

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday, February 9, 2009

Elementary RIF (Elementary Centers)

6:30 AM Mr. Wiseman in office

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Senior Citizen Sweetheart Tea (HS Cafeteria)

3:15 PM - 5:00 PM HS Girls BB Practice (HS Gym)

5:30 PM HS FR Basketball w/Valley Falls (HS Gym) – Boys only

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM HS Boys BB Practice (MS Gym)

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Effingham Wrestling Club (MS Little Gym)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM BOE Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Elementary RIF (Elementary Centers)

6:30 AM Mr. Wiseman in office

10:00 AM Brian w/Dynamics (Bldg B)

12:00 PM Keystone Learning Meeting (Oskaloosa Keystone), Mr. Wiseman

1:00 PM County Spelling bee @ ACES

2:00 PM Food Service Meeting (Central Office Board Room)

2:45 PM HS Pep Rally, HS Gym

3:00 PM Booster Club Supper (HS Commons)

3:15 PM HS 9 Gr. Boys/Girls BB Practice (HS Gym)

~~4:00 PM MS 7/8 BBB w/Xavier (Xavier) Game cancelled~~

4:45 PM HS JV/V Basketball w/MH-MA (Queen of Courts) (MS/HS Gym)

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Elementary RIF (Elementary Centers)

6:30 AM Mr. Wiseman in office

6:00 AM HS 9th Gr. Boys BB Practice (HS Gym)

Noon **Big 7 AD's Meeting for spring sports (Holton)**

3:15 PM PM HS Girls BB Practice (HS Gym)

5:00 PM HS BBB Practice, HS Gym/HS Dance Team Practice, HS Commons Area

7:00 PM Elementary Site Council, Cummings ES/HS Booster Club Mtg, HS Lib

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Thursday, February 12, 2009 – **LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, HS State Scholars' Bowl**

6:00 AM AM HS BBB Practice (HS Gym)

6:30 AM Mr. Wiseman in office

1:00 PM Central Office Staff Meeting, Board Room

3:00 PM HS Dance Team Practice (HS Commons)

3:15 PM HS GBB Practice (HS Gym)

4:00 PM MS 8th Grade BBB, Hiawatha, Here (MS Gym) – **Parents' Night**

MS 7th Grade BBB @ Hiawatha

5:30 PM HS FR BB vs. Nemaha Valley, Here – HS Gym

HS VR WR @ Sabetha

6:00 PM HS Spring Play Practice (HS Auditorium)

Friday, February 13, 2009 – TIME CARDS DUE!

6:00 AM - 7:30 AM HS 9th Gr. Boys BB Practice (HS Gym)

6:30 AM Mr. Wiseman in office

7:00 AM Admin Meeting, Board Room

3:30 PM Big 7 JV WR, Here – MS Gym

4:45 PM HS JV/V Basketball @ Nemaha Valley

Saturday, February 14 – **VALENTINE'S DAY**

6:00 PM 7th/8th Grade Dance – MS Cafeteria

8:30 PM HS Sweetheart STUCO Dance – HS Commons

Unified School District #377 Board of Education
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, February 9, 2009
7:30 P.M.
USD 377 Administrative Building, Effingham, KS

(A) – Action Item(s)

(D) – Discussion Item

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – BOARD PRESIDENT

A. Approval of Agenda

II. CONSENT AGENDA (A) – Board members may request any consent agenda item be moved to the regular agenda to be voted on separately.

A. Approval of Minutes

B. **Approval of Treasurer’s Report, Activity Reports, Bills & Claims**

C. Acceptance of Gifts

D. Approval of Personnel Report

E. Approval of Out of District Students

F. Accept Parents as Teachers Report

G. Acceptance of Correspondences

1. Keystone Superintendents Advisory Council Minutes, January 13.
2. Keystone Board of Directors minutes, January 21.
3. Letter from Atchison County Teachers Association
4. Copy of Resolution #163-09, City of Lancaster
5. Letter from City of Lancaster

III. HEARING OF AUDIENCE

Speakers are encouraged to register by calling the Clerk of the Board at (913) 833-5050 by 2:00 PM on the day of the meeting. Speakers may also register at the BOE meeting site, prior to the beginning of the meeting.

1. Roy Lassen – School Reconfiguration
2. Kelly Ireland

BCBI Public Participation at Board Meetings Open Forum

The president or presiding officer may ask patrons attending if they would like to speak during the open forum. Rules for the public forum will be available from the clerk prior to the board meeting and at the meeting itself. The board president may impose a limit on the time a visitor may address the board.

The board president may ask groups with the same interest to appoint a spokesperson to deliver the group’s message.

Except to ask clarifying questions, board members shall not interact with speakers at the open forum.

Hearing of Audience Rules:

- Presentations shall not exceed 5 minutes.
- Subjects, other than policy issues, will generally be referred to the administration.
- Comments shall be limited to issues and not refer to personalities.
- Presentations must be in good taste befitting the occasion and the dignity of the board meeting.

