

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #377
REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2011
6:30 PM, CENTRAL OFFICE
EFFINGHAM, KS

Members Present

Jeff Martin, Kurt Dieckmann, Brian Jolly, Pat Kearney, Cindy Ladd, Mike Lee, Steve Meeks.

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Superintendent Steve Wiseman, Principals Deanna Scherer (8:45 pm), Lisa Brookover; Steve Caplinger, Dean Swafford, Morgan Martin.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Jeff Martin.

Approval of Agenda

Amendments to the Agenda: Addition of a non-resident student to the consent agenda. Addition of a student trip to Old Business Item C.

Motion by Ladd to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Kearney. Passed 7-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Meeks, seconded by Ladd, to accept the consent agenda as amended. Motion passed 7-0.

(The consent agenda included approval of the minutes of the October 10 regular meeting; the treasurer's report dated 10/31/2011, activity reports, bills, claims & transfers in the amount of \$1,129,151.83; approval of 2 non-resident student requests for admission to USD 377; acceptance of correspondence. The Personnel report included approval of supplemental contracts for Eileen Montgomery and Debra Forbes as Co-Elem STUCO sponsors; Joe Worthington as Head Softball coach and PDC member, Carl Chatman Jr as an emergency sub, Linda Bottorff, Anna Hilt & Easlyn Haase as volunteers, and Mandy Holle as a classified sub. Gifts accepted were: \$83.55 from Elem PTO for Bullying Prevention Materials, \$100 from United Methodist Church and \$25 from Melvin/Lois Myers to Soundmasters, \$100 from Kiwanis Club to JSH Band, \$768 to HS Boys BB from Haunted Forest Fundraiser, \$24 to HS Boys BB Pizza Fundraiser, \$853 to Band from dinner prior to Fall Play, \$530 to Drama Dept. for fall play fundraiser intermission desserts. Walmart donated 12 cases of fruit snacks for 6th graders.)

Hearing of Audience

None

Presentations

Morgan Martin, Vice President of the ACCHS FFA Chapter gave highlights of the trip to the National convention in Indianapolis. The 6 FFA officers attended.

Special Ed Report

Keystone minutes were included in the Board Packet. Ladd related the LeCompton building has been officially transferred to the City of

LeCompton. At the last board meeting members were given information on grants received by Keystone.

Leadership Reports

Lisa Brookover discussed professional development on the new reading series, a Parent/Teacher conference attendance report, the Backpack Buddies program, interim assessments, and other elementary activities.

Wiseman reviewed the Compulsory Attendance law and Child Abuse laws. Wiseman presented district health insurance costs, information on a public forum, Live Well Live Atchison, the JSH Fitness night, Staff Uniform update, and the Veteran's Day Program.

Old Business

Old Central Office Sale/Lease

Wiseman informed the board the old Central Office has been cleaned out and is ready for sale/lease.

Motion by Kearney to authorize Mr. Wiseman to enter into a contract with a real estate agent, determine the cost percent for listing, and establish an asking price of \$50,000. Motion seconded by Ladd. Motion Passed 7-0. It was the consensus of the board to consider a lease agreement if a proposal was presented.

Strategic Planning

The board discussed Goal 1, Academic Excellence and focus areas. Wiseman will bring back for action at the December meeting

Student Trips

Two student trip requests were presented: 1) From J. Worthington for Grades 6-8 to attend a concert by the Topeka Symphony on Jan. 12; 2) From A. Eckert to attend the KMEA Middle Level/Elementary Honor Choir Festival on Dec. 3 at Shawnee Mission SE HS.

Motion by Kearney to approve both trips, the KMEA Elementary Honor Choir Festival and the Topeka Symphony concert. Motion seconded by Ladd. Motion passed 7-0.

Capital Improvement Plan

Wiseman informed the board he and Dan Coder have completed a walk thru of the buildings and are in the process of getting estimates for the list of capital improvement projects that have been identified. Wiseman suggested to work through the Site Councils and to wait to see the results of the new school finance plan being proposed by the Governor before making any decisions on projects.

DVL Discussion

Wiseman related two meetings are scheduled this week on the DVL League. Recent discussions have included possible dissolution of the DVL and starting a new league with the north schools and three interested Big Seven schools.

New Business

Personnel

Wiseman related a verbal recommendation from Mrs. Scherer due to the number of participants to extend supplemental contracts to Cody Sprang as assistant wrestling coach and to Margo Ellerman as Girls assistant basketball coach. No action was recommended at this time for boys basketball.

*Benedictine Partnership
School Articulation
Agreement 2011*

*Student Teacher
Assignment
Recommendation*

*Executive Session –
Personnel*

*Executive Session -
Negotiations*

Adjournment

Motion by Ladd to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Motion seconded by Jolly. Motion passed 7-0.

Wiseman presented a five year articulation agreement with Benedictine college to place student teachers and administrative interns within the district.

Motion by Martin to approve the five year agreement with Benedictine College. Motion seconded by Meeks. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Scherer submitted student teacher recommendations for the JSH as follows: Betsy Danner, Music; Scott Serrico, Social Science; Carissa Gregory, Science. Mrs. Brookover recommended for the Elementary Center: Courtney Danze, 1st grade, and Allyson Klaus, Grades 5-6.

Motion by Meeks to approve the student teacher assignment recommendations as presented. Motion seconded by Dieckmann. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Martin at 8:40 pm to go into executive session to discuss personnel 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 8:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Ladd. Motion passed 7-0. (Wiseman present, Brookover 8:40-8:45.)
The board resumed in open session at 8:50 pm.

Motion by Martin at 8:50 pm to go into executive session to discuss personnel 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 9:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Kearney. Motion passed 7-0. (Wiseman & Scherer present.)
The board resumed in open session at 9:00 pm.

Motion by Martin at 9:02 pm to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract and that the board return to open session in this room at 9:20 pm. Motion seconded by Meeks. Motion passed 7-0.
The board resumed in open session at 9:20 pm.

Motion by Martin to provide a one time stipend as part of the 2011-12 classified salary package of \$300 to be spent out of the Contingency Reserve Fund. Motion seconded by Kearney. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Lee, to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

Ruth Dillon, Board Clerk
