

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2015

President Kevin Flott called the Regular Meeting of the Southern Lyon County USD #252 Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, March 9, 2015 at the Board of Education Office in Hartford, Kansas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: *Kevin Flott, Steve Redeker, Jeanette Schmidt, Gene Windle, Jon Breshears, Kenny Hamman and Charles Steffes*

SUPERINTENDENT: *Michael Argabright*

CLERK: *Brenda Redeker*

VISITORS: *Aaric Davis, Shane Clark, and Kelly Atherton*

Superintendent Argabright added to the Agenda under New Business – Item A. – Financial Reports – 3). Budget Information – added proposed Block Grant information; Item B. – Personnel – added recommendation for 7-12 Language Arts Position; Item C. Facilities & Summer Projects – added proposed list of projects; and Item D. Principal's Building Reports – added attachments for OHS and HHS. Under Consent Agenda – Item B. - added additional Bills for approval.

Kenny Hamman (Charles Steffes) moved to approve the Agenda as amended and presented. Motion Passed. (7-0)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Argabright presented the Financial Reports and thanked the Administrators for keeping expenses to a minimum.

Kenny Hamman (Steve Redeker) moved to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Motion Passed. (7-0)

An updated Bond Information sheet was presented and Superintendent Argabright explained the Block Grant information that was sent from the state. With this Block Grant, our District would be cut approximately \$108,619 this current school year.

PERSONNEL

President Flott (Kenny Hamman) moved to recess into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of the individuals to be discussed for 20 minutes with the Board, Superintendent, and Building Principals present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker and Kelly Atherton left the room.

At 7:45 p.m. President Flott declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Flott (Kenny Hamman) moved to recess into executive session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of the individuals to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board, Superintendent, and Building Principals present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 7:51 p.m. President Flott declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker and Kelly Atherton returning.

2015-16 Classified and Licensed Staff renewals were tabled until the April meeting. Job Descriptions for District Maintenance Director, Assistant Maintenance Director, Custodian and Bus Driver were presented for review and will be in the July Consent Agenda for annual approval.

Jeanette Schmidt (Kenny Hamman) moved to accept the resignation of Jamie Odle as an English Language Arts Teacher for Olpe High School at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Principal Shane Clark recommended Blair Falldine for the position of the 7-12 English/Language Arts Teacher at Olpe. She currently teaches at the Emporia Middle School and has eight years of experience.

Jeanette Schmidt (Jon Breshears) moved to hire Blair Falldine as the 7-12 English/Language Arts Teacher at Olpe for the 2015-16 school year. Motion Passed (7-0)

Judy Hodge, Employment Specialist from Hetlinger Developmental Services, Inc. has contacted the District about a two hour position a day for a Kitchen/Custodial worker at Olpe. Hetlinger Developmental Services would be paying their training wage and if the position works out, would be a part-time position paid minimum wage by the District.

FACILITIES

Superintendent Argabright presented the Summer Projects list to the Board. Specifications for floor scrubbers were also presented. Summer Projects will be limited due to the cuts in funding and will focus on painting and pre-maintenance projects.

Jeanette Schmidt (Steve Redeker) moved to approve the Summer Projects list as presented. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Contracting for diesel fuel was also discussed. This would require a 10 cent per gallon down payment.

PRINCIPAL'S BUILDING REPORTS

Principal's Aaric Davis and Shane Clark each reported on the progress within their greenhouses and enrichment activities. Thirty minutes is not enough time for the enrichment activities and will experiment with a grade level project that would last all year. Principals also presented updates from Parent/Teacher conferences held in February. Both high schools focused on a new procedure for 7-12 conferences with an appointment for the student's conference with parents and using a self-evaluation approach to indicate the student's academic and career interests. Principal Aaric Davis thanked the Board on behalf of Lewis Whitson and his Government Class for their support and funding of "We the People". The class raised all the monies needed for the trip within three weeks. Thanks and appreciation to all the donors was also given.

OLD BUSINESS

2015-16 TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS AND CONSUMABLES

Superintendent Argabright presented approximate costs for 7-12 Math Textbooks at \$35,648.69 and Consumables at \$3,649.77 for the 2015-16 school year. Consumable costs are considerably lower due to the Staff utilizing copiers instead of purchasing the entire workbooks for students. The entire workbooks are not always needed. This will increase our copier usage costs but will still be lower than purchasing workbooks. Textbook Adoptions and Consumables will be in the Consent Agenda within the next couple of months.

