

**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**

March 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:10 p.m., Board President Shannon Kimball called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Jill Fincher, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to approve the agenda as printed.

ROLL CALL

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>ELT Members Present</u>
Shannon Kimball, president	Anna Stubblefield, interim superintendent
Jessica Beeson, vice president	David Cunningham, executive director, human resources/ chief legal counsel
Jill Fincher	Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, leading, learning & technology
G.R. Gordon-Ross	Tony Barron, executive director, facilities & operations
Rick Ingram	Julie Boyle, executive director, communications
Melissa Johnson	Kevin Harrell, executive director, student services & special education
Kelly Jones	Kathy Johnson, executive director, finance
	Paula Murrish, executive director, nutrition & wellness/printing & purchasing
	Dawn Downing, deputy clerk

<u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u>			
Jessica Brown	Nancy DeGarmo	Sunny Halsted	Shane Heiman
Alan Hollinger	Darcy Kraus	Cara McNorton	Ron May
Stan Roth	Njeri Shomari	Diane Vigna	Robyn Vilcek
Ellen Willets			

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

- President Shannon Kimball asked for a moment of silence for victims of the mass shooting at Parkland, FL's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.
- On, 2/27/18, President Shannon Kimball participated in a short interview with Hank Booth on KLWN regarding school safety and security. They discussed the recent proposals nationally and at the state level to address gun violence in schools through

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- arming teachers. She shared with him the perspective she offered at our 2/26/18 board meeting, that she felt it is a naive and misguided response to the scourge of gun violence in our country as it affects public schools.
- President Kimball shared that the Facility Planning committee, which includes herself and GR, met on March 1. A brief update on bond construction progress was provided, then they spent a large part of the meeting hearing from staff on safety and security issues, which we will discuss more in tonight's report.
- On 3/3/18, her and her family attended the musical production of Getting to Know the Sound of Music at West Middle School. She extended "Kudos" to our students for a wonderful performance, and "Thank You" to Mr. Goolsby and Mr. Williams, and all the other staff that work so hard to provide such opportunities for our students to learn and showcase their talents.
- President Kimball and Jessica Beeson met with Dr. Lewis while he was in the district last Monday. They had further discussion about transition and board retreat planning.
- She shared that the board lunch at West Middle School last Tuesday was very informative, and thanked Kelly and GR for attending as well. Student leaders at West shared their thoughts on a number of issues they care about, including schedules, use of technology, and others.
- This past weekend President Kimball attended a KASB Board of Directors Meeting in the Basehor-Linwood school district. On Friday they had the opportunity to hear about several initiatives there, including an extensive mentoring program of community volunteers and high school students, and a coffee shop business started by students in one of the advanced business classes at the high school. They also toured several of their facilities as well.
- During the business meeting on Saturday, they heard updates on the legislative session. The finance study by Dr. Lori Taylor and Jason Willis of West Ed is due this Friday. They will be presenting to legislators next Monday. The content of their report is already being questioned for bias, so it will be interesting to see what the final product looks like this week. KASB advocacy staff explained their expectation that the "outcomes" of the report will be tied closely to what educational outcomes they choose to analyze, and their choices in that area have not been clearly revealed to this point.
- President Kimball shared that bills are being heard this week to fix the transportation funding issue pointed out by the LPA audit and that caused the stir regarding Dale Dennis and KSDE. Other bills being heard today and tomorrow are addressing proposed repeal of the statewide bond cap (a positive development) and also addressing the equity issues highlighted by the Supreme Court's most recent Gannon decision. Bills to restore teacher due process and to make changes to anti-bullying education requirements both passed the House recently and we will have to see if the Senate acts on them.
- President Kimball shared another item to watch - Gov. Colyer has announced creation of a new education council. It is modeled on the P-20 commission that met a number of years ago during the administration of Governor Sebelius. Co-chairs will be KSDE CEO and BOR CEO. The stated purpose of the council is "to improve education."
- Lastly, President Kimball wanted to preview for our board that KASB will be returning to its dues calculation structure, which had been suspended the past several years while state funding had been frozen. As a result, we will likely see a slight increase in our regular dues. There will also be a small increase in the dues to

