to employment opportunities at Hallmark
- Foundation Follies, saying she enjoyed the production and is humbled by the talents of our teachers and district staff.

Board Commentary

Vanessa Sanburn

...reported that she recently attended a school site council meeting and stated that some of the members are interested in following along with the process in the upcoming goal setting sessions. She asked that site councils be alerted to the dates and that a copy of the goals that are going to be revised be made available as well.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Jessica Beeson, the board voted, in a 7-0 roll call vote, to adopt the items listed on the consent agenda.

The consent agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the April 10, 2017 regular meeting
- The financial reports including school activity funds, budget to actual, cash summary
- The April 24, 2017 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

Fund	Amount
General	\$ 509,042.11
Local Option Budget	171,532.21
Food Service	141,738.53
Vocational Education	6,884.51
Special Education	311,498.81
Capital Outlay	66,843.81
Virtual School	4,330.20
Professional Development	4,411.89
Students Materials Revolve	83,886.96
2013 Bonds	36,936.47
Title I 2017	6,928.40
Indian Educ Title 2017	414.36
Johnson O'Malley 2016	70.77
Johnson O'Malley 2017	75.00
Carl Perkins 2017	3,108.63
Title VIBDIS 2017	78.00
KMSG Middle School 2017	1,089.08
Payroll Fund	339,490.00
Spectra-Medicaid	8,589.18
Wellness Farm to School Local	5.18
Loc/Don/Gra	18,668.12
TOTAL	\$1,715,622.22

- Approvals of the following:
 - AVID Site Membership Fees & AVID Weekly Online Subscriptions for 2017-2018
 - Software Contract with Dude Solutions – Facilities & Operations
 - Purchase Agreement with Jock's Nitch & Adidas – High Schools
 - Board Policy Committee Recommendations – Final Action
 - Roof Removal & Replacement – West, Hillcrest

Approval of Consent Agenda ~ Approvals (Continued)

- Renewal of SEAS Annual Maintenance
- Instrumental Repair/Maintenance Contracts for Band & Orchestra
- Purchase of Fortinet Firewall Solution
- Purchase of Projectors & Installation Services – Pinckney
- JAMF Software Maintenance & Support Renewal
- Owner-Construction Management At-Risk Services – 711 East 23rd Street

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

...*Wendell Graham* for his 9 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon his retirement effective May 25, 2017.

REPORTS

Learning Forward, Future Ready for Middle Schools Update

Jerri K.?

Brad Kempf, principal, West Middle School, reported on the successes and challenges associated with the roll out of iPads at the beginning of the school year. He reported that the process took almost six hours at West, but after sharing his experiences with the other middle school principals, the time became less and less, with the last roll out at Southwest Middle School taking about an hour and a half. Mr. Kempf acknowledged the assistance of Instructional Resource Center and Technology Support personnel as well as the district's technology Help Desk. He indicated that the parent nights were well attended and successful. In addition, he acknowledged the middle school teachers who developed digital citizenship lessons, the Lawrence Police Department for their informational assembly on social media awareness and attendance at parent nights, and the guidance and mental health teams for their presentations on social media anxiety. It was also reported that professional development, collaboration, and Apple training were very beneficial.

He reported that one of the challenges experienced first semester was when students failed to bring their iPads to school and needed to check out a spare one. The library media specialists were feeling stress with this and other added job responsibilities. Mr. Kempf said, however, that following a policy change where students are given a laptop as a spare device, fewer iPads are left at home and that stress has been relieved. He also reported that the Help Desk has been very helpful.

It was reported that forward steps include a student Tech Team at each middle school, expansion of parent nights, continued professional development, and movement toward a project based learning environment.

Katherine Dillon, sixth grade math teacher, and Kendra Metz, seventh grade language arts teacher, Southwest Middle School, reported on the types of teacher training that have taken place focusing on iPads and how to best implement them. These training opportunities included visits from a representative from Apple, the district's iPadpalooza last August, personalized learning sessions from a district technology support person, iPad professional development, colleagues, and outside-of-district classes. It was reported that additional training will take place and new information will continue to be shared.

