

**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 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:33 p.m., Board President Shannon Kimball called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Executive Session-Security Matters

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Melissa Johnson, the Board of Education voted in a unanimous voice vote, to recess to executive session to discuss district 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, Jerri Kemble, David Cunningham, Kevin Harrell, Kathy Johnson, Paula Murrish, Tony Barron, Kyle Hayden, Julie Boyle, Samrie Devin, Ron May, Dawn Downing, and Sargent Mike Cobb from the Lawrence Police Department invited to be present; and with the board will return to open session in this room at 6:50 pm with possible action to follow.”

At 6:52 pm, the board returned to open session and declared there was no action to take at this time.

President Kimball called for a break until 7pm.

President Kimball reconvened the board meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jessica Beeson, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to amend and approve the agenda in order to add another executive session.

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 confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA; with Anna Stubblefield, David Cunningham, and Julie Boyle invited to be present; and with the board will return to open session in this room at 7:20 pm with possible action to follow.”

At 7:24 pm, the board returned to open session and declared there was no action to take at this time.

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,
G.R. Gordon-Ross	leading, learning & technology
Rick Ingram	Tony Barron, executive director,
Melissa Johnson	facilities & operations
Kelly Jones	Julie Boyle, executive director,
	communications
	Kevin Harrell, executive director,
	student services & special education
	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>			
Dennis Blackwood	Carol Cadue- Blackwood	Michelle Cadue	Steve Cadue
Shane Heiman	Michael Koonce	Darcy Kraus	Ron May
Andrew Nussbaum	Cheryl Nussbaum	Julitha Rials	Brian Roth
Kim Roth	Stan Roth	Njeri Shomari	Ellen Willets

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

- President Shannon Kimball shared that on March 13, she attended a KASB Board Leadership team training in Topeka. She extended ‘Thanks’ to Jessica, Melissa, and Kelly for also attending that workshop, at which they heard many helpful strategies for effective leadership as current and future board officers.
- President Kimball attended a meeting on March 23, with Governor Colyer and KASB executive leadership and advocacy teams to discuss school finance proposals. Thanks to information provided on short notice by Kathy Johnson, she was able to share specifics on funding needs in Lawrence as examples to illustrate to the Governor why a funding increase is essential to the continued operations and improvements district’s across the state.
- On Saturday March 24, President Kimball had the privilege of joining a group of Lawrence high school students and community leaders to speak at the March for Our Lives in South Park to advocate for sensible state and federal policies to reduce gun violence and protect our students and faculty in our schools. There was a fantastic turnout, around 1800 ralliers and marchers. She wanted to specially recognize all the student and community organizers of that event, and particularly Diane Vigna, without whom the group putting together the March would not have launched or completed such a successful event.
- President Kimball shared that the board policy committee met on March 26 to consider further feedback on and edits to the proposed fundraising policy.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT (Continued)

- Dr. Lewis gave an excellent talk introducing himself and his leadership vision to the Lawrence Board of Realtors and Lawrence Homebuilders Association at their joint lunch meeting on March 27. President Kimball was fortunate to attend and appreciate and thank Dr. Lewis for continuing to engage our community in advance of his July 1 start date.
- President Kimball shared that the facility planning committee met On April 3 and reviewed the construction related agenda items on the consent agenda for this evening.
- The board had it second Community Conversation April 3 as well. President Kimball shared that it was well attended and there was discussion on a number of current topics with good questions and thought-provoking feedback from the community on those issues.
- Thursday, April 5th, through today, she attended the NSBA annual conference in San Antonio. She served as an alternate delegate at Friday's delegate assembly, and took part in deliberations about proposed changes to add gender identity to the NSBA's anti-discrimination policies. She is pleased to report that those changes passed, but not without some opposition and pushback from a handful of states. NSBA has adopted an equity statement that largely aligns with the equity focus we have taken in our district.
- Lastly, President Kimball attended numerous valuable presentations on Saturday, Sunday, and this morning on topics of the value of early childhood educational and digital resources in closing the achievement gap, how to move a high-performing district toward even greater student achievement, evidence measures and data sources for effective superintendent evaluations, digital board meeting and strategic planning management, how to build a high-performance board team, superintendent and board leadership strategies that lead to improved student achievement, and developing a healthy working climate between the board and the superintendent.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Superintendent Anna Stubblefield started with the following statement
"I want to thank the Free State High School student who reported a safety concern to staff today so that it could be dealt with immediately. This involved a student bringing a gun to school in a backpack. This is alarming to us all. We do not allow weapons of any kind on school property or school-sponsored activities. I appreciate the Lawrence Police Department's swift handling of the issue. We ask for the assistance of our school families in reinforcing our policies by talking to their children about it and encouraging them to speak up about any safety concerns so we can investigate those concerns."
- Superintendent Stubblefield shared the announcement with the board considering approving as part of the Personnel Report tonight the selection of Dr. Michael Koonce as Quail Run Elementary principal. (Dr. Koonce was recognized as he was in attendance.) It was revealed that he has extensive experience with the school improvement process as director of learning services for Greenbush, the Service Center's liaison to Kansas educational organizations and as a former principal/assistant principal of Turner Middle School in KCK and a teacher at Gardner-Edgerton High School. Dr. Koonce serves on KSDE's Kansas Redesign crew. He and his wife, Allison, have children attending Quail Run, and Michael has chaired the school's site council for three years.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

