

**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**

March 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

At 6 p.m., Board President Marcel Harmon called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Shannon Kimball, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to approve the agenda as printed.

ROLL CALL

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>SLT Members Present</u>
Marcel Harmon, president	Kyle Hayden, superintendent
Shannon Kimball, vice president	Anna Stubblefield, assistant superintendent,
Jessica Beeson	educational support & equity
Jill Fincher	David Cunningham, executive director,
Rick Ingram	human resources & legal counsel
Vanessa Sanburn	Janice Dunn, clerk

<u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u>			
Leona Antoine	Jesse Brinson	Beth Clark	Craig Comstock
Danira Flores	Ruben Flores	Laurie Folsom	Joanna Hlavacek
Alan Hollinger	Marilyn Hull	Lori Hutfles	Kyung Hwang
Rose Itzcovitz	Syed Jamal	Kathy Johnson	Melissa Johnson
Fatima Kahn	Carol Klinknett	Linda Kucza	Mary Loveland
Paula Murrish	Andrew Nussbaum	Cheryl Nussbaum	Larry Nussbaum
Mitzi Robinson	Bill Roth	Stan Roth	John Rury
Linda Sheppard	Kylie Smith	Norine Spears	
Dustin Stumblingbear		Rachel Stumblingbear	
Jo Ann Trenary	Steve Wallace	Margaret Weisbrod Morris	
Kirsten Yunuba Stephens			

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Board President Marcel Harmon congratulated the Lawrence High boys' basketball team for placing second and the Free State boys' basketball team for finishing third at the state tournament held this past weekend.
- He wished the best of luck to the all-city robotics team that will participate this weekend in the *FIRST* Robotics Competition Kansas City Regional. Mr. Harmon stated that team members and sponsors have been working toward this all year.
- Board President Harmon restated the reason why there is a vacant seat on the Board of Education and reminded the applicants seeking to fill the seat that serving as a board member requires a significant amount of time.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Superintendent Kyle Hayden thanked all of the applicants who were present, saying that nineteen applicants reflects a tremendous amount of interest in Lawrence Public Schools and the education of our students. He stated his hope that after the board appoints one person to serve, those remaining will continue to stay engaged with our schools through a number of ways and/or partner to meet the challenges the district faces as a learning community. Mr. Hayden said their involvement will make Lawrence Public Schools a better school system. He also invited them to consider the three board positions that will be up for election in November, saying that the filing deadline at the Douglas County Clerk's Office is Noon on June 1.
- Superintendent Hayden reported that all school and district administrators spent a half-day in equity leadership training today with a facilitator from the Pacific Educational Group and the District Equity Leadership Team will spend a half-day tomorrow. He reported that this training is a continuation of the district's ongoing work toward the board's excellence, equity, and engagement goals and ensuring all students achieve, succeed, and graduate future ready.
- He stated that he understands from social media posts that the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka plans to protest at the district office and at Lawrence High on Wednesday afternoon due to the district's commitment to inclusionary practices for all students and policies prohibiting discrimination and harassment. He stated that this group is known for spreading a message of hate, which goes against everything we believe in as a school district.
- Mr. Hayden reported that this is parent-teacher conference week in the middle and high schools. He said, as a result of the conference schedule and elementary professional development, there will be no school for students Pre-K through Grade 12 on Friday.
- Mr. Hayden announced that schools will be closed next week for Spring Recess. He voiced the hope that everyone enjoys the break with family and friends.
- He reported that Kindergarten Roundup will begin after spring break and invited families of children who will be five years old on or before August 31 to contact their neighborhood school.
- Mr. Hayden also reported that Kennedy Elementary School's preschool program will begin enrollment on April 3. He said families may call the school for more information about the district's Pre-K program.

BOARD COMMENTARY

Shannon Kimball

...extended thanks to Schwegler Elementary School for allowing her to make a presentation to parents and the school community about the upcoming bond election. She reported that she and other board members will be presenting at more schools in the weeks prior to the election.

...reported that she and Board President Marcel Harmon met recently with a group of citizens on the Vote Yes Committee as they kicked off their campaign for the bond election.

...reported that she, along with Marcel and Superintendent Kyle Hayden, recently toured Salina Central High School, a building that is currently undergoing a bond project similar to the one that is being proposed at Lawrence High School. Ms. Kimball said they paid special attention to the ways the school has managed a giant project like this, yet has continued to hold classes in a way that is positive and safe for students and faculty.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Jessica Beeson, 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 February 27, 2017 pre-meeting work session, executive session, regular meeting
- The financial reports including school activity funds
- The March 13, 2017 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

Fund	Amount
General	\$ 328,190.67
Local Option Budget	265,367.89
Food Service	135,574.71
Vocational Education	1,897.54
Special Education	258,583.50
Capital Outlay	276,140.44
Adult Basic Education	1,315.00
Virtual School	70,017.23
Professional Development	1,495.00
Bilingual Fund	32.00
Parents As Teachers	416.23
Student Materials Revolve	5,949.14
At Risk (K-12)	40.98
Work Comp Reserve	4,357.27
2013 Bonds	428,868.00
Title I 2017	2,516.62
Indian Educ Title 2017	1,877.26
Johnson O'Malley 2016	620.74
KMSG Middle School 2017	1,237.74
Payroll Fund	394,500.39
Spectra-Medicaid	3,936.91
Loc/Don/Gra	6,237.83
TOTAL	\$2,189,173.09

- Approvals of the following:
 - Authorization to Issue Vendor Checks
 - Mowing Services Contract – Secondary Schools
 - Request for Qualifications for Owner-Construction Management At-Risk Services – 711 East 23rd Street
 - Contract for Interior Signage – Broken Arrow, Deerfield, Prairie Park, Schwegler, West
 - Disposal of Excess Property – Assistive Technology Items
 - Contracted Services with Supplemental Health Care

Approval of Consent Agenda (Continued)

On behalf of the Board of Education, Vice President Shannon Kimball acknowledged and expressed sincere appreciation to the following:

...*Denise Curnes* for her 34 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her early retirement effective May 25, 2017.

...*Pamela Fangohr* for her 31 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her early retirement effective May 25, 2017.

...*Karen Ward* for her 19 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her early retirement effective May 25, 2017.

...*Beverly Lockwood* for her 25 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her early retirement effective May 25, 2017.

...*Linda Meyers* for her 24 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon her early retirement effective May 25, 2017.

INTRODUCTIONS FROM CANDIDATES FOR OPEN SEAT ON USD 497 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Marcel Harmon, president, board of education, reviewed the process to be followed as candidates for the open seat on the USD 497 Board of Education introduce themselves, then respond to questions from sitting board members. He reported that the order of names had been randomly generated.

Candidates were called forward in the following order to present their qualifications and reasons for wanting to serve on the board and to answer questions:

1. Alan Hollinger
2. Margaret Weisbrod-Morris
3. Ruben Flores
4. Norine Spears
5. Mitzi Robinson
6. Mary Loveland
7. John Rury
8. Melissa Johnson
9. Lori Hutfles
10. Daneka Vann (was not in attendance)
11. Jesse Brinson
12. Steve Wallace
13. Fatima Khan
14. Jo Ann Trenary
15. Bill Roth
16. Linda Sheppard
17. Syed Jamal
18. Kyung Hwang
19. Craig Comstock (withdrew his application)

Subsequently, Board President Harmon stated that board members will deliberate individually for the next two weeks, and at a special meeting on March 27, each should bring their top three candidates and their reasons for selecting them. These selections will be discussed before the board comes to a consensus on one person to fill the vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 p.m., a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Janice E. Dunn
Clerk, Board of Education