

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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**

**December 19, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING**

At 12 p.m., Board President Marcel Harmon called to order a special meeting of the Board of Education for the purpose of approving consent agenda items and receiving staff reports. (See Attachment No. 1)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Board President Harmon noted that Board Member Vanessa Sanburn had a longstanding commitment and would be unable to attend the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

<b><u>Board Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>SLT Members Present</u></b>
Marcel Harmon, president	Kyle Hayden, superintendent
Shannon Kimball, vice president	Angelique Nedved, assistant superintendent, teaching & learning
Kris Adair	
Jessica Beeson	Tony Barron, executive director, facilities & operations
Jill Fincher	
Rick Ingram	Janice Dunn, clerk
<b><u>Board Member Absent</u></b>	
Vanessa Sanburn	

<b><u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u></b>			
Danira Flores	Laurie Folsom	Kathy Johnson	Linda Kucza
Terry McEwen	Rick Nobles	Gary Schmidt	Njeri Shomari
Rochelle Valverde	Kirsten Wondra		

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Following a motion by Kris Adair, 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 November 28, 2016 executive session, regular meeting
- The financial reports including school activity funds, budget to actual, cash summary
- The December 19, 2016 personnel report

## Approval of Consent Agenda (Continued)

- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General	\$ 234,774.36
Local Option Budget	1,142.40
Food Service	97,189.30
Vocational Education	2,157.86
Special Education	18,413.36
Capital Outlay	450,476.06
Virtual School	111,435.39
Professional Development	10,867.60
Bilingual Fund	785.14
Student Materials Revolve	11,813.63
At Risk (K-12)	57.94
2013 Bonds	1,117,764.50
Title I 2017	2,737.45
Johnson O'Malley 2016	86.28
Title IIA 2016	23.00
Title III ESL 2016	571.20
Carl Perkins 2017	142.80
Title VIBDIS 2017	6,628.90
KS Deaf/Blind 2017	158.97
Payroll Fund	116,413.43
Spectra-Medicaid	7,563.60
Wellness Farm to School Local	157.96
Loc/Don/Gra	8,107.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,199,468.44</b>

- Approvals of the following:
  - Acceptance of Audit for FY June 30, 2016
  - Extension of Current Warehouse Lease
  - Sanitary Sewer Improvements – New York
  - Mobile Classroom Setup – East Heights
  - Upgrade of Cisco Unified Communications System & Fiber Channel Switches
  - Replacement of Computers – Elementary Schools
  - Assessment of Chinese Course Fee
  - Authorization to Issue Vendor Checks
  - Name Change & New Guidelines – District Site Council

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

...*Debra Carpenter* for her 24 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her early retirement effective January 3, 2017.

## REPORTS

### New Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) Model

Terry McEwen, director, curriculum, instruction and assessment, presented a look back at the models used for accreditation of schools beginning in 1992 through 2016 and a current look at the new Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) model approved in June 2016. He reported that the original system, based on 11 Quality

*Reports ~ New Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (Continued)*

Criteria and 4 Performance Criteria, changed through the years to include only the 4 Performance Criteria (Student Performance on the Kansas State Assessment, Participation Rate in state assessments, Attendance Rate, Graduation Rate) as consideration for accreditation.

Mr. McEwen reported that in 2011, the Kansas State Department of Education established a committee and charged it with creating a more meaningful accreditation system that would emphasize the efforts of a school district to develop the whole child instead of simply capturing a set of test scores.

Kirsten Wondra, assistant director, curriculum, instruction and assessment, highlighted elements of KESA which include a five-year process of measuring growth in one or more of *The Five Rs*: Relationships, Relevance, Responsive Culture, Rigor, Results and stakeholder involvement from the board of education, a district leadership team, the district site council, school leadership teams and school site councils. She reported that at the end of five years, an outside team consisting of K-12 educators and post-secondary professionals will validate the system's processes and results. District accreditation will then occur by recognition of growth toward becoming increasingly effective in achieving student learning and, ultimately, successful high school graduates.

