

**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 29, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:02 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	Julie Boyle, executive director,
Jill Fincher	communications
G.R. Gordon-Ross	Kevin Harrell, executive director,
Rick Ingram	student services & special education
Melissa Johnson	Kathy Johnson, executive director,
Kelly Jones	Finance
	Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, leading, learning & technology
	Paula Murrish, executive director, nutrition & wellness/printing & purchasing
	Dawn Downing, deputy clerk

Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)

Rachel Asbury	Dennis Blackwood	Carole Cadue-Blackwood	Jose Cornejo
Carla D.	Laurie Folsom	Darcy Kraus	Elvyn Jones, LJWorld
Michael Maher	Andrew Nussbaum	Gary Schmidt	Bill Winkler

Approval of Agenda

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

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

- President Shannon Kimball proudly shared that all board members had the privilege of congratulating our Free State and Lawrence High graduating classes of 2018 last week. Graduation is always a highlight of the year, and she again congratulated all our graduates, and to our students and staff who received special awards at the graduation ceremonies.
- President Kimball reported that the policy committee met earlier today and had additional discussions about the fundraising policy on tonight's consent agenda,

REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT (Continued)

as well as continuing discussions about donations and gifts policies. Recent issues that have come to the fore regarding cell phone use and policies, particularly at the middle school level, as well as our acceptable use policies and discipline issues related to district-issued devices, were also discussed.

- Finally, President Kimball addressed two recent City of Lawrence planning issues that have come to the board's attention. First, the proposed widening and expansion of 19th Street from O'Connell road eastward, and second, the recent recommendation from the city's transportation commission to create a bicycle boulevard extending from Iowa to Massachusetts. Both of these proposed projects could potentially significantly impact Lawrence Public Schools buildings. With respect to the proposed 19th Street project, there are serious concerns about the impacts of that project on Cordley Elementary School. Within the past three years the district completed an over \$9 million dollar renovation of that building, which included reorienting the front entrance to the original entrance on 19th Street and removing the unsightly chain link fence that closed off the school from the street. Notably, any increase in traffic on 19th Street, or widening of the street at that location, would have potential and substantial safety implications for that school, not to mention the negative impact on access to the building given our investment in reorienting the entrance to the historic 19th Street side of the property.

Both the 19th Street project and the proposed bicycle boulevard along 21st Street have the potential to significantly impact traffic around and access to Lawrence High School. As we embark on a \$50 million reinvestment in LHS, of particular concern would be any plans to widen 19th Street at that location or to change or limit access to the school from 21st Street as a result of the bicycle boulevard project.

President Kimball shared her comments with the following in mind—to convey to the board members, her very strong encouragement for them to reach out to the City Commissioners providing their input on these two projects, and to do so soon. Also, she shared that Dr. Stubblefield will be following up with the city manager, Mr. Markus, to further discuss how the district will provide input on these issues.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Superintendent Anna Stubblefield discussed the Kansas school funding litigation that has been ongoing for years. In the most recent case, it is possible that the Kansas Supreme Court could issue an order to close schools if it rules that the Legislature has failed to provide a finance system that meets the constitutional requirements of adequacy and equity. The school district is making plans should we have to comply with such an order. In terms of teacher compensation, we have worked with the LEA to communicate to teachers that all certified payments will be direct deposited as scheduled in July and August. We will continue to keep employees informed as we learn more.
- Superintendent Stubblefield shared that Negotiations sessions are planned on June 4, and June 18 at 5 p.m.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT (Continued)

