

**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**

July 23, 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

Board Members Present

Jessica Beeson, president
Melissa Johnson, vice president
Jill Fincher
Rick Ingram
Kelly Jones
Shannon Kimball

Absent

G.R. Gordon-Ross

ELT Members Present

Dr. Anthony S. Lewis, superintendent
Anna Stubblefield, deputy superintendent

Julie Boyle, executive director,
communications
David Cunningham, executive director,
human resources/chief legal counsel
Kevin Harrell, executive director, student
services & special education
Kathy Johnson, executive director,
finance
Dawn Downing, deputy clerk
Alyse Proctor, board clerk

Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Shannon Kimball, the Board of Education voted in a 6-0 roll call 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, Anna Stubblefield, Jerri Kemble, David Cunningham, Kathy Johnson, Samrie Devin, and Matt Brungardt**, invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 7:00 pm, with possible action to follow.”

Upon a motion by Jill Fincher, seconded by Shannon Kimball, the board voted in a 6-0 roll call vote to amend the consent agenda to include the High School MacBook Power Adapter Replacement.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jill Fincher, the board voted in a 6-0 roll call vote to adopt the amended consent agenda.

The consent agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the July 2, 2018 regular meeting
- The July 23, 2018 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

Consent Agenda (continued)

Approvals of the following:

- Concrete Site Improvement - McConnell & Associates - Prairie Park
- Security Cameras - Alexander Open Systems - Facilities & Operations
- Destiny Library and Textbook Resource Management Solutions Renewal
- SeeSaw Licenses Renewal
- 2018 - 2019 Online Instructional Resources Renewal
- Greenbush School Improvement Services Support Plan
- 2018 - 2019 Schedule of Fees
- Consumable Instructional Resources Purchase
- Middle School iPad Power Adapter Replacements
- Advanced Placement Human Geography Textbook Adoption
- Advanced Placement Comparative Politics Textbook Purchase
- 2018-2019 High School MacBook Power Adapter Replacements

REPORT

Budget Update-

Kathy Johnson, executive director of finance, shared

"We knew this cliff was coming. I think there was always the hope that the state would do more, and they didn't. Our contingency reserve could be as low as \$1 million next year, and that is really scary for a district of our size," said Kathy Johnson, executive director of finance.

Johnson shared in a budget update to the Lawrence Board of Education on Monday that because of the district's deficit spending to make ends meet during the state block-grant years of flat funding, the district had \$2.9 million to make up at the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 2018. Kansas requires a balanced budget, so Johnson outlined a plan to bridge the gap by using funds from health care reserves, 403b forfeitures (available

several other technology systems currently in use in the district, including Human Resources, financial, and school fee payment software systems, Google Suite, Outlook email, Parchment (student transcripts), and SchoolMessenger (automated notification system).

Executive Director of Assessment, Research, and Accountability Terry McEwen and Assistant Director of Learning and Technology Kirsten Wondra updated the board on the progress of the transition to PowerSchool. "We have registered 1,200 new students through the (PowerSchool) system to date, and some of the remarks we are hearing are that it is easy, intuitive, and that parents like it a lot," said McEwen.

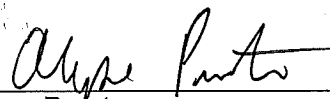
Staff have been working with PowerSchool to build the structure of the new system to meet the district's needs. "The good news is that we are pioneers, and we're kind of on the frontlines," McEwen said. "The bad news is that we are the pioneers, and we're kind of on the frontlines."

As a "pioneer," the district purchased all of the PowerSchool modules and has had to make adjustments during implementation as PowerSchool itself evolves. As the district builds the new structure and imports district data, it must also focus on training staff. Using a train-the-trainer model, 75 teachers signed on as leaders in navigating the change, which has included 17 days of staff training to date with more on the horizon. Online learning and video tutorials also are available as staff learn the ropes.

While the new system is not yet available, the district's goal is to provide parent access to PowerSchool by August 6. This will enable schools to assist parents in becoming acclimated to PowerSchool during back-to-school activities. PowerSchool offers parents/guardians a personalized account with a single login and access to information about all of the school-age children in their family. Parents will be able to access student attendance, class schedules and assignments, scores and grades, fees, and school and teacher communication, as well as sign up for information alerts. In the meantime, school families may continue to view their students' information in Skyward.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:57 p.m., a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jessica Beeson, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.



Alyse Proctor
Board Clerk, Board of Education