

**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**

May 8, 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 Rick Ingram, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to approve the agenda as printed.

ROLL CALL

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

<u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u>			
Rick Andrews	Vicki Andrews	Ronan Badal	Ecaterina Barybina
Dan Beat	Matt Beat	Shannon Beat	Jennifer Bessolo
Meghan Boardwell	Kathy Bowen	Janet Breithaupt	Kyle Camarda
Logan Camarda	Carol Carnahan	Frank Caroll	Hyesum Che
Nicole Corn	Debbie Daneke	Travis Daneke	Allison Day
David Day	Jennifer Day	Samrie Devin	Kevin Dillon
Robin Dillon	Donna Gambriell	Jerry Gambriell	Suzy Green
Cindy Gress	Nancy Hamilton	Carol Hayden	Scott Hefty
Anna Heinritz	John Hemker	Rick Henry	Eric Hethcoat
Joanna Hlavacek	Alan Hollinger	Leigh Housman	Zanna Ingram
Charla Jerome	Kathy Johnson	Shannon Jones	Nisha Joseph
Rita Joseph	Matthew Kapfer	Susan Kober	Dracy Kraus
Lorna Larson	Tara Martin	T.J. McPherson	Danica Moore
Becky O'Keefe	Caleb Oltmanns	Dave Olson	Bertram Opaiaji
Johnny Paradise	David Parkinson	Mary Parkinson	Kiley Phelps
Jenet Rapads	Junior Rapads	Dane Robins	Kaley Robins
Kathy Robins	Stan Roth	Tiffany Saturday	Valerie Schrag
Dave Sedich	Lynnette Sedich	David Shipley	Njeri Shomari

Roll Call ~ Others Present (Continued)

Rheyndati Somari	Sari Somari	Diane Spicer	Cindy Spiess
Chelsea Troyer Calbeck		Scott Wagner	David Williams
Eni Wintoki	Oyn Wintoki		

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

State History Day Student Honors – Lawrence High School

Valerie Schrag, history teacher, reported that 14 Lawrence High School students participated in the Kansas History Day competition in late April at Washburn University. She recognized five students, representing three events, who earned bids to the National History Day competition in June at the University of Maryland-College Park.

Students who competed (and those advancing to the national competition) include the following:

- *Alexis Kriegh & Abby Percich*: 1st place in senior group exhibits with their entry entitled "Wangari Maathai: Mother of Forests"
- *Chisato Kimura & Nick Matthews*: 1st place in senior group websites with their entry entitled "Fred Korematsu: An American Standing for Freedom"
- *Leah Marett*: 2nd place in senior individual websites with her entry entitled "Turning the World Upside Down: The Grimke Sisters"
- *Quentin Harrington & Ben Matthews*: 2nd place with the Robert Dole Congressional History Prize for their senior group exhibit entitled "Benjamin Franklin: Standing for the American Identity"

Future City & Model U.N. Student Honors – West Middle School

Charla Jerome, gifted education facilitator, introduced students from West Middle School who received awards at the Great Plains Regional Future City Competition in January at Kansas State University. She recognized the 8th grade team, Una Bago, on winning the Tech Savvy Award for the Highest Virtual City Score, and the 7th grade team, Oron Zai, on winning 3rd place overall out of 56 teams.

Ms. Jerome reported that 21 West students participated at the end of February in Model U.N. in Topeka. She recognized award winners including the following seventh grade students, *Nathan Ma*, Best Authorship Speech WCB; *Olivia Wood*, 3rd place overall delegate WCC; *Rita Joseph*, 3rd place overall delegate WCA; and eight grade students, *Zanna Ingram*, Brazil, Best Speech of Affirmation, Political Council; *Noah Rantilla*, Brazil, 2nd place overall middle school delegate in a high school council and 2nd place overall GA1; *Zanna Ingram*, *Cian O'Lear*, and *Noah Rantilla*, Team Brazil, 3rd place middle school delegation in a high school council.

Destination Imagination Team Honors

Kathy Bowen, K-12 gifted education facilitator, recognized students from Lawrence Public Schools who participated in the Destination Imagination State Tournament on April 1 at Southwest Middle School. She reported that 30 teams of students from across the state competed, including five teams from Lawrence.