- Superintendent Stubblefield reminded us about the following-
 - Turf replacement on the high school outdoor athletic fields begins today. Free State High's stadium will be closed to the general public this summer. Lawrence High's will remain open until June 30. Patrons are welcome to exercise on the middle school tracks.
 - Bond construction at South and Southwest Middle Schools also begins this summer. The goals of those two projects are to provide flexible spaces to enhance students' educational experiences; modernize library media centers; upgrade infrastructure and aging building systems to deliver more energy efficient, high-performance schools; and renovate restrooms and locker rooms to improve student privacy.
 - LPS will partner with other community organizations to provide FREE breakfast and lunch for children ages 1-18 this summer in a variety of locations, beginning June 4. The specific details may be found on our website.
 - K-12 summer bus passes are \$10, and may be purchased at grocery stores, recreations centers, and at City Hall.
 - Community non-profit agencies will begin accepting applications for FREE school supplies, shoes, and backpacks for families who qualify on June 25 at ECKAN and July 9 at The Salvation Army. Those details also may be found on our website.

- Superintendent Stubblefield extended Congratulations to the following-
 - Executive Director Kevin Harrell and our special education team. The Kansas State Department of Education has assigned the district the highest "Meets Requirements" level of determination through the IDEA State Performance Plan Report. The district earned this status level by meeting substantial compliance on all 14 State Performance Plan district-level indicators, including the submission of timely and accurate data. This represents excellent work on the part of our special education staff.
 - South Middle School Mental Health Team for receiving the district's Rick Doll Teamwork Award, along with \$1,000 from LEAP partner Truist Credit Union.
 - Lawrence High School's Total Equality Alliance club was selected as a finalist for Gender/Sexuality Alliance of the Year, and was mentioned in the program as Honor Roll Members at the 2018 Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Education Network Respect Awards in New York City. This event showcases the work of those who have made a significant impact on the lives of LGBTQ+ youth. Superintendent Stubblefield shared that she appreciated Lawrence High's Total Equality Alliance for its efforts.
 - All of our 2018 graduates and their families (once again).

- Superintendent Stubblefield acknowledged that we celebrated the retirements of 65 employees this month. She thanked them for their combined 1,450 years of service and wished them well in the future.

- Superintendent Stubblefield shared that we have one final graduation ceremony left this school year. The Adult Learning Center and Diploma-Completion

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (continued)

Program will host its graduation at 7 p.m. on June 7 in the Lawrence High auditorium. The board and the public is invited to attend.

- Lastly, Superintendent Stubblefield mentioned that May 31st was the deadline to apply for the High School Start Time Advisory Committee.

PATRON COMMENTARY

President Kimball asked for patron comment on any item not included on the agenda. There was none at this time.

BOARD COMMENTARY

Jessica Beeson...

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

...Margaret Bowman for her 29 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 24, 2018.

...Beverly Hyde for her 42 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 24, 2018.

...Charlene Jimboy for her 10 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 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 May 14, 2018 regular meeting
- The May 29, 2018 amended personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

	FUND DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
001	GENERAL	469,034.08
002	LOCAL OPTION BUDGET	211,254.86
003	FOOD SERVICE	131,038.88
004	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	5,417.85
005	SPECIAL EDUCATION	330,169.06
009	CAPITAL OUTLAY	246,679.91
018	VIRTUAL SCHOOL	95,641.99
020	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	5,703.04
021	BILINGUAL FUND	613.68
022	PARENTS AS TEACHERS	547.11

FUND	FUND DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (continued)
024	STUDENTS MATLS REVOLVE	2,422.46
026	AR RISK 4 YEAR OLD	10.00
030	WORK COMP RESERVE	6,677.43
035	2013 BONDS	4,835.50
036	2017 BONDS	179,179.06
040 18	TITLE 1 2018	5,907.74
043 18	INDIAN EDUC TITLE 2018	145.92
044 17	JOHNSON O'MALLEY 2017	330.97
046 17	TITLE IIA 2017	299.00
046 18	TITLE IIA 2018	23,852.33
047 17	TITLE III ESL 2017	357.00
048 18	CARL PERKINS 2018	738.33
050 18	TITLE VIBDIS 2018	142.80
053 18	KMSG MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018	2,264.11
095	PAYROLL FUND	2,742,632.43
275	SPECTRA-MEDICAID	6,976.05
800	LOC/DON/GRA	10,028.04
	GRAND TOTAL	4,482,899.63

