

**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 14, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:17 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>			
Carol Cadue- Blackwood	Lori Byers	Michelle Cadue	George Blackwood
William Dent	Samrie Devin	Elliott Whisenant	Lori Whisenant
Laurie Folsom	Janice Fullerton	Shane Heiman	Jamiah Hicks
Keith Jones	Patrick Kelly	Brad Kempf	Darcy Kraus
Troy Landers	Jeannie Meras	Charlie & David Nigro	Johnny Paradise
Stan Roth	Gary Schmidt	Njeri Shomari	Scott Wagner
Jeanette Waltheir	Tom & Rheanne Walton	Rebecca Weeks	Charles Walther
Lana Grove	Al & Freda Gipp	Kathy Gates	David Gates
Sam Goddard	Ceri Goulter	Katherine Ritter	Alan Hollinger
Caleb Hubbard	Kelli, Angela, & Ivy Snyder	Scott, Susie & Liam McKinney	June & Jaime Baggett
Michelle Iwig- Harmon	Hamidah Gerami	Mikah & Kristine Beaty	Lura Stuctwil

Marie Stockett	Jeff Wilson	Josephine Landes	Georgia Blackwood
Jo Jo Blackwood	Dennis Blackwood	Cole Huang	Jade B.
Arianna Waller	Tonya Waller	Angel Waller	Len & Kathy Nichol
Scott Bliss	Shelli Vlmer	Hossein Gerami	Sala Gerami
Julie M	Richard C.	Sandhya Ravikumar	Ravi Ravikumar

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by G.R. Gordon-Ross, the board voted in a unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as published.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-NEGOTIATIONS

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jessica Beeson, the Board of Education recessed to executive session to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract to discuss negotiations, pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, with Anna Stubblefield, Jerri Kemble, David Cunningham, Kathy Johnson, Samrie Devin, and Matt Brungardt, invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 6:48 pm with possible action to follow.

The board returned at 6:49 pm and indicated there was no action to be taken at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Jill Fincher, the Board of Education recessed to executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed; with Anna Stubblefield, David Cunningham, Samrie Devin, and Kathy Johnson, invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 7:05 pm with possible action to follow

The board returned at 7:05 pm and indicated there was no action to be taken at this time.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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

- Kansas Delegate to U.S. Senate Youth Program and National Youth Science Camp (Sandhya Ravikumar, FSHS)
- Legislative Advocacy Leading to Changes in Kansas Organ Donation Law (Elliott Whisenant, FSHS)
- Model United Nations Student Honors (SMS)
- Kansas History Day Student Honors (SMS)
- Legislative Advocacy Leading to Passage of the Kansas Regalia Law (Georgia Blackwood)
- Team STEAM Robotics Honors (Districtwide)
- Fair Housing Poster Contest Winners (Districtwide)

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

- President Kimball honored board members G.R. Gordon Ross and Kelly Jones with a certificate of completion from KASB recognizing their participation in KASB's 2018 Foundations of Boardsmanship training.
- President Kimball shared that board officers have set June 26 for the board retreat with Dr. Lewis, details to follow once the agenda and location are finalized.
- There have been quite a few end-of-year events, and President Kimball attended several including Showtime at Lawrence High School on April 26, and the Reasons to Believe Reception at South Middle School on April 27. She also attended the Lawrence Schools Foundation's Foundation Follies on April 27, and appreciated the impressive talents of all our teachers and staff who participated in the show.
- President Kimball shared that the board's Facilities committee met on May 1 to review the agenda item on consent this evening for the final GMP for Free State High School.
- President Kimball shared that she was pleased to attend the staff mixer hosted by Truity Credit Union at the Jayhawk Club on May 2. She felt it was nice to help our staff celebrate the end of a successful year.
- On May 7, President Kimball and Dr. Stubblefield had the opportunity to hear Governor Colyer speak at a Lawrence Chamber luncheon. He touched on school funding and the Gannon case in his remarks.
- President Kimball discussed the policy committee meeting on May 7 in which they reviewed feedback on the fundraising policy on this evening's agenda and discussed examples of gifts and donations policies from other school districts in the area.
- On May 10, President Kimball had the special opportunity to see Michele Duncan at Sunset Hill Elementary receive the Bobs Award from the Lawrence Schools Foundation. This is a very special \$10,000 award that this group of Lawrence community members has been funding for over 20 years. It was an amazing surprise for Ms. Duncan!
- Finally, President Kimball attended the end-of-year band concert at West Middle School. She is continually impressed by the music and arts instruction our district provides to our students. It was a great show.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Superintendent Stubblefield shared that we will be working to assemble a High School Start Times Advisory Council this month. We will send an application out this week for interested parent representatives and ask LEA, principals, Boys and Girls Club, The Chamber, and each of our existing advisory groups to select representatives to the Council. The board president will need to appoint two board members to serve. The Council will meet monthly, or more as needed, from June-December, and bring a recommendation to the board in January.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (continued)