Teams included the following:

Spy Guys - 4th place: *Max Childers*, *Mason Vargas*, *Nathan Kramer*, *Nolan Craig*
Turtles United - 3rd place: *Davis Greenstreet*, *Daming Zhang*, *Emma Stammeyer*, *Bengy Carroll*

Special Recognition ~ Destination Imagination (Continued)

Opalites - 2nd place: *Erin Rahija, Nethei Weerasekara, Zanna Ingram, Marea Atchinson*
Confused Turtles - 1st place: *Naomi Soderling, Leah Matthews, Bella Otter, Alina Matejkowski, Grace Mechler*

Galaxy Guinea Corns - 2nd place: *Halas Kober, Birgitte Teeroff, Landon Hefty, Natalie Carroll, Ben Stammeyer, Eni Wintoki*

Kansas City Area Teachers of Mathematics Student Honors

Anna Heinritz, gifted education facilitator, Sunset Hill and Quail Run Elementary Schools, recognized fourth- and fifth-grade students who participated in the 38th Annual Kansas City Area Teachers of Mathematics contest on March 25 in Olathe. She reported that 700 students participated in individual and Mathletics team competitions and each of our students placed in their specific divisions.

Fair Housing Poster Contest Winners

In recognition of April as Fair Housing Month, the third annual Fair Housing Poster Contest was held. The goal of the competition is to raise awareness of local and federal fair housing laws among Lawrence school children and their families. Members of the Lawrence Human Relations Commission, Lawrence Public Schools, the Lawrence Douglas County Housing Authority, and Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc. partner each year to establish a theme and judge the posters. The theme for this year was "Celebrating 50 Years of CommUNITY" in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the passage of Lawrence's fair housing ordinance.

Scott Wagner, City of Lawrence, and Danica Moore, equity facilitator, recognized students from Lawrence Public Schools with winning entries in the 2017 competition as follows:

- High School
 - 1st place: *Allison Day*, grade 11, Lawrence High School
 - 2nd Place: *Maika Hampton*, grade 10; Lawrence High School
 - 3rd Place: *Ashlee Brown*, grade 11, Lawrence High School
- Middle School
 - 1st place, *Yanran Li*, grade 6, West Middle School
 - 3rd place, *Abby Coons*, grade 6, Southwest Middle School
- Elementary School
 - 1st place, *Kaylee Clancy*, grade 3, Langston Hughes Elementary
 - 2nd Place, *Geneva Izquierdo*, grade 4, Broken Arrow Elementary
 - 3rd place, *Jerwin Rapada*, grade 5, Prairie Park Elementary.

Teachers & Support Staff Celebrating 25-Year Employment Anniversaries

Samrie Devin, director, human resources, assisted by David Cunningham, executive director, human resources and legal counsel, recognized certified and support staff members who are being honored by the University of Kansas School of Education and Lawrence Public Schools for 25 or more years of service.

Those recognized included the following:

- *Vicki Andrews*, 28 years
- *Janet Breithaupt*, 28 years
- *Carol Carnahan*, 25 years
- *Robin Dillon*, 31 years
- *Cindy Gress*, 25 years

Special Recognition ~ Staff Celebrating 25 Year Anniversaries (Continued)

- *Lorna Larson, 25 years*
- *Dave Olson, 25 years*
- *Becky Ford O'Keefe, 26 years*
- *Mary Parkinson, 25 years*
- *Diane Spicer, 35 years*

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board President Marcel Harmon extended thanks to Lawrence voters for recognizing the importance of investing in the district's facilities and the future of students by approving the \$87 million bond election by a 75% margin. He expressed special gratitude to the "Vote Yes for Lawrence Schools" committee, especially Willie Amison and Martin Moore, for their work on the campaign. He said he looks forward to the implementation of the bond projects.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Superintendent Kyle Hayden echoed the remarks of Board President Harmon in regard to the passage of the bond, which he said is a testimony to the community's priority of putting students first. He expressed appreciation to the Lawrence community for supporting public schools and demonstrating a willingness to make the kind of investments necessary to maintain and transform the secondary schools into learning environments that support the hard work of teachers and serve students in the best way possible.
- Superintendent Hayden thanked William Dann who has given the Lawrence Schools Foundation a \$50,000 gift every year for the past 20 years to support the district's early childhood program. He reported that the Foundation hosted a reception at Kennedy on Thursday, May 4, and welcomed back a number of former school staff, while honoring Mr. Dann and Principal Cris Anderson, who is retiring this spring after 28 years with our schools and 38 years in education.
- Mr. Hayden announced that the district's parent legislative advocacy group, Educate Lawrence, invites the board, school staff and the public to hear an update from Kansas State Board of Education Member Ann Mah on May 15, from 6-7 p.m., here in the board meeting room at the district office.
- He announced that this is National Teacher Appreciation Week. He stated that, in addition to the educators honored earlier for 25 years of service, he wanted to thank all of our teachers, saying they are the heart of our schools. He said it is our teaching staff who implement the board goals through their work day in and day out building relationships with school families and personalizing learning and support for all students.