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belong to the Legal Fund. However, we will be getting additional services as they plan to make 17 of their legal publications available to all staff and board members with no additional charge as part of that increase. Currently we have to pay for bound copies of these, such as their manual on KOMA/KORA. Of note, KASB has diversified its financials over the past decade; in the past it was 100% dues funded, but now about 50% of revenue for the organization comes NOT from dues. It was explained that this diversification has allowed KASB to add value to its members without greatly increasing the financial burden on districts for dues.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Superintendent Anna Stubblefield shared that on Wednesday, we expect that some of our students and staff will participate in the national walkout planned at 10 a.m. for 17 minutes to honor the victims and survivors of the Parkland, Florida, shooting. Wednesday is the one-month anniversary of that tragedy. We will have additional district administrative support at both high schools Wednesday. She reiterated that our focus will be to ensure students are safe, supervised, and able to have their voices heard. “We respect the rights of all students, whether they choose to participate or not. Absences associated with the walkout will be excused.”
- Superintendent Stubblefield acknowledged that Dr. Anthony Lewis spent the day in the district last Monday visiting several schools, and meeting with board officers, LEA officers and building representatives, and jointly with the Equity Advisory Council and DELTA.
- Superintendent Stubblefield invited the community to join the board, Dr. Lewis, and herself for our spring Community Conversation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on April 3 at the Lawrence Public Library. In addition to follow-up on topics discussed in the fall, we will get feedback on the high start times proposal.
- Superintendent Stubblefield shared that Dr. Lewis has accepted invitations to speak to the Lawrence Board of Realtors and Home Builders Association on March 27, and at a luncheon hosted by The Chamber on April 10.
- Superintendent Stubblefield acknowledged that the board is approving the selection of learning coach Sunny Halsted as New York Elementary principal as part of its personnel report tonight. She stated that “Sunny is well respected for her leadership and success during 14 years as a paraeducator, classroom teacher, athletics coach, curriculum facilitator, and learning coach.”
- Superintendent Stubblefield shared that it was thrilling to be in Topeka for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America’s Kansas Youth of the Year competition last Wednesday. Free State junior Ruth Gathunguri is Lawrence’s fourth state winner in seven years. Ms. Gathunguri represents us well and will compete next regionally in Dallas.
- Superintendent Stubblefield attended some of the state high school boys’ basketball games in Wichita. She extended Congratulations to Lawrence High for reaching the state semi-finals, and to Free State for finishing State Runner-Up. Both teams had great seasons.
- She was proud to announce that Free State High School and Southwest Middle School won the Kansas Scholastic Chess Association State Championships in K-12 and K-8 this weekend.
- Superintendent Stubblefield extended Congratulations also to Lawrence High for numerous honors in the Kansas Scholastic Press Association regional contest.

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- Superintendent Stubblefield shared that as part of the Adventures in Imagination Partnership funded by US Bank, Kansas author-illustrator Brad Sneed visited all
- of our elementary schools last week to talk about the writing and illustrating process.
- Lastly, Superintendent Stubblefield reminded us about the following calendar events-
 - The fifth annual Free State High student artist Youth Art Month exhibition will be on display through the month of March at La Prima Tazza.
 - Secondary parent-teacher conferences will be held this week. Middle and high school teachers look forward to visiting with parents about student progress.
 - All students will be out of school on Friday due to the secondary conference week schedule. We also have an Elementary Plan Day on Friday.
 - Spring Break is next week, March 19-23. Our district offices also will be closed on the Friday of Spring Break

PATRON COMMENTARY

President Kimball asked for patron comment on any item not included on the agenda. Several public comments were regarding an agenda item and were moved to later in the meeting.

Diane Vigna shared information and invited the public to attend the March For Our Lives March & Rally on Saturday, March 24th at 10am at South Park Gazebo.

BOARD COMMENTARY

Several board members provided an update on any committees or meetings they had recently attended.

Jessica Beeson...

...On behalf of the Board of Education, Board Vice President Jessica Beeson acknowledged and expressed sincere appreciation to the following:

...Jean Frankel for her 3 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 24, 2018.

...Penny Kramer for her 28 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 24, 2018.

...Carol Whalen for her 16 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective March 30, 2018.

...Dennis Burgess for his 25 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 31, 2018.

...Joyce Anderson for her 14 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 24, 2018.

