

**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**

May 31, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m., Board President Marcel Harmon called to order a special meeting of the Board of Education for the purpose of taking action on an employee grievance and to continue the process in the search and selection of an interim superintendent of schools. (See Attachment No. 1)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Jill Fincher, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, 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	Anna Stubblefield, assistant superintendent,
Shannon Kimball, vice president	educational support & equity
Jessica Beeson	Janice Dunn, clerk
Jill Fincher	
Rick Ingram	
Melissa Johnson	
Vanessa Sanburn	

<u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u>			
Laurie L. Folsom	Joanna Hlavacek	Andrew Nussbaum	David Reber
Njeri Shomari			

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:31 p.m., Shannon Kimball made a motion, seconded by Jessica Beeson, to recess to executive session *to discuss an employee grievance in order to protect the confidentiality of the grievant*; with the grievant, as necessary, the grievant's representative, Laurie Folsom, president, Lawrence Education Association, as necessary; Anna Stubblefield, assistant superintendent, educational support and equity; and David Cunningham, executive director, human resources and legal counsel, by phone as necessary; invited to be present, and with the board to return to open session in this room at 6:15 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & EXTENSION

At 6:15 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Rick Ingram, to extend executive session until 6:45 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & EXTENSION

At 6:45 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jessica Beeson, to extend executive session until 7 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & EXTENSION

At 7 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, to extend executive session until 7:20 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & BREAK

At 7:17 p.m., the board returned to open session where Board President Marcel Harmon declared a break until 7:20 pm

ACTION ON EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jessica Beeson, the board voted, in a 7-0 roll call vote, to disapprove the employee grievance heard by the Board of Education on May 22, 2017.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:21 p.m., Vanessa Sanburn made a motion, seconded by Jessica Beeson, 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, by phone as necessary, invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 8 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Note: Jessica Beeson left the meeting room at 7:50 p.m., and did not return.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & EXTENSION

At 8 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Melissa Johnson, to extend executive session until 8:10 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & EXTENSION

At 8:10 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, to extend executive session until 8:15 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

At 8:15 p.m., the board returned to open session.

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION REGARDING INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Board President Marcel Harmon reported that questions which will be asked of the interim superintendent candidates have been finalized. He reported that three dates (June 7, June 13, June 14) have been targeted for possible interviews and a final decision will be made on June 20.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 p.m., a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Rick Ingram, to adjourn the special 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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May 26, 2017

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 Wednesday, May 31, 2017, starting at 5:30 p.m., in the Interactive Technology Center of the Educational Support & Distribution Center, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, Kansas.

The purpose of the meeting is to take action on an employee grievance and to continue the process in the search and selection of an interim superintendent of schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice E. Dunn".

Janice E. Dunn
Clerk, Board of Education