PATRON COMMENTARY

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

Kyle Camarda, parent and chess coach, Sunset Hill Elementary and West Middle Schools, requested that the Board of Education consider a proposal for students participating in chess in high school to receive a varsity letter.

BOARD COMMENTARY

Shannon Kimball

...reported that she recently served as a third grade parent sponsor on the Lawrence Walking History Tour, saying it was really interesting and she learned a great deal about Lawrence.

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.

Approval of Consent Agenda (Continued)

The consent agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the April 24, 2017 regular meeting
- The financial reports including school activity funds
- The May 8, 2017 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

Fund	Amount
General	\$ 423,980.91
Local Option Budget	268,517.04
Food Service	132,209.91
Vocational Education	1,894.24
Special Education	258,036.83
Capital Outlay	3,173,217.15
Adult Basic Education	38.67
Virtual School	84,402.80
Professional Development	9,112.39
Bilingual Fund	2,238.32
Parents as Teachers	384.12
Students Materials Revolve	4,935.79
2013 Bonds	242,050.28
Title I 2017	9,431.31
Indian Educ Title 2017	375.35
Johnson O'Malley 2017	739.67
Carl Perkins 2017	633.08
Payroll Fund	457,815.45
Spectra-Medicaid	7,383.50
Loc/Don/Gra	21,384.72
TOTAL	\$5,098,781.53

- Approvals of the following:
 - Renewal of OdysseyWare Licenses for 2017-2018 & Purchase of 2017 Summer School Licenses
 - Annual Renewal of Microsoft Licenses
 - Resolution for Lease Purchase Agreement – 711 East 23rd Street (See Attachment No. 1)
 - Team STEAM Summer Robotics Camps

Approval of Consent Agenda (Continued)

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

...*Beth Buhler* for her 23 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 25, 2017.

REPORTS

Kindergarten Global Project

Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, innovation & technology, assisted by Nicole Corn, kindergarten teacher, Sunset Hill Elementary School, and Tara Martin, facilitator, elementary curriculum, highlighted a cultural exchange project, the Kindergarten Global Project, which has the goal of connecting students globally to share knowledge and broaden their understanding of the world.

Through collaboration with Josh Boble, Copernic kindergarten principal in Shanghai, China, a digital platform was selected that enables students to create portfolios of digital work that can be shared between the United States and China.

Students from Ms. Corn's kindergarten class were present to demonstrate what they have learned while sharing photos and videos, personal works of art, school and home activities, school subjects, and their favorite books with kindergarten students in China.

It was reported that a logo has been created and a Memo of Understanding written that outlines the scope of the current project and goals for the future.

USD 497 Parents as Teachers

Suzy Green, coordinator, Parents as Teachers (PAT), reviewed the vision and mission of Parents as Teachers, which is an evidence-based child development and parenting education program serving families in USD 497 during pregnancy until their child turns three years old. The program provides information, support and encouragement to parents to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life. This is accomplished through screenings, group connections, community resources and personalized visits.

It was reported that PAT promotes and strengthens the five protective factors—parental resilience, social connections, concrete supports in times of need, knowledge of parenting and child development, and social and emotional competence of children.

Ms. Green reported that in July 2016, the funding for PAT changed and did not allow the program to serve as many families; however, there is current legislation to move it back to the original funding which will benefit more families. To illustrate this, in the 2015-2016 school year, PAT served 191 children and 160 families and in 2016-2017, due to the funding change, 124 children and 111 families were served.

2017 Bond Election

Tony Barron, executive director, facilities & operations, expressed gratitude to the Board of Education and the Lawrence community for voting to pass the \$87 million bond issue, saying it will be great for the district's secondary schools.

Reports ~ 2017 Bond Election (Continued)

Mr. Barron reported that the Facility Planning Committee has been working to develop a plan to successfully proceed with the upcoming bond construction projects. He provided information in regard to the following:

- Development of District Standards and Guidelines
- Project Packaging and Timeline
- Construction Management At-Risk (CMAR) Selection Process and Timeline
- Architect/Engineer Selection Process and Timeline
- Commissioning Agent Selection Process and Timeline

He highlighted the definition and advantages of CMAR and stated that this selection is an important part of the process. He said the goal is to bring a recommendation to the Board of Education at its July 24, 2017 meeting.

