

**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**

November 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Upon a motion by Jill Fincher, seconded by Rick Ingram, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to approve the agenda with the following amendment: Add a possible action item after the conclusion of the executive session held *to discuss matters affecting a student*.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following a motion by Jill Fincher, seconded by Melissa Johnson, the board recessed to executive session *to discuss matters affecting a student in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed* with Dr. Anthony Lewis, superintendent; Dr. Anna Stubblefield, deputy superintendent; Kristen Ryan, principal, Southwest Middle School; Donna Whiteman, attorney, Kansas Association of School Boards; the student; and the student's parents invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 6:32 p.m., with possible action to follow. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND MOTION TO EXTEND

At 6:32 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Shannon Kimball, to extend the executive session to 7 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

At 7 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jill Fincher, to amend the agenda as follows: Move the next scheduled executive session *to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel* to follow **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ROLL CALL

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>ELT Members Present</u>
Jessica Beeson, president	Dr. Anthony Lewis, superintendent
Melissa Johnson, vice president	Dr. Anna Stubblefield, deputy superintendent
Jill Fincher	Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent,
G.R. Gordon Ross	leading, learning & technology
Rick Ingram	Julie Boyle, executive director,
Kelly Jones	communications
Shannon Kimball	David Cunningham, executive director,
	human resources & chief legal counsel
	Kevin Harrell, executive director,
	student services & special education

Roll Call ~ ELT Members Present (Continued)

	Kathy Johnson, executive director, finance
	Paula Murrish, executive director,
	nutrition & wellness, printing & purchasing
	Janice Dunn, temporary board clerk

Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)

Katie Allen	Tammy Baltzell	José Carnejo	Alisia Carr
Samrie Devin	Rick Henry	Darcy Kraus	Ellen Willets
Laurie L. Folsom	Shane Heiman	Elvin Jones	Jessica Rohrberg
Stan Roth	Steph Scarbrough	Gary Schmidt	Kathryn Sheedy
Dustin Stumblingbear	Donna Whiteman	Jeanne Williams	

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Kansas 6A State Volleyball Champions, Lawrence High School

Stephanie Scarbrough, head volleyball coach, recognized members of the Lawrence High School volleyball team who won the Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A State Volleyball Championship on Saturday, October 27, in Salina. She acknowledged their team effort and exemplary hard work.

Introduced were Cortney Hanna, Brooke Wroten, Sammy Williams, Abby Monroe, Michaela Cordova, Laura Willoughby, Hannah Stewart, and Lauren Maceli.

Board Member Shannon Kimball noted that Coach Scarbrough was recognized as the Sunflower League Volleyball Coach of the Year.

Kansas 6A State Gymnastics Championship Runner-Up, Lawrence High School and Free State

Michelle Seidner, head gymnastics coach, recognized members of the Lawrence High School and Free State High School gymnastics teams who recently competed in the Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 6A Gymnastics Championship on Saturday, October 20, in Overland Park. The Lawrence High team was the runner-up and the Free State team placed fifth. Coach Seidner noted that the teams work hard together although they compete against each other.

Team members present to be introduced were Tori Crockett, Talia Gay, and Eden Kingery.

It was noted that Josie Hickerson and Paris Spotted Tail took first and second place respectively in the vault competition; Paris Spotted Tail placed second in the floor exercise; Tori Crockett tied for tenth in the vault competition; Talia Gay was the state champion for the second year in a row on the bars; Eden Kingery placed fourth on the beam; and Talia Gay was the state all-around champion.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:13 p.m., following a motion by G.R. Gordon Ross, seconded by Melissa Johnson, the board 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 Dr. Anthony Lewis, superintendent; Dr. Anna Stubblefield, deputy superintendent; David Cunningham, executive director, human resources and chief legal counsel; Samrie Devin, director, human resources; Brad Finkeldei, district counsel; and Donna

Motion for Executive Session (Continued)

Whiteman, attorney, Kansas Association of School Boards; invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 7:43 p.m., with possible action to follow. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND MOTION TO EXTEND

At 7:43 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Shannon Kimball, to extend the executive session to 8:04 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND BOARD ACTION

At 8:04 p.m., the board return to open session where a motion was made by Jessica Beeson, seconded by G.R. Gordon Ross, to immediately overturn the hearing officer's recommendation with the student to return to school on November 19, 2018. The motion passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT JESSICA BEESON

Board President Beeson participated in the following events:

- October 30, Equity Advisory Committee: Discussion of school start times and alternative education
- October 31, Midwest and Plains Equity Assistance Center: One-day training session regarding continued engagement with all groups and communities
- November 3, Ceremony for Rededication and Renaming of South Middle School to Billy Mills Middle School
- November 6, Lawrence High School Music Gala
- November 9, Community meeting at Lawrence Community Shelter to discuss needs and partnerships

