

**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**

**October 23, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7 p.m., Board President Shannon Kimball called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Rick Ingram, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to amend and approve the agenda with the removal of the special recognition section due to the recipient not being able to attend tonight's meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Marcel Harmon, seconded by Jessica Beeson, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to recess to executive session to discuss matters affecting a student in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed; with David Cunningham and Anna Stubblefield, invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 7:15 p.m. with possible action to follow.

At 7:15 p.m., the board returned and indicated there was no action to take at this time.

**ROLL CALL**

<b><u>Board Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>SLT Members Present</u></b>
Shannon Kimball, president	Anna Stubblefield, interim superintendent
Jessica Beeson, vice president	Julie Boyle, executive director, communications
Jill Fincher	David Cunningham, executive director, human resources/chief legal counsel
Marcel Harmon	Kevin Harrell, executive director, student support services/special education
Rick Ingram	Kathy Johnson, executive director, finance
Vanessa Sanburn	Paula Murrish, executive director, nutrition & wellness, printing & purchasing
	Dawn Downing, deputy clerk
<b><u>Absent</u></b>	
Melissa Johnson	

<b><u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u></b>			
Shay Crowfeather	Annette Dabney	Laurie Folsom	G.R. Gordon-Ross
Shane Heiman	Alan Hollinger	Elvyn Jones, LJWorld	Kelly Jones

Gretchen Lister	Terry McEwen	John Richard	Cameron Riley
Stan Roth	Njeri Shomari	Stephanie Williams	Leah Wisdom

**REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

President Kimball shared that she visited the C-Span Tour Bus at Free State High School this morning. This bus is currently touring the 50 states. We are so fortunate to have been able to be included in this tour to view these resources.

President Kimball reminded the board members of the December 18<sup>th</sup> special board meeting with Ray & Associates to make the final preparations for the January interviews. This meeting is tentatively scheduled from 6-9 pm.

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT STUBBLEFIELD**

Superintendent Stubblefield shared that approximately a dozen of our staff attended PEG’s National Summit in Detroit this week, during which Jennifer Attocknie received the Summit Teaching and Learning Leadership Award. Jennifer [Attocknie](#) and Danica Moore were presenters, as was a team of staff from Kennedy Elementary. The conference theme focused on women in leadership and sessions showed us that PEG is expanding its racial equity programming to include intersectionality ties to other marginalized groups.

Superintendent Stubblefield congratulated Janet Stefanov, Free State senior, for earning perfect scores on the ACT and PSAT. This is an amazing academic accomplishment.

Superintendent Stubblefield shared that five Free State High Jobs for America’s Graduates students competed at the JAG Leadership Development Conference. Two-time national qualifier, Gabriel Smith placed second in employability skills and again qualified for nationals in Washington, D.C. next month.

Shakiyya Bland, LHS learning coach and former math teacher, won a Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics scholarship of \$1,000 and donated it to Liberty Memorial Central Middle School’s Math Department. Superintendent Stubblefield shared that the district was proud of her accomplishment and thanked her for the donation.

Superintendent Stubblefield congratulated Executive Director of Facilities and Operations Tony Barron and Building and Grounds Supervisor Trisha Brooke-Fruend on their recent election to president, and secretary/treasurer, respectively of the Kansas Association of Department of Plant Facility Managers (KADPF). This speaks highly of our F&O staff’s leadership in the field statewide.

Superintendent Stubblefield acknowledged Kathy Johnson’s induction in the Shawnee Mission Northwest Athletics Hall of Fame for her gymnastics prowess.

Superintendent Stubblefield was excited to participate along with several school teams on Friday and over the weekend in the Junior Achievement Bowling Classic fundraiser to support the delivery of economics lessons to many of our students by volunteers from local businesses.

Superintendent Stubblefield announced that all of our students in grades 3-5 are attending the first school-only performance of the school year at the Lied Center today

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and tomorrow. They are enjoying a musical history lesson from Jazzy Ash and the Leaping Lizards. There is a fundraising dinner tonight at the Lied Center, supporting these school performances for our students. Jazzy Ash also will meet with our elementary music teachers tomorrow for a ukulele lesson.

Superintendent Stubblefield invited everyone to the Lawrence College and Career Center’s Project Night tomorrow from 6:30-8 p.m.

Superintendent Stubblefield shared that our Bike BLAST program will be featured at the P.E. State Conference this week at Washburn University.

LEAP partner Truity Credit Union donated three-ring binders to South Middle School for every student to use for AVID strategies. The donation is valued at \$6,500. Superintendent Stubblefield acknowledged and thanked Truity for their ongoing support.