REPORTS AND APPROVALS

There were no reports and approvals.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:28 p.m., Shannon Kimball made a motion, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, to recess to executive session *to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed*; with David Cunningham, executive director, human resources and legal counsel, and Kyle Hayden, superintendent, invited to be present as needed, and with the board to return to open session in this room in 30 minutes (8:58 p.m.). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND EXTENSION

At 8:58 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Jill Fincher, seconded by Shannon Kimball, to extend the executive session for 20 minutes (9:18 p.m.). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND EXTENSION

At 9:18 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Jessica Beeson, to extend the executive session for 10 minutes (9:28 p.m.). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND EXTENSION

At 9:28 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Jessica Beeson, to extend the executive session for 15 minutes (9:43 p.m.). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND EXTENSION

At 9:43 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, to extend the executive session for 10 minutes (9:53 p.m.). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND EXTENSION

At 9:53 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Jessica Beeson, to extend the executive session for 5 minutes (9:58 p.m.). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:58 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Jessica Beeson, 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

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RESOLUTION 2017-05-08a

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 497, DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS (LAWRENCE), DECLARING INTENT TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, EXTENSION, REMODELING, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF NEW AND EXISTING FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the governing body of Unified School District No. 497, Douglas County, Kansas (Lawrence) (the "District") has considered the need of the District and its residents for certain equipment and property, including the construction, improvement, remodeling and equipping of new and existing facilities (the "Improvements"), and have found and determined that making the Improvements is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the District has considered various means of financing the Improvements, and has found and determined that it would be in the public interest to finance the Improvements through the execution and delivery of a lease purchase agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 72-8225, and subject to the conditions set forth in K.S.A. 10-1116b and 10-1116c, the District has legal authority to authorize the Improvements and the financing of the same through the execution and delivery of a lease purchase agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 497, DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS (LAWRENCE):

Section 1. Authorization to Acquire, Construct and Equip the Improvements.

The District is hereby authorized to complete final plans and specifications and to contract for the construction, improvement, remodeling and equipping of the Improvements at an estimated cost of \$5,979,600.

Section 2. Intent to Enter into Lease Purchase Agreement. The governing body of the District shall commence negotiations to enter into a lease purchase agreement (the "Lease") to provide financing for Improvements, containing such terms, conditions and provisions as shall be acceptable to the governing body of the District.

Section 3. Conditions to Execution and Delivery of the Lease. The execution and delivery of the Lease is subject to the publication and protest period requirements of K.S.A. 10-1116c, adoption of a resolution approving the forms and authorizing the execution of the Lease and a site lease, if necessary, and execution and delivery of such legal documents as may be necessary in connection with it, the terms of which shall be satisfactory to the governing body of the District and to the lessor named therein.

Section 4. Expenditure of Funds in Anticipation of Financing. In order to permit and expedite the construction, improvement, remodeling and equipping of the Improvements and realization of the public benefits to be derived from it, the District may expend lawfully available funds prior to execution and delivery of the Lease, to be reimbursed upon execution and delivery of the Lease.

Section 5. Declaration of Official Intent. This Resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2

Section 6. Total of Payments; Publication of Resolution. The expected total of all payments to be made by the District pursuant to the Lease (excluding amounts required for maintenance, taxes or insurance on the Improvements) is \$5,979,600 of which \$4,850,000 represents the estimated principal amount of the Lease and \$1,129,600 represents the estimated interest on the Lease. The Clerk of the governing body is hereby authorized and directed to publish this Resolution once each week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of the District. If a protest petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified voters of the District, as determined by the vote for secretary of state at the last general election, is filed with the county election officer within 30 days following the last publication of this Resolution, the proposed Lease shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the District voting at an election to be held thereon as prescribed in K.S.A. 10-1116c.

Section 7. Further Authority. The officials and officers of the District, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., the District's bond counsel and other consultants are authorized to proceed with the planning and document preparation of the Improvements, the Lease and other legal documents necessary in order to comply with the intent of this resolution, subject to final approval of such documents by the governing body of the District.

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ADOPTED BY the governing body of District on May 8, 2017.

Mal Hann
President, Board of Education
May 8, 2017