

**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 28, 2016

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:45 p.m., Board President Marcel Harmon called to order a meeting of the Board of Education for the purpose of entering executive session. A motion was made by Rick Ingram, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, 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 Kyle Hayden, superintendent; Anna Stubblefield, assistant superintendent, educational support; David Cunningham, executive director, human resources and legal counsel; and Brad Finkeldei, district counsel; invited to be present, and with the board to return to open session in this room at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Note: Board Member Jill Fincher entered the executive session at 6:52 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND BREAK

At 6:55 p.m., the board returned to open session where President Harmon declared a break until the start of the regular meeting.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

At 7:00 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 Jessica Beeson, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to approve the agenda as published.

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,
Kris Adair (remotely)	educational support
Jessica Beeson	Kevin Harrell, executive director,
Jill Fincher	student services
Rick Ingram	Tony Barron, executive director,
Vanessa Sanburn	facilities & operations
	Julie Boyle, director, communications
	Janice Dunn, clerk

<u>Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)</u>			
Trevar Addis	Jordan Albrecht	Cris Anderson	Dave Arteberry
Trinity Carpenter	David Cunningham	Luke Deets	Kelley Dreyer
Laurie Folsom	Jennifer Hamer	Shane Heiman	Joanna Hlavacek

Roll Call ~ Others Present (Continued)

Kathy Johnson	Melissa Johnson	Linda Kucza	Terry McEwen
Ursula Minor	Lauren Mitchell	Andrew Nussbaum	Cheryl Nussbaum
David Reid	Stan Roth	Gary Schmidt	Michelle Seidner
Njeri Shomari	Raul Silva	Cara Smith	Dacia Starr
LaShane Starr	Caleb Stephens	Effie Sun	Samantha Wilkerson
John Wilkins			

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF, & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

JAG National Student Leadership Academy Participants – Gabriel Smith, Dacia Starr

Samantha Wilkerson, Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) specialist, Free State High School, introduced Dacia Starr, Free State senior, who won first place in the Math Skills event at the JAG State Leadership Development Conference in October and qualified to compete at the JAG National Student Leadership Academy from November 10-12 in Washington, D.C.

In addition, Ms. Wilkerson acknowledged Gabriel Smith, Free State junior, who was unable to attend the board meeting, but won first place in Employability Skills at the state conference and also advanced to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

It was noted that JAG is a career exploration and preparation program that helps high school students graduate, then guides them through the transition from high school to post-secondary education or jobs.

BOARD ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Rick Ingram, the board voted, in a 7-0 roll call vote, that the employee who was the subject of the pending investigation has submitted his resignation; therefore, the Board of Education accept the resignation effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year and extend his administrative leave for the duration of the school year.

REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT MARCEL HARMON

There was no report.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT KYLE HAYDEN

- Superintendent Kyle Hayden announced that the Douglas County Community Foundation and LiveWell Lawrence recently awarded several grants to our district, including funding for our Farm to School program, Cordley’s school garden, Lawrence High’s Fit Club and a second Bike BLAST fleet for our elementary physical education program. In addition, he reported that LiveWell Lawrence presented Culture of Health Action Awards to Denise Johnson, health and wellness coordinator, and Cornelius Bell, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School’s parent involvement facilitator. Mr. Hayden extended congratulations to Denise, Cornelius and all of the staff involved in these important programs that benefit students.
- Superintendent Hayden congratulated Free State High FFA members Blake Wagner, Delanie Stone and Mason Fowler for placing second, sixth and seventh in the East Central District Job Interview Contest. They completed cover letters, résumés, job applications and interviews. He noted that Blake Wagner will advance to compete in the Kansas FFA State Job Interview Contest in May.

Report of Superintendent Hayden (Continued)

- He also extended congratulations to the Think Tanks, a First LEGO League team of five fifth-graders—four from Quail Run Elementary School and one from Pinckney Elementary School, who qualified for the First LEGO League championship. Mr. Hayden noted that this elementary team was mentored by high school students, who are members of TEAM STEAM Robotics.
- He reported that New York Elementary School's Student Leaders Club collected the most used eyeglasses earning a trophy in the Recycle for Sight program sponsored by the City of Lawrence Waste Reduction and Recycling Department, Lawrence Arts Center and the Lion's Club. He stated that eight schools participated, collecting 165 pairs of glasses to celebrate America Recycles Day.
- Mr. Hayden also reported that the City of Lawrence has invited the district to attend a brief awards ceremony at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow, November 29, in the Lawrence Public Library auditorium for the announcement of the city's STAR sustainability certification score. He noted that the district partnered with the city on this application because it includes a citywide look at sustainability efforts, including the energy efficiency improvements that have been made to our buildings, our farm to school program and our environmentally safe custodial, maintenance and grounds practices, among other efforts.
- He announced that the district will host two informational nights for students in grades four through twelve and their parents to learn more about participating in local and regional science and engineering fairs. He stated that the informational nights will be held on Monday, December 5, and Tuesday, December 6, from 6-7 p.m. here at the district office.
- He reported that the district has contracted with Patron Insight to conduct a scientific telephone survey to collect community input about our facilities master planning process and potential secondary school improvements. Superintendent Hayden expressed appreciation to community members who will receive calls during the next two weeks for taking the time to answer the telephone survey and provide their feedback.
- Mr. Hayden reminded board members of the board lunch at Lawrence High School tomorrow, November 29, beginning at 12 noon.

