

**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**

February 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:01 p.m., Board President Shannon Kimball called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Jill Fincher, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to approve the agenda as printed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Personnel Related (Superintendent Evaluation)

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jessica Beeson, the Board of Education voted in a unanimous voice vote, to recess 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, interim superintendent, invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 6:45pm with possible action to follow.”

At 6:46 pm the board returned and indicated there was no action to take at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Attorney Consultation (Peaslee Agreement)

Upon a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Rick Ingram, the Board of Education voted in a unanimous voice vote, to recess to executive session to discuss privileged matters with the board’s attorney in order to protect the board’s interests regarding legal matters by preserving the attorney-client relationship with Anna Stubblefield, interim superintendent, David Cunningham, executive director of human resources/chief legal counsel, and Kathy Johnson, executive director of finance, invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 7:10 pm with possible action to follow.”

At 7:10 pm the board returned and indicated 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, leading, learning & technology
G.R. Gordon-Ross	Tony Barron, executive director, facilities & 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
	Jerri, Kemble, assistant superintendent, leading, learning & technology
	Dawn Downing, deputy clerk

<u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u>			
Eric Bowen	Stephne Bowen	Xavier Bowen	Kel Catterton
Laurie Folsom	Genevieve Gilbert-Cavender	Shane Heiman	Alan Hollinger
Elvyn Jones, LJWorld	Gwen Kilmer	Wilson Kilmer	Michelle Kuhns
Andrew Martin	Torie McCormick	Jessica Merritt	Akia Miles

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

West Middle School Future City Regional Champions

Principal Brad Kempf

Principal Kempf introduced Charla Keefer, gifted education facilitator, and Wilson Kilmer, social studies teacher, who recognized their students who were recently named the Future City Regional Champions in the Great Plains Regional engineering competition at Kansas University. This group placed 3rd last year in the Regionals and was determined to come back this year and win it all. The students provided the entire board with winning buttons from the Regional Championship.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Resident Kimball shared that since our January 22 regular meeting, the board has held 3 special meetings to complete the hiring process for our new superintendent. “I want to say congratulations and welcome again to Dr. Anthony Lewis. We are looking forward to working with him, and the board and staff are already working on the transition process in preparation for Dr. Lewis’s July 1 start date.”
- On January 26, in her capacity as president-elect designee of KASB, President Kimball attended a special meeting of the KS SBOE that was called in response to concerns raised by Senator Susan Wagle and Representative Ron Ryckman

regarding KSDE's handling of transportation funding under the school finance formula. She was glad to report that the SBOE gave direction to Education Commissioner Randy Watson to support the KSDE staffs' handling of the matter, but to also come back to the SBOE with an information plan to enhance transparency around the funding formula. Of note, that issue has sparked further discussion about areas where the legislature has chosen not to follow state statute in funding schools. KASB has put together data showing that, since 2009, the legislature has not appropriated \$867 million dollars to which school districts were entitled by the language of state statute. This is important context in the discussion of funding adequacy and equity.

- On January 31, President Kimball attended the Partnership for Early Success Early Childhood Symposium in Topeka. The symposium's speakers focused on the opportunity gap for children in early learning, especially minority children, and how that opportunity gap impacts student outcomes throughout K-12, particularly focusing on the question of how our policies as a district, and as a community, impact the gap and/or support access to early childhood education for all. A couple of examples that were given included food insecurity, and whether district policies support early identification of FRL learners; immunizations and well child care/health insurance and how access to appropriate health care impacts student attendance at school, given that chronic absenteeism is a warning sign regarding future success (e.g., in Kansas our childhood uninsured rate is 5%, national average is lower at 4% . . .).
- Also as part of her service with KASB, President Kimball had the great opportunity last week to attend the NSBA Advocacy Institute in Washington, DC. They spent two days in learning opportunities, and then a full day visiting the congressional delegation on Capitol Hill. She was part of the team that met with Senator Moran, Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, and Congressman Roger Marshall. President Kimball was able to share with them stories about LPS USD 497 as it related to issues of school choice, and federal appropriations for Carl Perkins, Title programs, and special education funding. She appreciated their willingness to listen to our concerns, and is hopeful that our advocacy made an impact with regard to their thinking on those issues.
- President Kimball acknowledged that the board competed Dr. Stubblefield's evaluation earlier in the evening. While she was unable to share the specifics, she did extend the board's appreciation of the excellent work Dr. Stubblefield has done for our district this year.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Superintendent Anna Stubblefield extended her congratulations to our five Presidential Scholar candidates: Graham Edmonds, Quentin Harrington, Jackson Hoy and William Kampa, all of Lawrence High, and Janet M. Stefanov of Free State High.
- Superintendent Stubblefield thanked the Lied Center for partnering with us to bring Scott Turner Schofield, an acclaimed diversity educator on transgender issues and a transgender actor, to our district last week for discussions with staff and high school students. He also presented public programs at the Lawrence Public Library and the Lied Center.
- Superintendent reminded our elementary families that there is no school for grades PreK-5 on Friday due to Recording and Reporting of Student Progress in advance of parent-teacher conferences next week.