GRANT UPDATES

Superintendent Argabright presented updates on the Early Childhood Grant with hopes of more definite plans and numbers next month. Grant Updates from Vicki Hoelting were also presented. Superintendent Argabright also expressed thanks and appreciation to Vicki for her extra involvement following up on Grants and receiving extra donations towards projects.

2015-16 NEGOTIATIONS

President Flott (Kenny Hamman) moved to recess into executive session at 8:26 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker, Aaric Davis, Shane Clark, and Kelly Atherton left the room.

At 8:31 p.m. President Flott declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Aaric Davis, Shane Clark, and Kelly Atherton returning.

President Flott (Charles Steffes) moved to take a short break. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Meeting resumed at 8:40 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approved Minutes from the February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting
- b. Approved Bills due and payable and additional Bills - \$194,968.29
- c. Approved Payrolls for February 6, 2015 and February 20, 2015 – \$259,331.27
- d. Approved Pledged Securities, Journal Entries, Board Goals Update, SLCEF Project Updates, Petty Cash and Activity Reports
- e. Approved the Technology Plan for 2015-2018
- f. Approved Transfer Students for the 2015-16 school year – ***Olpe*** – *Kenzee Allen, Hunter Baysinger, James Biggs, Cynthia Biggs, Lila Blackie, Rosemary Blackie, Matthew Blackie, Jovanni Blackie, Aubrey Davis, Kelsey Hendricks, John Fritts, Paul-Michael Johnson, Emma Miller, Haylee Naylor, and Haylee Ruiz; Neosho Rapids* – *Parker Schulte, Maggie Davis and Morgan Davis (In-District transfer)*
- g. Approved Substitute Teachers for the 2014-15 school year – *Paula Pimpl and Anna Sielert*
- h. Approved Donations - *from D & S Service Station LLC - donated repairs to Bus #8 (Hartford spare bus) in the amount of \$214.30; from Busy Beavers 4-H Club - \$50.00 to Hartford High School FBLA; from Hartford Methodist Church - \$2,000.00 to Hartford High School FBLA; from Sweet Granada - donated the chocolate and use of chocolate fountain for February In-service valued at \$100.00; from*

OHS Booster Club - \$1,425.19 value for Classroom items: \$200.00 donation towards FBLA costs; Ashley Windle - Monarch 1131 Kit (price gun, ink, labels) and DVD Player; Lisa Cole - \$125.00 for new library books; Libia Fernandini - DVD Player, Spanish Bingo Game, and small White Boards; Jacob Stice - Music Stand Cart; Michelle Barnhart - (50) \$2.00 gift certificates to Murphy Food Mart for Jr. High Students after State Assessments rewards; Todd Robert - Science Classroom supplies; Emily Heizelman - (10) burets; Jenny Schmidt - money for cooking labs and (4) 12" Electric Skillets; and Jessica Hess - DVD Player.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

None

Kenny Hamman (Charles Steffes) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended and presented. Motion Passed. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Argabright congratulated the Hartford and Olpe Boys and Girls Basketball teams and coaches for a successful season and best wishes to the Hartford and Olpe Boys teams and coaches as the start the State playoff games. Congratulations and good luck to our FBLA students who qualified for State. This is a large group of students and it is great to have that large of a group involved in an organization. Please encourage and compliment our students and staff as they start their state assessments this week. Enrollment fees for the 2015-16 school year will be presented at the April Board meeting. All Donations to our various programs and classrooms are great appreciated. Thanks to our Staff and Board of Education for their dedicated efforts in making our District the best place to educate our youth! The Southern Lyon County Education Foundation scholarship drive mailing has brought in approximately \$6,635.00 for scholarships, thank you! As the Foundation is growing, it will be included in the District’s local audit. Board members are encouraged to attend board training.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Congratulations to our academic and athletic teams. Good luck to our basketball teams at State. It has been a great season for our students and coaches. Support our students and teachers as they are starting the state assessment testing. Congratulations to Lewis Whitson and his class for raising the money needed for “We the People” competition in Washington DC within three weeks. Thank you to all who has supported this trip. The parent/teacher conferences based on the student self-assessment is a great and practical thing to do. It is a great learning experience for the student. The education our students receive in a small rural setting proves to be very successful in the college environment. It shows we are doing something right.

ADJOURNMENT

Kenny Hamman (Charles Steffes) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed. (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Kevin Flott, *President*

Date

Brenda J. Redeker, *Clerk*

Date