PATRON COMMENTARY

President Harmon asked for patron commentary.

The following patrons commented in regard to equity:

Cara Smith, learning coach

Lauren Mitchell, teacher

BOARD COMMENTARY

Jessica Beeson

...thanked the patrons for speaking and said she intended to follow up with them.

PATRON COMMENTARY

The following patrons made comments:

Unknown

Melissa Johnson

Trinity Carpenter

Caleb Stephens

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Vanessa Sanburn, 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 14, 2016 executive session, regular meeting
- The financial reports including school activity funds
- The November 28, 2016 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

Fund	Amount
General	\$ 175,484.85
Local Option Budget	5,799.00
Food Service	115,567.99
Vocational Education	1,993.52
Special Education	39,769.32
Capital Outlay	298,444.81
Health Fund	879,153.93
Adult Basic Education	720.00
Virtual School	774.90
Professional Development	1,159.00
Student Materials Revolve	14,355.18
At Risk 4 Year Old	112.50
Work Comp Reserve	429.05
2013 Bonds	11,484.83
Title I 2017	2,722.07
Indian Education Title 2017	100.00
Johnson O'Malley 2016	1,083.16
Title IIA 2017	245.00
Carl Perkins 2017	249.48
Title VIBDIS 2017	249.20
KMSG Middle School 2017	1,434.88
KS Deaf/Blind 2017	406.70
Payroll Fund	2,655,981.24
Spectra-Medicaid	8,599.90
Wellness Farm to School Local	80.00
Loc/Don/Gra	4,271.24
Memorial/Scholarship	250.00
TOTAL	\$4,220,921.75

- Approvals of the following:
 - Adoption of Revised 2017-2018 School Calendar
 - Acceptance of Donation & Purchase of Playground Equipment – Deerfield
 - Purchase of Playground Equipment – Kennedy
 - Setup & Removal of Mobile Classrooms – East Heights
 - Purchase of K-5 Math Expressions Annual Consumables for 2017-2018

Approval of Consent Agenda (Continued)

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

...*Howard Plenert* for his 10 years of service and devotion to this community and its schools upon his retirement effective May 25, 2017.

REPORTS

2016 Graduation & State Assessment Data

Terry McEwen, director, curriculum, instruction, and assessment, reviewed how a four-year cohort is used to calculate data determining the graduation rate. He presented information showing that the overall graduation rate since 2009 in Lawrence High School and Free State High School continued to climb through 2015, but declined slightly in 2016. Dr. McEwen also reported that the gap between graduation rates of reportable subgroups of students was large in 2009, but narrowed in 2015 and remained about the same in 2016.

He presented performance level reports on the 2016 Kansas Assessment Program in Math and English Language Arts for all students in all grades, stating that the performance scores stayed flat. He noted that there will be changes in testing for next year as state assessments have been de-emphasized by the Kansas State Board of Education.

Update of Master Facility Planning for Secondary Schools

John Wilkins, principal, assisted by Jordan Albrecht, associate; Kelly Dreyer, senior associate; and David Reid, principal; Gould Evans Associates, presented proposed plans for renovations and additions at the district's four middle schools and two high schools. It was reported that these plans were developed following a building by building needs assessment and meetings between school/district administration, school/district personnel, school committees, board members, and the Facility Planning Committee. The plans focus on goals that include 21st century learning environments, student privacy, MEP (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) upgrades, safe and secure campuses, professional space for faculty, and growth accommodation. A cost summary was presented that totaled \$75,594,468 in priority renovations and new construction and \$18,266,678 in added scope and options.

Dave Arteberry, financial advisor, George K. Baum and Company, presented a bond election calendar that will need to be followed closely should the Board of Education make a decision to hold a May 2, 2017 bond election. In addition, he reported on the impact to the mill levy should a bond issue be passed.

Kathy Johnson, director, finance, shared comparative school district data to benchmark against USD 497 Lawrence Public Schools including debt service information. This information evaluates where Lawrence stands within 21 districts of varying sizes, locations and demographics in preparation for a possible bond election in 2017.

REPORTS AND APPROVAL

Approval of School Finance Recommendations & 2017 Legislative Priorities

Kathy Johnson, director, finance, reviewed the final drafts of USD 497's input on the new school finance formula framework and the Board of Education's priorities for the 2017 legislative session.

Report & Approval

~ School Finance Recommendations & 2017 Legislative Priorities (Continued)

Following a brief discussion with recommendations for minor edits, Shannon Kimball made a motion, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, to approve the submission of the Lawrence USD 497 Input on School Finance Formula Framework to the Governor, Kansas Legislature and Kansas Association of School Boards. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Shannon Kimball made a motion, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, to approve the 2017 Legislative Priorities as outlined. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:18 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