Consent Agenda (continued)

- Approvals of the following:
 - Final/2nd reading of Fundraising Policy
 - Playground Equipment - Quail Run
 - Football Scoreboard - Free State
 - Alice Training Agreement - District-wide
 - Amendment to Construction Mgt. Contract - KBS Constructors, Inc.
 - Health Insurance Renewal for the 2018-19 Plan Year
 - Odysseyware Licenses
 - FY2019 Perkins Grant

REPORTS

Mental Health Update-

Jose Cornejo, mental health facilitator, and Kevin Harrell, executive director, student services/special education shared information related to the district goal to enhance programming and supports to meet the varied academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs of each student. They also discussed how the district meets the professional development needs of teachers and staff so they can provide support for students, including examining behaviors that drive student needs.

“When we talk about mental health, we are really talking about the social-emotional needs of our students and how those social-emotional and behavioral needs impact students’ academic needs” explained Mr. Cornejo.

The building service providers include administrators, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, parent facilitators, school nurses and the WRAP Specialist.

Mental Health Update (Continued)

The report focused on our school mental health teams, the district's partnership with Bert Nash Community Center, including the placement of WRAP social workers in schools; and how school staff support students' families in accessing community resources and services.

Due to a plan for becoming a trauma-responsive school district, one of the major initiatives this year involved staff completing trauma-informed care modules. Other plans outlined include expanding training in restorative practices, providing parent education opportunities, and emphasizing stress management and self-care for staff.

An electronic referral form will be used districtwide next year to define the process for providing services to students. A tracking form will collect data about the number and type of referrals to identify patterns and inform professional development planning for staff.

It was stressed that no student is turned away from receiving services in our district. However, improving communication about what support systems are available will be an area of emphasis for the district.

Communications Planning-

Julie Boyle, executive director, communications, and Rachel Asbury, communications specialist outlined their communications planning efforts during the 2017-18 school year; crisis communication, and draft communication goals for the upcoming school year as it relates to the district's board goal to expand communication and community connections through increased engagement.

Their area of responsibility covers the following-

- Staff and School Community Relations
- Media Relations
- Public Information & Freedom of Information Officer
- District Recognition Program (8 Awards)
- District Staff Appreciation Events (3 for All Staff, 3- ESDC only)
- District Special Events
- Liaison to KU Spencer Research Library
- Liaison to Douglas County Assoc. Retired School Personnel
- District United Way Coordinator
- One Dream MLK Committee

Through School Messenger, the district's automated notification system, 364,027 phone calls and 317,181 emails were sent districtwide this year. Those numbers include automated attendance, tardy, lunch account balance, school outreach, and emergency notifications, such as inclement weather closures. With the district's transition to PowerSchool this fall, one of the goals is to communicate an opt-in process to meet the legal requirements to begin texting staff and parents.

After the board approved hiring a communication specialist, in January, the district launched its Twitter account. It currently has 792 followers; The district's Facebook page

Communications Planning Report (continued)

has 4,192 followers. School safety generates the most reactions and activity – retweets and shares, on both platforms. In the fall, the district will launch Instagram to engage students by sharing images and a blog style feed.

Other social media goals: introducing a social media Q&A for staff, sharing educational polls, contests, and tweet-a-longs with followers; and educating staff about productive social media use.

Among initiatives that top communication goals for the new school year are: engaging the school community in the new superintendent's entry plan, the board's strategic planning process, the district's transition to PowerSchool (replaces Skyward/Blackboard); KESA-the new school accreditation system, curriculum planning, and progress on school bond projects. Other communication priorities include: safety and security, the board's new fundraising policy, and a proposed change in high school start times, budget and school finance decisions, and the rededication of Billy Mills (formerly South) Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:29 p.m., a motion was made by Melissa Johnson, seconded by Rick Ingram, 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