When addressing the board, please be reminded that matters of a personal nature which, by their nature, identify an individual are prohibited by federal law in public discussion. Please assist us in protecting the privacy rights of students and staff.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. **Recognition of the ACCHS “We The People” state finalists team.**

Juniors in Mr. Lucas’ College History class participated in *We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution* competition in Topeka on Monday February 2. Each member of the class becomes an expert in one of the six units in the text. Teams prepare and present an opening statement and then respond to questions from a panel of judges. The six units deal with broad Constitutional issues and students must combine

knowledge of primary source texts with historical events and current issues. Teams from across the state competed including Blue Valley Northwest, Pleasant Ridge, Sabetha, St. Thomas Aquinas, Greeley County and Valley Heights. Team members are Julie Oliver, Sloane Elias, Rikki Taliaferro, Precious Dela Cruz, Hannah Boos, Rachael Kiehl, Steven Rathert, Brock Wagner and Josh Keimig, Tyron Byrd, Cruz Bautista, Elizabeth Ford, Trevor Lutz, Alex Maxwell, Khrystyan Jamvold-Banks and Ryan Falk. Sponsor – Clayton Lucas

The team of Cruz Bautista, Rikki Taliaferro and Brock Wagner earned recognition as the Unit #4 Winner at **today's competition. Unit #4 dealt with the question, "How have the values and principles embodied in the Constitution shaped American institutions and practices?" More specifically, the team had to incorporate Federalist 68 by Alexander Hamilton in identifying the qualities of a "good administration." They outscored all of the other schools in earning this honor.**

V. BOARD REPORT/POSITIVES

- A. Board Members
 - i. Special Ed Report – Todd Gigstad
 - i. NEKESC Report

VI. LEADERSHIP REPORTS

- A. Mrs. Dillon, Board Clerk
- B. Mr. Hinrichs
- C. **Principals' Reports**
- D. **Superintendent's Report**

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. EDUCATION – STATE ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND PREPARATION, BY MR. HINRICHS (D)
- B. DISTRICT BUDGET AND LONG RANGE PLANNING (D)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. APPROVE THE BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL K.S.A. 72-8414 (A)

Goal 1 – Academic Excellence

Goal 2 – Safe Learning and Working Environment

Goal 4 – High Quality Workforce

Purpose: To renew the district's health insurance plan with BC/BS.

Comments: The district's health insurance contract expires on March 31, 2009. In order to continue providing a quality fringe benefit package to district employees, the board must consider approving a renewal of the current plan at an increase of 7%. It will cost the district \$13,721 for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year. The increase for 2009-2010 is approximated at a minimum of \$33,000.

Recommendation: Move to approve the renewal of the district health insurance plan with BC/BS as presented.

- B. APPROVE DRIVERS' EDUCATION RECOMMENDATION (A)

Goal 1 – Academic Excellence

Goal 3 – Community Schools

Purpose: To consider the approval of Drivers' Education fees for 2009 (K.S.A. 72-6423)

Comments: The Governor has cut state aid to schools for Drivers' Education. In order to make the program self supporting, student fees will need to be increased from \$75 to \$150, assuming there will be an enrollment of approximately fifty-five (55) students. Additionally, it is recommended to increase out-of-district fees from \$175 to \$225.

We have a cash balance of just over \$8,000 that can be utilized if fees do not adequately cover program costs.

Recommendation: Move to approve 2009 Drivers' Education tuition fees as presented.

- C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF STATE BID FOR SCHOOL CAR (A)

Goal 1 – Academic Excellence

Goal 2 – Safe Learning and Working Environment

Goal 3 – Community Schools

Purpose: To approve replacing school Drivers' Education car as recommended by Charlie Buttron, Transportation Director.

Comments: The car being replaced is a 1999 Ford Taurus with 143,000 miles. The condition of the car is such that its use for Drivers' Education was stopped after 2007 classes.

Sealed bids were accepted from area dealers which produced one submission from Foster Ford of Holton, KS in the amount of \$19,995.

The low bid was secured from the state bid list for the amount of \$16,439.

Recommendation: Move to approve the recommendation to accept the low bid of \$16,439 (Contract Award No. 11571) from Bozarth Chevrolet.

D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HOSTING KASB SPRING 2010 REGIONAL CONFERENCE (A)

Goal 1 – Academic Excellence

Goal 2 – Safe Learning and Working Environment

Goal 3 – Community Schools

Purpose: To provide the Board the opportunity to consider hosting a KASB spring 2010 regional conference.

Comments: A representative from KASB has asked if our district would be interested in hosting their regional conference in the spring of 2010. This would be a great opportunity to showcase either our high school or middle school, as well as provide our students and teachers the opportunity to demonstrate their unique talents and programs.

Recommendation: Move to approve the recommendation to host a KASB spring 2010 regional conference.

E. DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATION TO UPGRADE DISTRICT LIBRARY SOFTWARE (D)

Goal 1 – Academic Excellence

Goal 4 – High Quality Workforce

Purpose: To discuss the recommendation to upgrade the district's library software system.

Comments: Mrs. Erickson is recommending the Board approve new library software, as explained in her report.

Recommendation: Approve the recommendation or table the item until the next meeting.

F. APPROVE ACCHS SOUNDMASTERS OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST (A)

Goal 1 – Academic Excellence

Goal 3 – Community Schools

Purpose: For the Board to consider approving the request by Mrs. Amy Eckert, SoundMasters sponsor to take the ACCHS Soundmasters to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, leaving April 8th and returning on April 11th.

Comments: Students will be under the Student Code of Conduct at all times during this trip. Students will be academically eligible and in good standing.

Recommendation: Move to approve the ACCHS SoundMasters out-of-state field trip request as presented.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

Recommendation (10 minutes):

Move to go into executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract and that the board returns to open session in this room at_____.

SELECT PLACE FOR MARCH MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the March, 2009 meeting be held at the Central Office in Effingham.

ADVANCED AGENDA PLANNING

Negotiations

Summer Maintenance

Equipment Requisitions and Capital Outlay recommendations

Board Policy Updates (if any)

School Calendar approval

2009-2010 Budget Development

ADJOURNMENT