

USD 377 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SESSION 7:30 PM  
MAY 14, 2007  
CENTRAL OFFICE, EFFINGHAM

The Board of Education of Unified School District #377 met at 7:30 pm on May 14, 2007, at the Central Office, Effingham. Board members present: Steve Caplinger, Todd Gigstad (7:34 pm), Cindy Ladd, Leonard Lange, Jeff Martin, Michael Postma, Mark Westermann.

Administrators present: Tom Hinrichs, Tom Sack, Terry Slattery, Mark Preut (8:25 pm)

Visitors: Emily Randall, Globe; Terry Porter, Denny Cunningham, Barb Scoggins, Janet Eckert, Amy Pound, Kelli Postma, Susan, Riley & Raven Hundley, Debbie & Kayla Schneider, Mike & Laura Falk & Darrin, Linda Boos, William and Donna Poos.

Caplinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Agenda

An additional gift from Cargill was added to Gifts & Grants. Presentations to the two staff members listed is being postponed to another meeting.

Westermann moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Ladd. Motion passed 6-0.

(The consent agenda included approval of the minutes of the April regular and April 23 extended meetings, the Treasurer's report dated 04/30/07, school activity fund statements, Bills & Claims in the amount of \$540,083.76, acceptance of gifts, approval of a request to use a bus by the 4-H.)

(Gifts were accepted as follows: \$200 from David & Jeanne Weber, Weber Logging, to ACCHS Basketball, \$500 NEA Foundation Grant, General Mills Box Tops for Education of \$874.50 for Elementary AR, games and activity books to Effingham Elementary from Mike & Denise Kelly, \$25 to SoundMasters from Venita Jo Rader, and a \$600 gift from Cargill for the high school library.)

Hearing of Audience:

None.

Commendations/Letters of Appreciation

Tom Sack introduced and commended four middle school students, Jodi Swendson, Kayla Schneider, Darrin Falk and Riley Hundley, for receiving citizenship awards from the American Legion Post. The students have already received their certificates and will be highlighted at 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion.

Hinrichs presented a letter of appreciation to Terry Porter for serving as chair of the Science Department. Letters will also be presented to Barbara Metcalfe, Fine Arts Chair, Cy Wallisch, Social Science and Rose Henry, Language Arts.

Presentations:

Kelli Postma, president of the Effingham PTO, asked the board to accept playground equipment for the grade school which will be purchased and installed this summer. Postma presented a picture of the wooden swing set with slide which will cost \$1,199.

Linda Boos presented the Middle School Site Council Report. She cited the two main topics they discussed this year were additional staff and course offerings and discipline.

Slattery related the elementary report was written by Denise Kelly.

### Board Reports:

The clerk reported on building and liability insurance bidding, the budget workshop scheduled for June 20 at Washburn Rural and handed out board member mileage forms.

### Special Ed Report:

Gigstad reported the NEKESC board met twice this month. A special meeting was for the purpose of hiring a new Special Ed. Director. Larry Mears has been hired to help with on-going litigation.

### Leadership Reports

Slattery reported on Kindergarten Round-up with 46 students for 2007-08. Six have been recommended for pre-school. Twenty-eight students were screened for pre-school. There are two openings in the morning class and six in the afternoon. Slattery announced Amy Pound, Special Ed. Pre-School Teacher, received her Masters in Early Childhood Education.

Sack invited members to attend the Science Fair tomorrow night, and Spirit awards Thursday night, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He discussed a celebration planned on Monday, May 21, as a 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks party and for student hard work on state assessments. This will be a carnival celebration until the buses leave at 5:15 pm. Sack said he is proposing both 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders start on the first day of school next year.

Hinrichs presented a written report in the board packet.

### Old Business

#### 1) KASB Annual Dues

KASB membership dues are \$7,342, an increase of \$230 from last year, and the Legal Assistance Fund fee is \$1,100, the same as last year.

Motion by Gigstad to approve 2007-08 annual membership dues to KASB and join the Legal Assistance fund as presented. Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 6-1. (Lange opposed.)

#### 2) Approve 2007-08 Enrollment Fees

Mr. Wiseman's recommendation for enrollment fees for 2007-08 was \$25 for Kindergarten, \$50 grades 1-4, \$65 grades 5-8 and \$100 for grades 9-12 to include all costs.

Motion by Postma, seconded by Ladd, to approve 2007-08 enrollment fees as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

#### 3) Approval of Level 1 Summer Projects

A list of prioritized summer projects was included in the board packet with the recommendation to approve Level 1.

Motion by Lange, seconded by Martin, to approve Level 1 summer projects in the amount of \$23,750. Motion passed 7-0.

#### 4) Approval of Level I Equipment Requests

A list of prioritized equipment requests was included in the board packet with the recommendation to approve Level 1.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Westermann, to approve Level 1 equipment requests in the amount of \$23,262.98. Motion passed 7-0.

#### 5) Building Level Student Handbooks

Building principals reviewed handbook changes. Slattery informed the board she would be adding another paragraph to her handbook as follows for Supplemental Instructional Programs "Attendance at After School and Summer School is mandatory if the student is one year below grade level or has been recommended for either program through the Student Improvement Team. Below grade level is determined through MAP and CBM assessments, state assessments,

teacher observation and classroom assessment. Students who attend the programs and achieve grade level proficiency can be exited out. Their status should be reviewed at the end of the following quarter or as soon as a decline is noticed.”

