

**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 23, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:08 p.m., Board President Shannon Kimball called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

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 and 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>			
Tammy Becker	Jennifer Bessolo	Carol Cadue- Blackwood	Michelle Cadue
Steve Cadue	Samrie Devin	Dietrich Earnhart	Cole Emerson
Laurie Folsom	Shane Heiman	Denise Johnson	Patrick Kelly
Braden Kirkpatrick	Michael Koonce	Darcy Kraus	Heather Lofflin
Ron May	Kolton Meyer	Cat Monroe	Andrew Nussbaum
Cheryl Nussbaum	Julitha Rials	Brian Roth	Kim Roth
Stan Roth	Gary Schmidt	Njeri Shomari	David Vignery
Ellen Willets	Leah Wisdom	Kirsten Wondra	
Kristen Ryan	Kyle Camarada	Kathy Bowen	Deb Husted
Anna Heinritz	Devin Heath		

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Melissa Johnson, seconded by Jessica Beeson, the board voted in a unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as published.

Special Recognitions

The board recognized a large number of students. They included-

- Kansas Scholastic Chess Association K-8 State Champions from Southwest Middle School and K-12 State Champions from Free State High School
- Kansas City Area Teachers of Mathematics Student Honors
- Destination Imagination Student Honors
- Future City and Model United Nations Student Honors from Liberty Memorial Central Middle School

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

- President Shannon Kimball shared that on April 12, she had the opportunity to attend a Discover Bert Nash session with Kelly Jones. They learned about the services that are provided both to adults and youth in our community and toured their facility. It was a very informative session. There is another opportunity to attend a session like that on Thursday, April 26 from 12 to 1 PM. If any board member would like to attend please let President Kimball know.
- Also on April 17, President Kimball and Ms. Jones attended the board lunch at Schwegler Elementary. They heard about their shared leadership model and how they have integrated that model throughout their Ci3T, equity, and other work in the building.
- On Thursday, April 19th, President Kimball volunteered to assist with the Positive Bright Start fundraiser in downtown Lawrence. She enjoyed seeing lots of donors out to support that program and getting to know more about the work that they do with infants through pre-K students in our community.
- President Kimball acknowledged that the policy committee also met on April 19.
- President Kimball extended a "Thank you" to all the staff and board members who attended Dr. Anthony Lewis's talk at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on April 10.
- President Kimball announced that on April 30 board officers and Dr. Stubblefield will be meeting with a planning group regarding plans to incorporate an educational or honorary component to the construction project for the Billy Mills Middle School name change.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Superintendent Anna Stubblefield shared that we learned today that Lawrence High AP History teacher Valerie Schrag has been nominated to represent Kansas for the Harris History Teacher Award from the National History Day Program. This honor recognizes teachers who engage students in historical learning in innovative ways, preparing them for college and careers. The award is given to one middle and one high school teacher each year. We think Valerie is a great choice for this \$5,000 award to be announced in June.
- Speaking of National History Day, Superintendent Stubblefield acknowledged that three of the nine Lawrence High students who competed at the Kansas State History Day competition on Saturday qualified for the National History Day competition this summer. Junior William Yanek placed first in senior historical papers with his entry, "The Battle of Blair Mountain: Lack of Compromise led to Conflict in West Virginia Coal Fields;" and sophomores Elijah Eklund and Ryan

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (continued)

Claycamp placed second in senior group exhibits with their entry titled "Treaty of Versailles." These are students of Valerie Schrag, Tracy Murray, and Jack Hood.

- Superintendent Stubblefield also shared that two South Middle School seventh-graders, Thomas Lushington and Frances Parker, won the first-place Junior Computational Science, Bioinformatics, and Mathematics Award sponsored by Burns & McDonnell, and the Archie Dykes Library of Health Sciences Award at the Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair. In addition, Channing Saint Onge, a Cordley fifth-grader, won second place at the Greater Kansas City Science & Engineering Fair in the Intermediate Molecular Bio/Chem & Health Science category. Great job by these three students!
- Superintendent Stubblefield extended congratulations to Lawrence High School alumna Sadie Keller (Class of 2015). Sadie, who attends Oberlin College, is a 2018 Truman Scholar and will receive up to \$30,000 for graduate study.
- Lastly, Superintendent Stubblefield invited the board and the public to Friday's Foundation Follies, a faculty variety show fundraiser that benefits our schools. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for Happy Hour, and the show starts at 7:00 Friday at Liberty Hall. Tickets are available in the Foundation office or on its website. She will be appearing as Elsa in a snow day spoof of "Frozen." The Follies are always a lot of fun.

PATRON COMMENTARY

President Kimball asked for patron comment on any item not included on the agenda.

...*Gary Schmidt*

-thanked the school district for 3-year plan being initiated at LMCMS regarding Restorative Justice. He is hopeful that the district will have all schools to utilize Restorative Justice practices and that the board will provide timelines and progress updates.