- Superintendent Stubblefield extended Congratulations to the following-
 - Lawrence High assistant principal and athletic director Bill DeWitt, who has been selected as principal of adult education services and alternative programming.
 - Michele Duncan, Sunset Hill second-grade teacher and the recipient of this year's Lawrence Schools Foundation's Special Award for Teaching Excellence, also called The Bobs Award, and \$10,000.

- Superintendent Stubblefield reminded us that our high school seniors will wrap up their school year this week. Finals are on Wednesday and Thursday. Graduation season is upon us!

- Superintendent Stubblefield shared that we are very proud of all of our graduates and are excited to see them preparing to go on to post-secondary education and careers, and to make their mark on the world. The board and the public are welcome to attend these ceremonies to celebrate our graduates.
 - Project Search will celebrate its graduates at 10:00 Thursday morning at the district office, upstairs in the Multi-Purpose Room.
 - The Community Transition Program honors its graduates at 10:00 Friday morning in the board room at the district office.
 - Lawrence Virtual School will host its commencement at 1:00 Saturday afternoon in the Free State High School auditorium.
 - Free State High's graduation next week is Tuesday night at 7:00 at the Free State Football Stadium.
 - Lawrence High's graduation next week is Wednesday night at 7:00 at the Lawrence High Football Stadium.
 - Our final graduation is the Adult Education Center's celebration on June 7 at 7:00 in the evening in the Lawrence High auditorium.

- Superintendent Stubblefield indicated that following our graduations, turf replacement will begin at both high schools. Free State High School's football field and track will be closed to the general public this summer. Lawrence High's football field and track will be open to the public until June 30th, but will be closed for the remainder of the summer. She invited patrons to use our middle school athletic fields for exercise this summer.

- Lastly Superintendent Stubblefield took a moment to publicly acknowledge all of the retiring teachers and staff for their years of commitment and dedication to our schools. Our schools will recognize more than 50 retirees this month. We thank all of them for their support of student achievement and success, and wish them well during their retirement years.

PATRON COMMENTARY

None at this time

BOARD COMMENTARY

Kelly Jones provided an update on the LiveWell Sexual Violence Prevention Ad Hoc Committee meeting that she attended.

Jessica Beeson...

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

...Bret Jones for his 7 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 24, 2018.

...Margaret Jones for her 6 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 24, 2018.

...Steven Stemmerman for his 24 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 24, 2018.

...Paula Meuffel for her 36 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 31, 2018.

...Mary Rooney for her 14 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 31, 2018.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Rick Ingram, 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 April 23, 2018 regular meeting
- Financial Reports
- Personnel Report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

FUND	FUND DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
001	GENERAL	557,245.15
002	LOCAL OPTION BUDGET	219,773.93
003	FOOD SERVICE	152,338.06
004	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	2,312.11
005	SPECIAL EDUCATION	439,081.50
006	DRIVERS TRAINING	19.38
009	CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,756,560.85
015	ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	73.25
018	VIRTUAL SCHOOL	19,090.98
020	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	41,883.32
021	BILINGUAL FUND	2,436.96
022	PARENTS AS TEACHERS	273.80

FUND	FUND DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (continued)
024	STUDENTS MATLS REVOLVE	27,183.82
025	AT RISK (K-12)	59.40
031	CONTINGENCY RESERVE	7,423.21
035	2013 BONDS	3,877.00
036	2017 BONDS	569,521.62
037	LEASE PROJ 23RD ST	388,745.75
040 18	TITLE 1 2018	1,957.70
044 17	JOHNSON O'MALLEY 2017	1,397.26
046 17	TITLE IIA 2017	7,098.35
046 18	TITLE IIA 2018	7,480.15
047 17	TITLE III ESL 2017	7,155.00
048 18	CARL PERKINS 2018	282.82
050 18	TITLE VIBDIS 2018	537.50
053 18	KMSG MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018	2,279.69
091	SALES TAX	452.98
095	PAYROLL FUND	681,922.97
275	SPECTRA-MEDICAID	25,228.55
450	WELLNESS FARM TO SCHOOL LOCAL	1,260.00
800	LOC/DON/GRA	17,044.74
900	MEMORIAL/SCHOLARSHIP	400.00
	GRAND TOTAL	5,942,397.80