Board President Beeson will participate in the following upcoming events:

- November 14, Friends of Education Recognition and Bobs Award Reception
- November 16, LEA Scholarship Mixer

Ms. Beeson extended condolences to the family of Mike Wormsley, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School teacher, who recently passed away.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT ANTHONY LEWIS

- Dr. Anthony Lewis extended congratulations again to Hillcrest Elementary School for receiving the U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon Award. He noted that the school was honored among only 350 schools in the nation. Principal Tammy Becker and second-grade Title I resource teacher Jennifer Wyatt, who has taught at the school for 25 years, attended the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. last week.
- Dr. Lewis congratulated the Free State Football Team for an outstanding season, saying they made it all the way to the state quarterfinals, finishing the season with 10-1 record. He reported that Coach Bob Lisher announced his retirement following the game after having coached for 37 years, including leading the Firebirds since the school opened 21 years ago. He wished Coach Lisher well in retirement.
- He reported that he recently attended the Yearbook Design Night at Free State High School where journalism students assisted parents and families in designing pages honoring their graduating seniors. Dr. Lewis said he observed some amazingly talented students with good customer service skills.

Report of Superintendent Lewis (Continued)

- Superintendent Lewis invited business and community members interested in serving on the District Site Council to apply for membership by November 26, noting that the application may be found on the website.
- He reported that the High School Start Times Advisory Council is surveying middle and high school students and parents and high school staff starting this week about options for later high school start times.
- He reported that the board and the Lawrence Education Association will resume mediation on November 19 at 9 a.m. here at the district office.
- Dr. Lewis invited board members and the community to attend the district's annual Friends of Education Recognition Reception, an American Education Week celebration of school volunteerism, on Wednesday, November 14, beginning at 4 p.m., here at the district office.
- He stated that if the board chooses to approve the calendar change for January 8 as part of the consent agenda, the Boys & Girls Club has offered to provide free daycare at three to-be-determined sites. He said he will share more information as it becomes available.
- He reminded board members of their breakfast at Quail Run tomorrow, November 13, at 8:30 a.m.

PATRON COMMENTARY

Board President Jessica Beeson asked for patron commentary on any item not included on the agenda. There was none.

BOARD COMMENTARY

Kelly Jones

...in observance of Veteran's Day, acknowledged Board Member Melissa Johnson and thanked her and others for their service.

Shannon Kimball

...prior to the recent election, attended a Politics and Education Seminar hosted by the Kansas Association of School Boards where participants received an election and legislative preview.

...extended congratulations to everyone planning the rededication and renaming ceremony at Billy Mills Middle School. She said she left the event feeling inspired and hopeful by the words of Mr. Mills. Ms. Kimball said she shared his words with fellow KASB board members at a meeting later that day.

...reported that the KASB Board of Directors continues to work on strategic planning and advocacy for the upcoming legislative session.

...reported that she and Board Member Kelly Jones attended a meeting of the Board Policy Committee on November 5, saying one of the policies will be discussed later in the meeting. She said they also looked at the current policy and practice of facilities use by staff and community members.

...extended thanks to the community for voting for pro-public education candidates in the recent election. She said she is excited about where we are heading.

...reported that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, November 14, at the Sports Pavilion Lawrence in regard to the master plan for the new police headquarters. She said information needs to be shared with the Free State community so they can give their input.

Board Commentary (Continued)

Jill Fincher

...reported that the High School Start Times Advisory Council crafted a survey that has commenced. She encouraged input from stakeholders.

...reported that the Kansas Department of Transportation will hold a meeting at Southwest Middle School this Wednesday, November 14, to discuss the 27th Street interchange. She noted that this is a dangerous place for kids in the Sunflower Elementary School and Southwest Middle School area who have to cross K10 to get to the soccer fields.

Melissa Johnson

...acknowledged the veterans who were in attendance at the board meeting.

...reported that she attended the recent GLSEN event along with José Carnejo and Dr. Anna Stubblefield, saying it was a good experience and it made her proud of what is being done in Lawrence Public Schools for the LGBTQ community. Ms. Johnson said she was told that she is the first board member to ever attend this event.

...reported that she will speak tomorrow at the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at Lawrence High School where one of her children and one of Kelly Jones' children will be inducted into the local chapter.

...reported that Board Members Kelly Jones and G.R. Gordon Ross will speak to the Lawrence High School PTO tomorrow evening.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Kelly Jones, the board voted, in a 7-0 roll call vote, to adopt the items listed on the consent agenda with the following amendment: Remove Board Policy Committee Recommendation to be discussed and voted on separately.