Lastly, Superintendent Stubblefield reminded the board that there is a scheduled board Lunch tomorrow at Peaslee Tech at noon.

**PATRON COMMENTARY**

No comments.

**BOARD COMMENTARY**

*Marcel Harmon and Vanessa Sanburn shared information regarding meetings and/or committees they had been involved.*

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Following a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Rick Ingram, the board voted, in a 6-0 roll call vote, to adopt the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the October 9, 2017, regular meeting
- The financial reports including school activity funds
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

FUND	FUND DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
001	GENERAL	\$569,418.87
002	LOCAL OPTION BUDGET	\$259,526.47
003	FOOD SERVICE	\$162,350.96
004	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	\$4,295.47
005	SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$454,885.60
009	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$79,802.43
015	ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	4,489.25
018	VIRTUAL SCHOOL	\$188,027.85
020	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP	\$3,076.40

024	STUDENTS MATLS REVOLVE	\$7,769.00
026	AR RISK 4 YEAR OLD	\$238.00
035	2013 BONDS	\$11,695.35
036	2017 BONDS	\$5,813.79
037	LEASE PROJ 23 <sup>RD</sup> ST	\$1,326.25
040 18	TITLE 1 2018	\$761.60
043 18	INDIAN EDUC TITLE 2018	\$43.00
044 17	JOHNSON O'MALLEY 2017	\$629.66
046 18	TITLE IIA 2018	\$10,799.10
047 16	TITLE III ESL 2016	1,977.57
047 17	TITLE III ESL 2017	\$1,094.80
048 18	CARL PERKINS 2018	\$142.80
050 18	TITLE VIBDIS 2018	\$2,745.97
053 18	KSMG MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018	\$945.65
095	PAYROLL FUND	\$432,585.54
275	SPECTRA-MEDICAID	\$21,660.47
800	LOC/DON/GRA	\$7,184.55
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,233,295.30</b>

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Data Carousel**

Terry McEwen, Director, Assessment, Research and Accountability; Leah Wisdom, Assistant Director, Student Services and Equity; and Kevin Harrell, Executive Director, Student Support Services/Special Education reviewed the 2016-17 data measures that Lawrence schools used to strategically plan for the current school year.

The report focused on the outcomes of the Kansas Assessment Program (English Language Arts and Mathematics); universal screening data from AIMSweb and Measures of Academic Progress (MAP); data from behavioral screenings conducted at all levels; and equity audit data.

The district gives AIMSweb, a universal screener that focuses on measuring an initial understanding of specific skills, to all K-5 students in the winter and spring. Middle and high school students whose Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs) call for monitoring of specific skills also are tested. “We look at AIMSweb data to see if we are moving students from high risk to medium risk or from medium risk to low risk,” said Terry McEwen. “We can inform our instructional planning around skill building because we know what skills are in place.”

MAP, another universal screener, focuses on measuring growth in the application of skills within the Kansas

College and Career-Ready Standards. MAP examines growth from fall to spring and can be used to compare the district median to national norms. “We are exceeding the national norm at every grade level. Our MAP scores show relatively strong performance for Lawrence students in reading and math,” McEwen said.

McEwen also shared MAP scoring by racial and ethnic subgroups of students, showing greater percentages of

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black, native and Hispanic students scoring below average in reading and math than their white and Asian peers.

The report included Kansas Assessments as another academic measurement tool. While this is the fourth year of new state assessments, the first two years of testing were plagued by technical glitches. The Kansas State Board of Education has set goals to reduce the amount of testing and to see 75% of students scoring at the top two levels – levels three and four, by 2028. “Lawrence students are tracking about the same or slightly better than the state on the reading and math assessments,” McEwen said.

The district charges each of its schools to examine equity audit data, including absences, tardies and disciplinary data as well as special education and student participation rates. Leah Wisdom also shared social/emotional data used to track externalizing and internalizing behaviors and compared them during the course of multiple years, such as from the fall of 2014-15 to the fall of 2016-17.

“These three chunks of data – student achievement, behavioral data and other factors, like attendance and tardies, work together to give us a better picture of what’s going on and what interventions might be necessary,” McEwen said. “Our schools are looking at the data, identifying needs and discussing strategies, as part of their school improvement planning.”

The report may be found online at [www.usd497.org/SchoolBoard](http://www.usd497.org/SchoolBoard). The board requested additional multi-year data in order to identify trends, areas of improvement and ongoing challenges. Board members also asked to hear in the near future from school administrators about some of the strategies schools are using to improve.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:49 p.m., a motion was made by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Rick Ingram, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Dawn Downing  
Deputy Clerk, Board of Education