...*Dietrich Earnhart*

-discussed the 19th Street expansion (with connection to O'Connell Rd). The proposed plan is to widen 19th Street (east of Haskell Ave) from 22 to 47 feet. Mr. Dietrich is a member of the 19th Street Neighborhood Coalition who is against this proposal due to the increased traffic it will bring and how it could be dangerous to children attending Kennedy, Cordley and LHS. This is an issue to be discussed at the May 8th City Commission meeting. The coalition has requested a formal letter from the board indicating LPS is not in support of this proposal.

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:

...Linda Van Coevern for her 27 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 24, 2018.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Melissa Johnson, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote to amend the Personnel Report to accept the position change (not resignation) of a specific staff member.

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 with the amended personnel information. The consent agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the April 9, 2018 regular meeting
- The April 23, 2018 amended personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

FUND	FUND DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
001	GENERAL	337,926.78
003	FOOD SERVICE	133,464.76
004	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	4,703.90
005	SPECIAL EDUCATION	5,351.65
009	CAPITAL OUTLAY	124,787.15
015	ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	75.68
018	VIRTUAL SCHOOL	22,603.24
020	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	10,830.60
021	BILINGUAL FUND	2,649.31
024	STUDENTS MATLS REVOLVE	2,962.45
025	AT RISK (K-12)	63.61
036	2017 BONDS	72,274.00
040 18	TITLE 1 2018	7,552.67
044 17	JOHNSON O'MALLEY 2017	1,522.64
046 17	TITLE IIA 2017	13,156.00
046 18	TITLE IIA 2018	3,998.40
048 18	CARL PERKINS 2018	608.80
050 18	TITLE VIBDIS 2018	3,570.00
054 18	KS DEAF/BLIND 2018	24.98
095	PAYROLL FUND	354,348.35
275	SPECTRA-MEDICAID	35,311.22
800	LOC/DON/GRA	15,005.13
	GRAND TOTAL	1,152,791.32

Consent Agenda (continued)

- Approvals of the following:
 - School Dude Solutions Software Renewal - Facilities & Operations
 - Acceptance of Donation & Purchase of Playground Equipment - Schwegler
 - Amendment to Contract with Benchmark Construction - East Heights
 - Renovation/Construction Agreement – Wakarusa
 - KASB Annual Membership Renewal (2018-19)
 - KASB Legal Assistance Fund Contract & Service Fee (2018-19)
 - Purchase of Learning A-Z's product RAZ-Plus
 - Renewal of Fortinet Firewall Solution
 - Fee for Out of District Students select LCCC courses
 - AVID Conference Registration

REPORT

Budget Update-

Executive Director of Finance Kathy Johnson led a follow-up discussion about budget planning considerations previously introduced at the board's April 9, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Johnson shared that the Kansas Legislature passed a new school finance bill, but made an \$80 million technical error in the legislation that will need to be fixed when lawmakers return to Topeka this week. The bill, as intended, also inflates the amount of new money the district would receive by including 15% of the Local Option Budget in its General Fund calculation.

An amendment proposed to Senate Bill 423 would clarify the calculation of base state aid. Lacking clear budget parameters for 2018-2019, the board continues to wait to see what the Legislature will do and how the Kansas Supreme Court will rule on the constitutionality of the new school finance law.

Johnson reviewed a list of requests for additions and reductions to the budget totaling \$4.7 million. Board members and executive leadership team members had individually ranked the requests prior to the board's discussion on April 9. Johnson explained that based on those rankings and the board's previous feedback, the requests fell into high, medium, and low priority groupings.

The requests include -

- staff compensation and benefits
- additional support for
 - classroom instruction
 - special education
 - Parents as Teachers
 - student support services
 - curriculum and instruction
 - library media
 - technology
 - central office
 - custodial
- safety and security budget items.

Budget Report (continued)

Johnson reviewed some of the individual budget considerations, providing clarification of new funding and position requests. Student support, mental health, and safety and security requests, as well as class size reductions garnered the most discussion. These include a district request for a life safety supervisor and additional active shooter training for staff. The middle schools requested school resource officers and security staff.

The high schools each currently have two school resource officers on-site. They are employees of the Lawrence Police Department, paid by the city, and assigned to the schools. The high schools also have security staff, who are district employees. Middle schools have had SRO support in the past, provided by the city under a federal grant, but currently do not have either SROs or security staff on-site.

Other budget requests include middle school interventionists, district-level requests for additional student services and special education staffing, and board member requests to improve the staffing ratio to address class sizes at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

The discussion of budget considerations for next year will continue when the board meets in May.

The budget report may be found as part of the online agenda at www.usd497.org/schoolboard.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:32 p.m., a motion was made by Rick Ingram, seconded by Jessica Beeson, 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