

USD 377 BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL SESSION 7:30 PM
JUNE 27, 2006
CENTRAL OFFICE, EFFINGHAM

The Board of Education of Unified School District #377 met at 7:30 pm on June 27, 2006, in the Central Office, Effingham, Board members present: Steve Caplinger, Todd Gigstad (7:40 pm), Cindy Ladd, Leonard Lange, Jeff Martin, Michael Postma, Mark Westermann. Administrator present: Steve Wiseman.

Visitors: Jeff Schmucker, Atchison Globe.

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

1) Bills & Claims

Motion by Westermann to approve bills & claims as presented. Motion seconded by Ladd. Motion passed 6-0. (Bills & Claims were in the amount of \$600,817.23.)

2) Consider Worker's Compenstaion Bids

The renewal from KASB was \$92,215. Bids were received from ACE, \$68,581 and Hartford, \$58,581. The Hartford bid was with a \$1,000 deductible.

Motion by Ladd to approve the Hartford Insurance bid for Worker's Comp for 2006-07 at \$58,431. Motion seconded by Westermann. Motion passed 6-0.

3) Consider Approval of bids for Student Insurance

The low bid was from KASB for 100% coverage at \$4,896. Renewal with Student Assurrances was \$7,673.13. A bid from Jim Gill Agency was \$6,487.50.

Motion by Postma to approve the KASB bid as recommended. Motion seconded by Lange. Motion passed 6-0.

4) Consider renovating or replacing MS Gym Bleachers.

This item was tabled from the May meeting in order to get bids for replacing the bleachers on the west side of the gym. The low bid for replacement for the east side with electric operation was \$23,583. The low bid from Mid-States for the west side with electric operation was \$29,325. According to Dan Coder, the cost to repair the bleachers is estimated at less than \$8,000. He recommended replacing all parts under the bleachers that are worn out. Wiseman suggested reserving the bottom rows or setting up chairs for the elderly and disabled. It was suggested making walkways in the bleachers for easier access. It was the consensus of the board to proceed with repair.

5) Consider Approval of the 2006-07 District Calendar

Wiseman presented and reviewed a handout of recommended changes.

Motion by Gigstad to approve the 2006-07 District Calendar and policy reommndations. Motion seconded by Westermann. Motion passed 6-1. (Lange Opposed.)

6) Personnel – Executive Session

The executive session was not necessary.

7) Consider Personnel Report Recommendations

Motion by Caplinger to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 7-0.

(The Personnel Report included a release from contract for Emily Rudy from her HS/Ms Art Teaching position, approval of extending contracts to Megan Greenwood for the HS Social Science position and to Donna Nichols for the HS Science position, approval of summer student workers: Jordan Noll, Austin Wheeler, and Levi Smith.)

8) Budget Close-out and Transfers

Wiseman presented handouts on the cost of VPL At-Risk Software and Wireless Network recommendations. As part of the General Fund budget closeout the purchase of the VPL software package is included from Learning Systems at a cost of \$27,713.95. The cost of the total package for wireless routers with installation is \$10,283.60.

Motion by Caplinger to authorize the superintendent and clerk to encumber outstanding purchase orders and make necessary transfers to close out the budget for fiscal year 2006 and if final General and Supplemental General state aid is not received until July to record it as a June 2006 payment. Motion seconded by Martin. Motion passed 7-0.

9) Budget Discussion

Discussion included the Supreme Court ruling, scheduling of State budget workshops, and budget needs for 2006-07.

10) Executive Session – Negotiations.

Wiseman reported the Atchison County Teachers Association has notified him that they have ratified the Negotiated Agreement for 2006-07. An Executive Session was not necessary.

11) Consider Approval to Ratify Negotiated Agreement with the Atchison County Teachers Association.

Motion by Westermann to approve the 2006-07 Negotiated Agreement with the Atchison County Teachers Association as presented. Motion seconded by Ladd. Motion passed 6-1. (Lange opposed.) (The agreement is with a \$29,500 base salary and 6.33% total package.)

Motion by Postma, seconded by Ladd, to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.

Ruth J. Dillon, Board Clerk

