

**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 26, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m., Board President Jessica Beeson called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>ELT Members Present</u>
Jessica Beeson, president	Dr. Anthony Lewis, superintendent of schools
Melissa Johnson, vice president	
Jill Fincher	Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, leading, learning & technology
G.R. Gordon-Ross	
Rick Ingram	David Cunningham, executive director, human resources/chief legal counsel
Kelly Jones	Julie Boyle, executive director, communications
Shannon Kimball	Kevin Harrell, executive director, student services/special education
	Kathy Johnson, executive director of finance
	Paula Murrish, executive director, nutrition & wellness, printing & purchasing
Absent	Alyse Donnell, board clerk

<u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u>			
Joe Smysor	David Vignery	Leah Wisdom	Terry McEwen
Laurie Folsom	Shane Heiman	Rick Henry	Patrick Kelly
Ellen Willetts	Darcy Kraus	Jennifer Bessolo	Denise Johnson
Matt Brungardt	Myron Graber	S. Roth	Kenna Young
Rebecca Smith			

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Kelly Jones, the Board of Education voted in a unanimous 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 **Dr. Anthony Lewis** invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 6:30 pm with possible action to follow."

The board returned at 6:30 pm with no action to follow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Shannon Kimball, the Board of Education voted in a unanimous vote to recess to executive session to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract to discuss negotiations, pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, with **Dr. Anthony Lewis, Dr. Anna Stubblefield, Jerri Kemble, David Cunningham, Kathy Johnson, and Matt Brungardt**, with the board to return to open session in this room at 7:00 pm with possible action to follow."

The board returned at 7:00 pm with no action to follow.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

LMH Foundation "Stop the Bleed" Staff Training and School Kits - Kenna Young and Rebecca Smith

Presented by Denise L. Johnson, assistant director of health and wellness

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board President Beeson participated in the following events:

- November 14, Friends of Education Recognition and BOBS Award Reception

Board President Beeson will participate in the following upcoming events:

- November 29, Douglas County Superintendent's Meeting in Eudora regarding mental health and behavioral support

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT ANTHONY LEWIS

Superintendent Lewis

- Lawrence Public Schools should be proud of our showing at the Kansas Teacher of the Year State Awards last Saturday in Wichita. Finalist Nicole Corn, Sunset Hill kindergarten teacher, directed her remarks to the topic of teachers who care, and the many ways teachers go above and

beyond for their students. Semifinalist Cari Davis, LMCMS ESL teacher, also was among those honored.

- Upcoming Events:
 - November 27, Lawrence High School Board Lunch
 - November 29, Douglas County Superintendent's Meeting in Eudora regarding mental health and behavioral support

PATRON COMMENTARY

There was no patron commentary.

BOARD COMMENTARY

Shannon Kimball

....acknowledged the Celebrate Bert Nash Breakfast on November 14, was an emotional and inspiring event and they are excited about expanding opportunities with the WRAP Program.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Jill Fincher, seconded by Shannon Kimball, 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 November 12, 2018 regular meeting
- The November 26, 2018 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 FUND ID SUMMARY AND CHECK REGISTER
 Checks Dated: 11/13/2018 - 11/26/2018

Fund	Fund Description	Amount
001	GENERAL	300,616.06
002	LOCAL OPTION BUDGET	190,277.38
003	FOOD SERVICE	138,715.11
004	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	6,940.00
005	SPECIAL EDUCATION	345,437.87
009	CAPITAL OUTLAY	75,502.29
015	ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	520.21
018	VIRTUAL SCHOOL	2,999.52
020	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	12,368.38
021	BILINGUAL FUND	117.43
024	STUDENTS MATLS REVOLVE	6,380.65
035	2013 BONDS	2,613.75
036	2017 BONDS	512,726.21
038	LEASE TURF 2018 HSOAF	3,588.00
040 18	TITLE 1 2018	1,190.00
040 19	TITLE 1 2019	304.17
043 19	INDIAN EDUC TITLE 2019	145.40
044 18	JOHNSON O'MALLEY 2018	1,063.40
046 18	TITLE IIA 2018	13,864.40
046 19	TITLE IIA 2019	458.89
047 18	TITLE III ESL 2018	285.60
048 19	CARL PERKINS 2019	398.77
050 19	TITLE VIBDIS 2019	3,332.40
054 19	KS DEAF/BLIND 2019	697.15
055 18	TITLE IV LCP 2018	112.00
056 19	TINY K 2019	141.80
059 18	USDA GRANT 2018	325.58
095	PAYROLL FUND	2,838,066.67
275	SPECTRA-MEDICAID	19,109.46
800	LOC/DON/GRA	144,835.60
GRAND TOTAL		4,623,134.15

Approvals of the following:

1. Revision to the 2018-2019 District Elementary Calendar
2. Vehicle Purchase & Replacement
3. Board Policy Committee Recommendation
4. BusinessPlus Human Resources and Recruitment Enhancement
5. Appointment of Temporary Board Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

Security Software report and motion to purchase Cisco Umbrella and Cloudlock

The school board approved the purchase of a three-year subscription of Cisco Umbrella and Cloudlock software and services with Converged One (AOS) at a cost of \$179,352. These tools will assist the district in monitoring and identifying risks to network viability, security, and operations. Cisco Umbrella blocks internet threats, and Cisco Cloudlock secures cloud data and apps against breaches and malware.

