

**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**

June 25, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 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	Tony Barron, executive director facilities & operations
G.R. Gordon-Ross	Julie Boyle, executive director, communications
Rick Ingram	David Cunningham, executive director, human resources/chief legal counsel
Melissa Johnson	Kevin Harrell, executive director, student services & special education
	Kathy Johnson, executive director, finance
<u>Absent</u>	Dawn Downing, deputy clerk
Jill Fincher	Alyse Proctor, incoming board clerk
Kelly Jones	

Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)

Brad Burnside	Andrew Davis	Samrie Devin	Debbie Harman
Shane Heiman	Joana Hlavecek, LJWorld	Andrea Johnson	Dr. Anthony Lewis
Tiffany Lewis	Ron May	Gary Schmidt	Njeri Shomari

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.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- The board recognized Junior Achievement for providing an economics curriculum in 267 classrooms, including all elementary, middle, and high schools in the district. This year 143 volunteers delivered programming, and the local board of directors raised funds to support its \$173,500 cost. JA reached nearly 6,000 students or 51% of students in the district. Debbie Harman (volunteer) and Brad

Burnside (Board Chair, Treasurer for the Lawrence Branch and Volunteer) were at the meeting and thanked for their service.

- **Outgoing Board President- Shannon Kimball**
Interim Superintendent Anna Stubblefield recognized the leadership of Board President Shannon Kimball. Mrs. Kimball was first elected to the board in 2011. She served twice as president, this year, and in 2014-15. In addition to participating in two superintendent searches and the appointment of an interim superintendent, Kimball was actively involved in a Local Option Budget election in 2015, the successful passage of the district's largest bond issue - \$92.5 million for facility and technology improvements, in 2013; and last year's \$87 million bond issue for secondary school improvements.

As is the district's tradition, Stubblefield presented Kimball with an original student artwork, a coil pot pitcher in the shape of a swan created by Free State High 2018 graduate Breanna McCracken in Bryan Lloyd's Ceramics class.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Kimball shared the following-

"Good evening. Thank you for this recognition. It has been such an honor and privilege to be board president this year. I am grateful to the community and to my fellow board members for allowing me the opportunity to do this work, which I truly love. This has been an exciting year of growth and change. Thank you to Jessica Beeson for your support and leadership this year as well, and thank you to Dr. Stubblefield for your guidance and wisdom as part of the board's leadership team. I am confident that our incoming board leadership, along with our new superintendent Dr. Lewis, will continue to move forward with the positive energy that we have created throughout this year."

President Kimball began her president's report with a special recognition as well. She thanked Dr. Stubblefield for her service as interim superintendent and shared the following-

"This is also Anna's last meeting as Interim Superintendent. We are very fortunate that Anna will continue in a leadership role for our district as Deputy Superintendent, starting July 1.

Anna was the just-right leader at the just-right time for our district, and I appreciate her willingness to serve in the interim, and to basically, perform two jobs this year.

She has continued to lead our district's efforts toward educational equity, personalized learning, and student-centered support. Having been a building principal and HR director for the district, she has cultivated strong relationships with staff, students, and the community. She continues to work collaboratively at all levels to help create a district culture in which student learning is the focus.

We have made great progress this year in inviting multiple perspectives in to discuss school priorities with our LGBTQ, Special Education, Equity, and parents of color advisory groups and the District Site Council. Anna is committed to transparency and collaborative leadership. She also helped us continue to place a high priority on school safety and security measures this year.

REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT (cont'd)

This is Anna's tenth year in Lawrence Public Schools. Prior to joining us, she served 11 years as an assistant principal in Blue Valley and a special education and English teacher and coach in Kansas City, Missouri.

We're lucky to have you on our leadership team, Anna. I know that you also serve as a leader on the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence Board of Directors, and understand that you have issued a challenge to KU Coach Bill Self to raise the most funds for the Club's Over the Edge event. You are planning to go over the edge yourself by rappelling from a downtown building, I am told . . .

We want to help you with that fundraising effort for a great cause – the Boys and Girls Club's new Teen Center. On behalf of the board and the district administrators, I would like to present you with this check toward your goal of raising \$10,000 for the Boys and Girls Club, exceeding Coach Self's goal, and going over the edge. I also invite the community to support you in that worthy effort.

Thank you so much, Anna. Enjoy some relaxation this summer, and then we'll continue to work together to move forward and keep the momentum going in the new school year.”

President Kimball reminded the board that they had their first annual board retreat, tomorrow beginning at 9 a.m. at the BTBC on KU's West Campus. She was looking forward to this opportunity for team building and capacity building with Dr. Lewis and their consultants from Polson Consulting and KASB.