- Approvals of the following:
 - Amendment to McCownGordon Contract-2017 Bond- Free State
 - Capital Lease for HSOA Improvements Approve Lease Bid Results
 - Amendment to Benchmark Construction- East Heights
 - Construction Agreement with JP Construction LLC- Wakarusa
 - Roof-Schwickerts- East Heights
 - Technology Equipment Recycling
 - Reimbursement for Student Losses

REPORT & APPROVAL

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. These considerations include enrollment projections and an additional six teaching positions necessary to maintain current staffing levels districtwide.

The board must budget next year for staffing positions it added during the current school year, such as a school nurse and nursing facilitator stipend, additional pay for teachers supervising student tech teams, additional hours for physical education staffing, and a communication specialist added in January.

REPORT & APPROVAL (continued)

Other requests before the board include staffing additions in custodial services, special education, student services, library media services, and technology services, as well as funding for additional safety and security training and consultation.

The board must weigh these requests for additional staffing with its desire to improve employee compensation and benefits and make up for its deficit spending during the years that the district operated under state block-grant funding.

The board acknowledged that the district is in a difficult position because final budget numbers are still unknown and we still need to negotiate for salaries. Anything that the board approves now won't be available for salaries.

Despite the fact that we know we are getting new money this year, because of the depth of underfunding that has occurred in public schools for a long time, there is a long list of items needed. It was agreed that we need all of them; however, we can't possibly do all of it this year.

Interim Superintendent Anna Stubblefield indicated that some of the new positions could have a more direct and immediate impact on student success. Those rose to the top of the priority list.

Upon a motion by Jill Fincher, seconded by G.R. Gordon-Ross, the board approved in a 6-0 roll call vote to hire five new positions: three special education teachers and two middle school interventionists, totaling \$212,000.

REPORTS

Middle School Tech Teams

Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent of leading, learning and technology, along with three middle school teachers shared information regarding the middle school tech teams. About 75 students are now involved in middle school Tech Teams. They assist with technology questions and challenges, and help teachers inform students of school announcements, opportunities, and behavior expectations. The students also learn what the devices can do through coding and robotics. They also create how-to videos to assist teachers and students.

After the 1:1 rollout of iPads in its four middle schools in recent years, the district found that an influx of technology needs became taxing for school library media specialists and teachers. Mrs. Kemble shared that from that need, it was decided to utilize the resident tech experts, our students, to help us.

The teachers and students from the various school tech teams were there to share how being involved with these teams has been beneficial to themselves as well as the school. "I learned a lot about customer service. We try to alleviate pressure on staff members with technology problems, such as with iPad checkout and check-in," said one student.

Chris Davis, South Middle School technology teacher, who sponsors his school's Tech Team stated, "It is a vibrant part of our school community. We have 17 students on Tech Team at South. They love what they do for teachers and helping in class. When they

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show someone how to fix a problem, it grows, and soon we have 100 people who know how to fix problems.”

Fundraising Policy-

Kathy Johnson, executive director of finance, and David Cunningham, executive director of human resources/chief legal counsel, discussed the third iteration of a new policy to outline better practices for safe and accountable fundraising, particularly when funds are being raised by school staff and students.

Board president Kimball added that the new policy sets guidelines for district staff and students, not parents. The policy is not meant to discourage fundraising. It is meant to encourage sound business practices and help the district stay in compliance with state and federal laws; ultimately limiting liability for staff involved in fundraising.

One of the concerns board members have heard from staff and parents about the new policy deals with its prohibition of door-to-door solicitation. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children advises against door-to-door sales. It is a common issue in front of boards.

Board member Kelly Jones and associate director of field education in KU's School of Social Welfare. shared her experiences regarding home visits and the inherent danger/risk involved. “It is my professional recommendation that we do not put children in this particular situation,” said Ms. Jones.

The board will consider approval of the new fundraising policy at its next meeting on May 29.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:31 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