Following a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by GR Gordon-Ross, the board voted, in a **7-0 roll call vote**, to approve purchasing a 3-year subscription of Cisco Umbrella and Cloudlock software and services with Converged One (AOS). The 3 year contract cost is \$179,352. Pricing is off of State contract # KS-C062518, and is to be paid annually from the general fund administrative technology budget. 2018-2019 annual expenditure is \$59,784.

New Course Proposal/Approval of Course Descriptions

The board approved courses proposed following discussion among teachers, principals, students, postsecondary partners, and career and technical education advisory committees, and a review of local labor data about preparing students for high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand jobs. None of the newly approved courses requires additional staffing.

The Carl Perkins and Pathway Improvement Plans serve as a roadmap for career and technical education. The district will submit its application to the Kansas State Department of Education, which approves pathways, all of which must have introductory, technical, and application-level courses.

Career and Technical Education Director Patrick Kelly said that the district is close to enabling students to earn an associate's degree or complete first-year college requirements in high school. "For example, a student can earn 28 of the 63 college credits needed for a degree in information technology," said Kelly.

In partnership with KU, the district will expand concurrent enrollment through Jayhawk Blueprint. High schools will move from offering two concurrent credit courses, English Composition and College Algebra, to 12+ course offerings totaling 30 credit hours. These general core college classes will be offered for about one-third of the cost of KU's general tuition, or about \$300, and will have high transferability to other colleges and universities. The partnership does not replace the 20 Advanced Placement courses already offered by Lawrence high schools, rather it adds options for students.

Dr. DeAngela Burns-Wallace, KU vice provost for undergraduate education, said that the partnership began with key questions, "What is it that your students need? What can we match up with what you already have available? How do we make sure that as we put something together that can benefit this district, we are also thinking about how a student moves through their college career and setting the student up for success?"

"We are working to address the needs of the 21st-century student," said Dr. Jennifer Bessolo, USD 497's director of curriculum. "This is about flexibility and creating a competitive edge for our students."

High school students and families should watch for spring informational sessions about the new concurrent offerings. With attention to providing students equitable access, the district is exploring scholarship opportunities, Lawrence Schools Foundation fundraising, and college-saving education.

"It is not just about a student's GPA or a teacher's recommendation, it's about a student's will to be successful in college classes," said Superintendent Anthony Lewis. "I want to make sure that our students not only have access to these courses, but also the support they need to be successful."

Review the list of concurrent courses in the board's agenda at www.usd497.org/SchoolBoard.

"No other school district has this partnership with KU," said Dr. Lewis. "Research shows that those who come to college with 10-15 hours of credit are more successful and more apt to complete college."

"Students also are crushed under college debt. If they can take these courses without having to take on debt, the impact on reducing stress would be enormous," said Rick Ingram, board member.

Following a motion by Rick Ingram, seconded by Shannon Kimball, the board voted, in a **7-0 roll call vote**, to approve the recommended courses for adoption beginning in 2019-20.

REPORTS

Assessment Data and Graduation Rates

Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, Dr. Terry McEwen, director of assessment, research, and accountability, and Leah Wisdom, director of instruction, equity, and student services, reviewed student performance and behavioral data. This included Measures of Academic Progress (K-8), AIMSweb (K-5), and ACT (high school), as well as graduation rates, Post-Secondary Progress as defined by Kansas Educational Systems Accreditation (KESA), and behavioral data measured by student risk screening scales. The board examined achievement scores by race/ethnicity, and graduation rates by race/ethnicity and other identifiers (socio-economic status, English Language Learners, and students with disabilities).

Reading and math MAP data (MAP screens for the application of skills) shows students at all grade levels performing at or above national norms, except for grades 6-8 Native American, Black, and Hispanic students in math.

“When schools look at this data, we drill down to classrooms and individual students,” said Dr. Lewis.

AIMSweb screens for specific literacy skills. Teachers give the screener three times per year in order to guide them in identifying appropriate support and interventions for students scoring at risk. The data shows the district reducing the percentage of students at high risk during the school year, but an increase of students in that category from spring to the following fall, as students move to the next grade level.

The Student Risk Screening Scale, also given three times annually, measures internalizing and externalizing student behaviors for identification of supports and interventions. The district has increased the percentage of students at the low-risk level versus students of medium- and high-risk, but is not meeting identified targets for externalizing behaviors during winter or spring screenings.

While ACT data shows Lawrence students' scores exceed state and national averages, the district's graduation rates have declined during the past five years. In May, there were 171 non-graduates in the cohort that began as freshmen four years prior (plus transfers in, minus “legitimate” transfers out) at Free State, Lawrence High, and Lawrence Virtual School combined.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:02 p.m., a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jill Fincher, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Alyse Donnell
Board Clerk, Board of Education