- Lastly, Superintendent Stubblefield also reminded our board members that the school board lunch tomorrow is at Woodlawn at 11am.

PATRON COMMENTARY

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

Gary Schmidt who is affiliated with Justice Matters discussed restorative justice practices at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School and his desire that the district provide updates on this initiative.

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:

...Eileen Young for her 19 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 G.R. Gordon-Ross, the board voted, in a 7-0 roll call vote, to adopt the items listed on the consent agenda.

The consent agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the January 22, 2018 regular meeting, January 23, 2018 special meeting, January 24, 2018 special meeting and January 29, 2018 special meeting
- The financial reports including budget to actual and cash summary reports
- The February 12, 2018 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

FUND	FUND DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
001	GENERAL	\$368,35.44
002	LOCAL OPTION BUDGET	\$213,381.51
003	FOOD SERVICE	\$172,07.81
004	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	\$ 2,392.55
005	SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$432,019.58
006	DRIVERS TRAINING	\$ 38.72
009	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$429,854.32
018	VIRTUAL SCHOOL	\$153,730.20
020	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	\$ 9,147.55
021	BILINGUAL FUND	\$ 2,000.17
022	PARENTS AS TEACHERS	\$ 132.79

024	STUDENTS MATLS REVOLVE	\$111,481.60
025	AT RISK (K-12)	\$ 67.78
026	AR RISK 4 YEAR OLD	\$ 749.70
036	2017 BONDS	\$255,247.67
037	LEASE PROJ 23 RD ST	\$267,764.00
040 18	TITLE 1 2018	\$ 1,399.57
043 18	INDIAN EDUC TITLE 2018	\$ 926.25
044 17	JOHNSON O'MALLEY 2017	\$ 814.67
046 18	TITLE IIA 2018	\$ 1,509.04
048 18	CARL PERKINS 2018	\$ 400.00
050 18	TITLE VIBDIS 2018	\$ 4,620.00
053 18	KMSG MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018	\$ 1,144.79
059 18	USDA GRANT 2018	\$ 1,394.21
095	PAYROLL FUND	\$218,707.98
275	SPECTRA-MEDICAID	\$ 25,930.28
800	LOC/DON/GRA	\$ 6,107.04
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,681,391.22

- Approvals of the following:
 - Reimburse Gould Evans for 3D Scanning - 2017 Bond Project – Lawrence High School
 - Amendment to Owner-Architect Agreement w/ Gould Evans
 - Purchase of Culinary Arts Kitchen Equipment - College & Career Center
 - Apple Lease Agreement
 - High School Outdoor Athletic Improvements

REPORTS

AVID

Leah Wisdom, assistant director, equity and student support services, shared the history of the AVID program in the district.

The Lawrence Board of Education approved the AVID program in 2012 for Free State and Lawrence High Schools. In 2013-14, the board expanded it to the district's four middle schools. Since that time, enrollment in the AVID elective has grown from 44 to 337 students. Buildings are also using the AVID strategies school wide.

AVID uses a structured approach and evidence-based practices to assist students in being successful in rigorous curriculum. The program accelerates student learning and supports academic and social skills with a system that values goal setting, leadership and a culture of collaboration and personal achievement. AVID students typically perform in the academic middle, but are highly motivated and college-bound. Some become the first in their family to attend college. AVID's mission is to close achievement gaps by preparing students for college readiness.

3 students, Akia Miles (LHS), Jessica Merritt (FSHS) and Genevieve Gilbert-Cavender (FSHS) shared how being involved in the AVID program has been beneficial to them.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:18 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