The only other item President Kimball shared was that the board's policy committee met last week, and we were updated on ongoing discussions about building practices at the middle school level regarding cell phone use, as well as work that our secondary building leaders have been doing to create a matrix for enhancing consistency in discipline across the district. That work is ongoing; our discussion was mostly an update and I know we will be revisiting that topic as a policy committee and also at the board level.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Stubblefield shared the following statement-

“I want to express my gratitude to the board, staff, students. When I accepted this assignment as interim superintendent, I recognized that we could not change the past, but we could be intentional about learning from the past and moving forward in a positive direction,” Stubblefield said. ‘I decided not to look at this year as giant challenge, but an opportunity to do small great things every day. Thank you for giving me this opportunity, for pushing me, and for being supportive.”

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 thanked Shannon Kimball for all her work and effort as past board president and board member. She shared that she was in awe of her and appreciated her as a colleague and mentor. She also thanked Anna Stubblefield for her work this past year which was invaluable.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by G.R. Gordon-Ross, the board voted in a 5-0 roll call vote to amend and adopt the items listed on the consent agenda with the removal of the Black Hills Utility Deposit. (After follow-up with Black Hills, it was determined that Black Hills will waive any large deposits and related fees.)

The consent agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the June 11, 2018 regular meeting
- Financial Reports
- The June 25, 2018 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

Fund	Description	Amount
001	GENERAL	496,710.44
002	LOCAL OPTION BUDGET	201,917.62
003	FOOD SERVICE	19,143.83
004	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	3,183.64
005	SPECIAL EDUCATION	373,966.12
006	DRIVERS TRAINING	893.07
009	CAPITAL OUTLAY	208,320.53
015	ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	4,099.00
018	VIRTUAL SCHOOL	525,811.02
020	PROFESSIONAL DEVELP	5,904.80
021	BILINGUAL FUND	355.40
024	STUDENTS MATLS REVOLVE	6,678.97
026	AR RISK 4 YEAR OLD	17,400.00
031	CONTINGENCY RESERVE	12,933.90
035	2013 BONDS	2,178.13
036	2017 BONDS	925,751.89
040 18	TITLE 1 2018	4,532.11
043 18	INDIAN EDUC TITLE 2018	96.00
044 17	JOHNSON O'MALLEY 2017	408.31
044 18	JOHNSON O'MALLEY 2018	500.00
046 18	TITLE IIA 2018	1,121.73
047 17	TITLE III ESL 2017	404.60
050 18	TITLE VIBDIS 2018	1,968.40
053 18	KMSG MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018	2,468.64
055 18	TITLE IV LCP 2018	1,283.53
059 18	USDA GRANT 2018	383.10
095	PAYROLL FUND	2,487,749.21
275	SPECTRA-MEDICAID	22,327.16
800	LOC/DON/GRA	10,528.06
GRAND TOTAL		5,339,019.21

Consent Agenda (continued)

- Approvals of the following:
 - Work Comp Renewal of Excess Insurance
 - Frontline Services Renewal
 - IT Consultant Contract
 - Amendment to Free State Football Scoreboard
 - B&R Insulation Asbestos Removal
 - Authorization to change Mobile Device Management System
 - Annual KSDE Assurances Approval
 - Purchase of ClassLink software

Report & Approval

High School Start Time Advisory Update-

The board recommended in February a year of planning and engagement of students, parents, and staff through surveys, meetings, and focus groups regarding a proposed change in the high school start times from 8:05 to 8:30 a.m. The proposal promotes the health and wellbeing of students through more sleep.

A High School Start Times Advisory Committee has been created to further investigate the proposal and discuss feedback from a broad cross-section of the school community. The committee is charged with making a recommendation to the board by January of 2019.

The group consists of two board members, Rick Ingram and Jill Fincher, appointed by Kimball, and remaining members appointed by Stubblefield from 21 applications submitted by the public.

The membership includes the Deputy Superintendent, Director of Secondary Schools, an administrator from each high school, eight parents, eight certified teachers, and representatives from the Boys and Girls Club, District Equity Leadership Team Advisory, District Site Council, Equity Advisory Council, Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, and Student Advisory Committee.

While board member Rick Ingram objected to what he viewed as a lack of transparency in the application process and how members were selected, he said that he had no concerns about the members themselves.

Upon a motion by Melissa Johnson, seconded by G.R. Gordon-Ross, the board voted 5-0 in a roll call vote to approve the committee's composition and charge.

REPORT

Budget Update-

Kathy Johnson, executive director of finance, shared that the Kansas Supreme Court ruled in the *Gannon* school finance case on Monday afternoon that the state had not met the adequacy requirement of the Kansas Constitution. The Court stayed its mandate until June of 2019, and gave the Legislature until April 15 to file briefs addressing any legislative remedies.

At this time, we will operate under the new law as it was passed. There is no new or additional funding beyond what we were planning.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 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