It was noted that *The Five Rs* mesh well with the board of education's overarching goals for Lawrence Public Schools in Excellence, Equity and Engagement.

*Patron Insight Survey Results*

Rick Nobles, president, Patron Insight, Inc., provided a summary of the results of a resident telephone survey conducted from mid-November through early December 2016. The purpose of the survey was to determine the views of patrons relating to the district's performance in a variety of categories and to determine the level of public support or opposition for a possible bond issue in 2017.

Mr. Nobles reported that 19 out of 28 different factors, including the district's overall performance, received a "B" grade, while nine factors fell short of that grade. He said the survey indicated that patrons have a very active interest in school district news and activities. When asked to identify district strengths, "teachers" were at the top of the list followed by "diverse population" and "strong education/curriculum." Areas needing improvement mentioned by three-fourths of respondents included "managing money/budget" and "listening to patrons."

He also reported that there was strong support for project ideas at Lawrence High School and the middle schools, with lower, but still a majority of support for projects at Lawrence Free State High School. Respondents strongly favored or favored a bond issue that included these projects if an election were held today and had a slightly lower response to the possibility of a tax increase of \$55 per year for the owner of a \$200,000 home. The total support grew at a tax increase of \$45 per year and again at \$35 per year. In addition, survey participants indicated they receive their school district news mostly from friends and neighbors, The Lawrence Journal-World and district teachers and staff.

## **Reports (Continued)**

### Capital Outlay Budget & Project Planning

Kathy Johnson, director, finance, recalled the purpose of having a Capital Improvement Plan in order to develop and provide an overview of school facility maintenance and renovation and purchase of equipment and furniture. She stated that each year's plan looks at the current year and the next three years, saying it is a fluid document that can and will change. Considerations for planned improvements include safety and security, educational effectiveness, operational efficiency, equity, cost and availability of resources.

Ms. Johnson reported on the Capital Outlay Fund, saying the promise of a "no tax increase" will be maintained, keeping a flat 8 mill levy in capital outlay funds and a flat 10.577 mill levy for bond and interest payments related to the bond issue. She stated that the 2017 Capital Improvement Plan can be supported with a combination of capital outlay and bond funds. The total planned capital outlay expenditures for 2016-2017 are \$10,457,693 and approved expenditures from remaining 2013 bond funds total \$845,018.

Tony Barron, executive director, facilities and operations, presented the 2017 Capital Outlay Plan and described the process used to develop and prioritize it. He also highlighted several new components in it including trades wages and benefits, lease for a new Facilities and Operations facility and a district warehouse, lease for technology devices for the next school year, and the addition of an exit/entrance drive from Langston Hughes Elementary School to Langston Way.

### Bond Election Discussion

Kyle Hayden, superintendent, reviewed information from previous presentations in regard to the goals for a proposed \$87,000,000 bond election in 2017 to complete projects at the secondary schools with particular focus at Lawrence High School, the base costs of these projects, possible additions of lighting improvements and remaining MEP upgrades and supplementing technology funds for integration of current systems.

Mr. Hayden referenced the Bond Election Calendar provided by bond legal counsel that proposes a resolution with ballot language be brought before the board at its January 9, 2017 meeting calling for a May bond election. He asked board members for consensus on whether the election should be conducted through a mail-in ballot at a cost of \$130,000 or a walk-in ballot at a cost of \$100,000.

Following a brief discussion, there was board agreement to move forward with the process to hold a mail-in ballot election.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:01 p.m., a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Kris Adair, to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Janice E. Dunn  
Clerk, Board of Education

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December 15, 2016

### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Pursuant to Board Policy BCAC, the Lawrence Public Schools Board of Education President Marcel Harmon has called a special meeting to be held Monday, December 19, 2016, starting at 12 noon, in the Interactive Technology Center of the Educational Support & Distribution Center, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, Kansas.

The purpose of the meeting is to approve consent agenda items and receive staff reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice E. Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

Janice E. Dunn  
Clerk, Board of Education