- Superintendent Stubblefield announced that our schools will share this with parents, but she also wanted to reiterate our plans related to the April 20 national walkout. Student absences will again be excused. We will ask parents to use the regular absence reporting procedures should their student plan to miss more than 17 minutes of school. We encourage families to discuss these decisions with their children at home.
- If families have children who will turn 5 on or before August 31, she encouraged them to contact their neighborhood elementary school about Kindergarten Orientation. Those are occurring this month and into early May.
- Superintendent Stubblefield extended congratulations to Lawrence and Community Transition Program students for bringing home medals from the Job Olympics at Johnson County Community College last week. C-Tran also earned the overall first-place trophy among transition programs!
- Superintendent Stubblefield shared the following-
Cans for the Community has a goal to recycle 5,000 cans in April. All proceeds from the collection of cans will be donated to all of our elementary schools so please look for the Can Houses around town.

The Chamber will host Dr. Anthony Lewis for a luncheon speech tomorrow at noon at Arterra event gallery.

The board, staff, and community are invited to the EDTalks! Research and Teaching Festival that we are co-hosting with the KU School of Education from 7-9 p.m., April 19, at JRP Hall Room 150 at KU.

The Lawrence Schools Foundation is selling tickets for one of its major fundraisers. Go to the Foundation Office or its website for tickets to the 28th annual Foundation Follies on April 27 at Liberty Hall.

PATRON COMMENTARY

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

Steve Cadue commented on the Billy Mills Middle School budgetary concerns.

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:

...Diane Spicer for her 14 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective June 30, 2018.

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

...Barbara Dunlop for her 29 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 31, 2018.

BOARD COMMENTARY (continued)

...Darald Nuessen for his 5 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her retirement effective May 24, 2018.

...Constance Yother for her 34 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 Melissa Johnson, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote to amend the Personnel Report to accept the resignation (not termination) 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 March 12, 2018 regular meeting
- The April 9, 2018 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

FUND	FUND DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
001	GENERAL	700,618.42
002	LOCAL OPTION BUDGET	211,119.80
003	FOOD SERVICE	224,481.99
004	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	9,048.52
005	SPECIAL EDUCATION	393,206.03
009	CAPITAL OUTLAY	322,293.12
015	ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	2,086.20
018	VIRTUAL SCHOOL	56,093.02
020	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	12,746.75
021	BILINGUAL FUND	349.92
022	PARENTS AS TEACHERS	396.26
024	STUDENTS MATLS REVOLVE	32,861.80
026	AR RISK 4 YEAR OLD	225.00
036	2017 BONDS	469,497.33
037	LEASE PROJ 23 RD ST	538,404.20
040 18	TITLE 1 2018	1,568.49
043 18	INDIAN EDUC TITLE 2018	26.00
044 17	JOHNSON O'MALLEY 2017	1,125.58
046 18	TITLE IIA 2018	2,522.05
048 18	CARL PERKINS 2018	2,385.00
050 18	TITLE VIBDIS 2018	6,222.20
053 18	KMSG MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018	2,538.61
055 18	TITLE IV LCP 2018	1,200.00
095	PAYROLL FUND	2,862,670.76
275	SPECTRA-MEDICAID	26,174.95
800	LOC/DON/GRA	8,815.65
	GRAND TOTAL	5,888,677.65

- Approvals of the following:
 - Amendment to McCownGordon Bond Construction Management Contract - SMS & SWMS
 - Media Center Furniture - Elementary Schools
 - Furniture for Bond Construction Projects - SMS & SWMS
 - Furniture for F&O Facility
 - Amendment to BG Consultants Agreement- F&O Facilities (711 East 23rd Street)
 - Gallup Contract (Year 3)
 - Expendable Trust Account- SMS/Billy Mills Middle School Name
 - Music Repair Contracts
 - Capital Lease for HSOA Improvements (RFP for bids)

REPORT

Budget Update-

Executive Director of Finance Kathy Johnson shared that the Kansas Legislature approved a school finance bill late last week, but the Kansas State Department of Education notified school districts Monday night that there was a technical glitch. The glitch was described as an \$80 million difference between what lawmakers may have intended to pass and the final bill they approved.

Ms. Johnson explained that the bill awaiting the Governor's signature would result in approximately \$1.2 million in new state funding for Lawrence Public Schools. This is less than the \$1.7 million increase the district could expect under the current school finance law ruled unconstitutional by the Kansas Supreme Court.

Ms. Johnson walked the board members through budget considerations reviewing a list of priorities and staff requests (57 items totaling 4.7 million) for possible budget additions/reductions. This was done with the understanding that the state budget picture was still unknown.

Following items were discussed-

- Options for making up for deficit spending while under the state's block-grant funding period and rebuilding contingency funds for emergencies.
- Managing increased operational costs (e.g. utilities, transportation, and employee health benefits, etc.).
- Employee Compensation
- Class Size Reductions
- Safety/Security
- Staffing Increases (such as special education teachers, student services and equity facilitators, instructional learning coaches, library media staff, curriculum facilitators, nursing staff, custodians, and technology services technicians.

As part of a priority exercise, the board and the district's Executive Leadership Team (ELT) separately assigned rankings to 57 items on this list. Board members reviewed a comparison of those priority rankings on Monday.

Johnson asked board members to consider whether there are items from the list that they want to drop or move forward with, and what additional information they need prior to making budget decisions in the coming months.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:47 p.m., a motion was made by Jessica Beeson, seconded by G.R. Gordon-Ross, 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