Sack said he would be adding to the final draft of the middle school handbook a paragraph stating big bags would not be allowed in the classroom only book bags.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1) KASB NCLB Resolution for Congress

Caplinger read the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 , which applies to all school districts and schools within states that accept federal Title I dollars; and

WHEREAS, the USD 377 Board of Education supports the goals of NCLB of raising

student achievement; closing the achievement gap; and ensuring that each child has a highly qualified teacher; and

WHEREAS, the USD 377 Board of Education continues to welcome the accountability for improving student and school performance; and

WHEREAS, the USD 377 Board of Education has had four years of operational experience in implementing NCLB: and

WHEREAS, the USD 377 Board of Education has identified improvements that could be made to NCLB that would eliminate barriers to full implementation of the federal law; and

WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) developed draft legislation based on input from local school boards across the nation that would address the concerns of local school boards, and improve the implementation of NCLB; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006 the NSBA Delegate Assembly re-affirmed its support of federal legislation that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation, and

WHEREAS, in January 2007 Representative Don Young (R-AK) re-introduced legislation, the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648, that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the USD 377 Board of Education urges members of the Kansas Congressional Delegation to fully support H.R. 648 by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to members of the Kansas U.S. congressional delegation, the Governor and the Commissioner of the Kansas State Department of Education.

Motion by Westermann, seconded by Martin, to adopt the KASB NCLB Resolution for Congress. Motion passed 7-0.

### 2) Approval to Purchase Five PAT Units for the 2007-08 School Year

Motion by Gigstad, seconded by Lange, to approve the purchase of five Parents As Teachers units. Motion passed 7-0.

### 3) Approve Summer School Recommendation

Hinrichs presented a proposed budget for summer school listing numbers of students and staff. The estimated cost is \$31,622.32. All classes will be held in Effingham.

Motion by Martin to accept the summer school budget and approve staff as presented. Motion seconded by Westermann. Motion passed 7-0.

### 4) Approve Lease Agreement for New Sports Complex

Caplinger stated the Lease Agreement was revised from the one presented at the last meeting. The wording was changed on insurance coverage. Larry Mears informed Caplinger the county has approved the language for the lease agreement. The described real estate will be leased to the county for a one time fee of \$182,000 plus legal expenses.

Motion by Martin to approve the lease agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Ladd. Motion passed 6-1. (Lange opposed.)

Caplinger stated the district will be in charge of management and will receive an annual amount of \$10,000 to defray costs with expenses to be reported on a quarterly basis.

Motion by Martin to approve the Management Agreement as presented previously. Motion seconded by Westermann. Motion passed 6-1. (Lange Opposed.)

The real estate transaction with the Fredericks will be for three acres at a cost of \$185,000. Three thousand dollars is for the portion the district is purchasing that is not under the lease. Title insurance will be included.

Motion by Martin to authorize the board president to execute the real estate transaction to purchase the property. Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 6-1. (Lange opposed.)

5) Approve Application to Appropriate Water

An application for a permit to appropriate water in order for a water well to be drilled needs board approval. The well will supply water to the new irrigation system at the sports complex.

Motion by Westermann to approve the application for a permit to appropriate water in order for a water well to be drilled. Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 6-1. (Lange opposed.)

6) Executive Session - Personnel

Motion by Caplinger at 8:29 pm to enter into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual/s to be discussed, and that the board return to open session in this room at 8:34 pm. Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 7-0. (Hinrichs present 8:29-8:31 pm)

The board resumed in open session at 8:34 pm

7) Approval of Personnel Report

Motion by Ladd to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Motion seconded by Westermann. Motion passed 7-0.

(The personnel report included the acceptance of the resignations of Sharon Worley from her ES/MS Counseling position and from Rachael Wohletz as Effingham Elem Aide the end of this school term, approval of summer school workers as recommended by Dan Coder: Cy Wallisch, Donna Blackledge, Pam Roudebush, Joyce Thompson, Alvera Lee and Krista Sowers, approval of supplemental positions as listed, and approval to extend teaching contracts to Decoursey Lucas for Elem/Middle School Art and Therese Tremmel for MS Science.)

8) Executive Session – Superintendent’s Evaluation

This executive session was not needed.

9) Executive Session – Acquisition of Property

Motion by Caplinger to go into executive session at 8:40 to have preliminary discussions about the possibility of acquisition of real property in order to protect the public interest in obtaining the property at a fair price and that the board return to open session in this room at 8:50 pm. Motion seconded by Gigstad. Motion passed 7-0.

The board resumed in open session at 8:50 pm.

10) Select Place for June Meeting

Motion by Caplinger to hold the June regular meeting in the Central Office in Effingham. Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 5-0. (Gigstad, Lange absent for vote.)

Gigstad complimented Mr. Pruet for organizing the group to make improvements on the high school entrance way. The outstanding vocal concert and league track meet were also cited as being outstanding.

Motion by Caplinger at 9:05 to adjourn this meeting to 7:30 pm in the Central Office on May 29.  
Motion seconded by Lange. Motion passed 7-0.

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Ruth Dillon, Board Clerk