...Sandra Kircher for her 33 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective June 8, 2018.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Jill Fincher, 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 February 26, 2018 regular meeting
- The March 12, 2018 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

FUND	FUND DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
001	GENERAL	234,656.85
002	LOCAL OPTION BUDGET	100,655.58
003	FOOD SERVICE	125,594.51
004	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	2,098.31
005	SPECIAL EDUCATION	190,417.96
009	CAPITAL OUTLAY	109,879.56
018	VIRTUAL SCHOOL	62,009.50
020	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	20,855.00
021	BILINGUAL FUND	15,289.10
022	PARENTS AS TEACHERS	311.26
024	STUDENTS MATLS REVOLVE	6,737.80
025	AT RISK (K-12)	32.58
036	2017 BONDS	353,400.66
037	LEASE PROJ 23 RD ST	886,049.50
040 18	TITLE 1 2018	3,305.02
043 18	INDIAN EDUC TITLE 2018	339.00
044 17	JOHNSON O'MALLEY 2017	261.00
046 18	TITLE IIA 2018	5,640.50
047 17	TITLE III ESL 2017	1,012.56
050 18	TITLE VIBDIS 2018	1,071.20
053 18	KMSG MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018	2,252.61
095	PAYROLL FUND	422,909.92
275	SPECTRA-MEDICAID	20,927.49
800	LOC/DON/GRA	6,235.67
	GRAND TOTAL	2,571,943.14

- Approvals of the following:
 - Approve Audit Contract for fiscal year end June 30, 2018
 - Greenbush Lease
 - Mowing Services Contract
 - District Wide Grounds Equipment-Mower Replacement
 - CTE Technology Replacement
 - Topographical Survey Agreement w/BG Consultants-Lawrence High School

REPORT & APPROVAL

Elementary Science Curriculum Purchase-Mystery Science-

The Kansas State Board of Education adopted the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) in 2013. As a result of the adoption, students in grades K-5 were in need of a science resource aligned with the new standards and district curriculum expectations.

Darcy Kraus, director, elementary school support, shared that upon adoption of the NGSS, an Elementary Science Leadership Team began sharing the standards with teachers and investigating and field testing NGSS-aligned instructional resources. The team met monthly to explore, vet, and discuss available curriculum options that satisfied district criteria. Using a comprehensive curriculum rubric to examine alignment to standards, cultural relevance, student engagement, differentiated instruction, progress monitoring, and overall quality, the team pared six resources to its top three. Following in-depth presentations and discussions of each resource, the team recommended Mystery Science.

Elementary teachers shared with the board that advantages of the online resource and kits that contain mysteries or experiments include student and parent engagement, ties to current events, continual updates, and accessibility for all learners, such as English Language Learners and students with special needs. Teachers added that Mystery Science provides 24/7 online support, the use of technical text, and is easy to use as an “open-and-go resource.”

Upon a motion by Rick Ingram, seconded by G.R. Gordon-Ross, the Board voted in a 7-0 roll call vote to approve a two-year membership at a cost of \$28,000 to Mystery Science as a primary resource for use in the K-5 elementary curriculum, beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

REPORT

Safety & Security Districtwide-

Lawrence Public Schools continually evaluate school safety and security measures. As part of this ongoing effort to improve district readiness and emergency planning, the administration has developed a series of recommendations for the future.

Executive Director of Facilities and Operations Tony Barron and Director of Operations Ron May presented a list of considerations to the board. They included improvements in the areas of collaboration with law enforcement, campus security services and measures, increased staffing, updates to crisis plan procedures, professional development training for staff, and improved districtwide communication systems.

For additional information about the proposals, please visit the board’s agenda at www.usd497.org/schoolboard.

Executive Session-Security Matters

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jill Fincher, the Board of Education voted in a unanimous voice vote, to recess to executive session to discuss district and building level emergency/crisis plans pursuant to the exception under KOMA for school security matters to ensure the security of the school, its buildings and/or its systems are not jeopardized; with Anna Stubblefield, Tony Barron, Ron May and David Cunningham, invited to be present; and with the board will return to open session in this room at 8:55pm with possible action to follow.”

At 8:58 pm, the board returned to open session and declared there was no action to take at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:58 p.m., a motion was made by Jill Fincher, seconded by Kelly Jones, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Dawn Downing
Deputy Clerk, Board of Education