Reports ~ Learning Forward, Future Ready for Middle Schools (Continued)

Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, innovation & technology, introduced members of the South Middle School student tech team, led by Jennifer Scotten, library media specialist, who provided an overview of their responsibilities as part of the school's tech team and what they had learned from working with staff and students. Learned were better leadership skills, patience, knowledge of iPad software, how to fix problems, customer service skills and better communication skills.

The students took several minutes to demonstrate their favorite apps to Superintendent Hayden and the members of the Board of Education.

USD 497 Nutrition & Wellness Initiatives

Paula Murrish, director, food services, warehouse & purchasing, assisted by Denise L. Johnson, coordinator, health and wellness curriculum; Jennie Lazarus, coordinator, outdoor education; and Lindsey Morgan, supervisor and registered dietitian, food services; reported on their work in response to the board's goals under wellness to connect curriculum to outdoor student learning opportunities, continue to implement and improve district health and student wellness initiatives, and allocate resources.

It was reported that eight elementary schools have raised bed gardens that serve as outdoor classrooms. Two will be added very soon and the goal is to have them at all 14 buildings. The four middle schools have production gardens cared for by student workers and volunteers. Forty-two lesson plans have been developed for teachers and are on Blackboard and 20 additional plans are available on SchoolWires for community members who support the gardens. Garden "lessons in a bag" have also been created.

Student wellness initiatives are emphasized through marathon clubs, SPARK physical education curriculum, mobile bike trailers teaching bike riding and safety, a mobile tool shed, second grade Body Venture and Nutrition field trip, fourth grade Slice of Ag field trip, and a seventh grade Junior Kaw Valley Farm Tour field trip.

Future objectives include establishing a Wellness Advisory Board, developing a timeline of actionable steps with the best use of resources, identifying fundraising opportunities and business partnerships, piloting outreach events to inform the community, exploring second chance breakfast, evening meals, and culturally diverse food offerings, seeking out local food sources, compiling and disseminating opportunities for professional development, and identifying and piloting opportunities for experiential learning events at the high school level.

Ms. Murrish reported that grants and donations from 2015 to the present total around \$444,000. She indicated that in order to sustain the school-sponsored gardens, persons serving as coordinators and assistant coordinators and stipends for supplies in the spring and fall are needed at a cost of \$58,000 for 2017-2018.

Bond Construction & Capital Improvement Plan Update

Kathy Johnson, director, finance, and Tony Barron, executive director, facilities & operations, presented a summary of expenditures from the 2013 Bond Issue and the district's Capital Improvement Plan from the 2013-2014 school year to the projects that are planned for this summer as part of the 2016-2017 school year.

Reports ~ Bond Construction & Capital Improvement Plan (Continued)

Ms. Johnson reported that bond issue funds are expended as outlined in bond election language. She recalled that the 2013 issue was to pay the costs to construct additions to and renovate, improve technology infrastructure, equip and furnish existing elementary and secondary schools; construct, equip and furnish a new college and technology education facility and make other necessary and related improvements in the district. She noted that this applies to the bond issue itself, plus any interest premium received at the time of a bond sale or interest earned during construction on bond proceeds from the sale. It was reported that to date, approximately \$96.7 million, which includes bond funds, interest premium and interest earned, has been spent on the 2013 projects and remaining bond funds total \$295,292.

General information was shared in regard to a capital improvement plan and the capital outlay fund. Highlighted was the fact that during bond construction, a district can weave capital improvements and equipment and furniture needs into planned bond construction to get the most out of district funding sources.

Mr. Barron explained, in reference to the patron comment earlier in the meeting in regard to a sidewalk extension at Langston Hughes, that a cost estimate was done and plans for a sidewalk extension were submitted to the City of Lawrence several years ago. He reported that because of the financial climate at that time, the decision was made to put the project on hold. Mr. Barron stated that if the state delivers in the way of funding, it is possible to return to the plan.

REPORTS AND APPROVALS

There were no reports and approvals.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m., a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, 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