The consent agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the October 22, 2018 regular meeting
- The November 12, 2018 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

Fund	Amount
General	\$ 715,497.10
Local Option Budget	2,200.00
Food Service	366,094.29
Vocational Education	12,910.08
Special Education	104,965.88
Capital Outlay	661,148.64
Adult Basic Education	262.80
Virtual School	236,748.95
Professional Development	41,052.14
Bilingual Fund	360.39
Parents As Teachers	373.71
Student Materials Revolve	7,037.12
At Risk (K-12)	70.74
Work Comp Reserve	199.99
2013 Bonds	600.00

Approval of Amended Consent Agenda ~ Monthly Vouchers (Continued)

2017 Bonds	1,859,583.13
Lease Turf 2018 HSOAF	370,448.63
Title I 2019	36.02
Indian Education Title 2019	154.99
Johnson O'Malley 2018	1,017.64
Title IIA 2018	9,511.60
Title IIA 2019	1,257.81
Title III ESL 2018	142.80
Carl Perkins 2019	2,454.57
Title VIBDIS 2019	5,884.96
KMSG Middle School 2019	1,433.91
USDA Grant 2018	2,378.00
Sales Tax	2,691.75
Payroll Fund	871,785.43
Spectra-Medicaid	23,913.50
Loc/Don/Gra	99,215.87
Memorial/Scholarship	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,402,432.44

- Approvals of the following:
 - Revision to the 2018-2019 District Elementary Calendar
 - Vehicle Purchase & Replacement
 - BusinessPlus Human Resources & Recruitment Enhancement
 - Appointment of Temporary Board Clerk

REPORTS

Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Ellen Willets, director, learning and technology, and district liaison relating to homelessness, stated that the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act considers a child or youth who is without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as “homeless.” To highlight Homeless Awareness Week, she shared ways that Lawrence Public Schools supports its students and their families who find themselves “in transition” and without housing.

The district provides professional development for all staff and also provides a network of support to identify families, ensure school stability for students, and assist with accessing both school and community resources. In addition, the district informs families of their rights and helps them feel comfortable accessing support.

Ms. Willets reported that as of October 31 in the current school year, there are a total of 87 students in transition from 59 families and transportation to school is being provided for 14 students from 10 families.

José Carnejo, facilitator, mental health, and district point of contact for foster care, reported that there are a total of 149 students (68 elementary, 28 middle school, 51 high school, 2 virtual school) in Lawrence Public Schools who are currently in foster care. He stated that the Every Student Succeeds Act and the Fostering Connections Act require that state and local education and child welfare agencies jointly ensure school stability and prompt school enrollment for these students. Mr. Carnejo reported that the district

Reports ~ Education of Homeless Children & Youth (Continued)

collaborates with the Department for Children and Families, Kaw Valley Center, and St. Francis Community Services in Salina. In addition, fees are waived and meals provided for students in foster care and they are given access to community resources for basic needs.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Policy Committee Recommendation

Board Policy IE Planning for Instruction dealing with staffing, scheduling, and class size includes goals relating to class size that have not generally been achieved in a majority of the district's elementary schools. During a recent review by the Board Policy Committee, it was felt that the goals may cause unnecessary concern and lead to patron frustration when facing class sizes that are considered to be too high.

To clarify the recommendation to amend the policy, Board Policy Committee Members Kelly Jones and Shannon Kimball stated that goals are not policy, nor is there any other place where goals are inserted in the board's policy manual. In addition, it was stated that goals are only actionable if they have outcomes, and these have been hidden and meaningless. Ms. Jones noted that the suggestion is to bring the goals to the forefront during the development of the district's strategic plan to get to a place of action.

Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Rick Ingram, seconded by G.R. Gordon Ross, to approve the review of the referenced policy for possible amendment at the December 10, 2018 board meeting. The motion passed by a 7-0 roll call vote. Board Policy IE Planning for Instruction will be placed on the agenda as a discussion and action item.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:09 p.m., a motion was made by Rick Ingram, seconded by Shannon Kimball, to recess to executive session *to discuss negotiations, in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA*; with Dr. Anthony Lewis, superintendent; Dr. Anna Stubblefield, deputy superintendent; Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, leading, learning and technology; David Cunningham, executive director, human resources and chief legal counsel; Kathy Johnson, executive director, finance; Samrie Devin, director, human resources; and Dr. Matt Brungardt, principal, Lawrence High School; invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 9:39 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:39 p.m., the board return to open session where a motion was made by Kelly Jones, seconded by Melissa Johnson, to recess to executive session *to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed*; with Dr. Anthony Lewis, superintendent, invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 9:55 p.m., with possible action to follow. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Rick Ingram, seconded by Melissa Johnson, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote

Janice E. Dunn
Temporary Clerk, Board of Education