

BALDWIN CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 348
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BESPC Cafeteria
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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700 Lawrence Street
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MONDAY
December 15, 2014
6:30 PM

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

- A. President Nick Harris called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Board Members Nick Harris, Nikki Tiller, Chad Christie, Sandy Chapman, Ivan Huntoon, Gregory Kruger and Sheree Gill. Also attending were Superintendent Paul Dorathy and Clerk of the Board, Laura Hartman.

Call to Order by
Board President

- B. Sheree Gill moved and Chad Christie seconded to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Amendments to the agenda included: Remove “payrolls” from Agenda item D as we do not have any payrolls this meeting. We also need to Agenda item C. Executive Session add Attorney-client privilege, I. Old Business; City/School sidewalk project and under H. Administrative Reports; K-12 Health Curriculum, K. Misc Coop agreement.

Approval of Agenda

- C. Nick Harris moved and Sherri Gill seconded to go into executive session to discuss matters affecting a student in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that we return to open session in this room in 5 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:33 p.m. Mr. Dorathy, Tracy Newell and Debbie Guenther were invited into the session.

Executive Session

Chad Christie moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to extend executive session 5 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:38 p.m. Mr. Dorathy, Tracy Newell and Debbie Guenther remained in the session.

Nick Harris moved and Sherry Gill seconded to extend executive session 5 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:43 p.m. Mr. Dorathy, Tracy Newell and Debbie Guenther remained in the session.

Nick Harris moved and Chad Christie seconded to go into executive session for consultation with our attorney on a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege in order to protect the privilege and the board's position in administrative proceedings, and that we return to open session in this room in 10 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:49 p.m. Donna Whitman, KASB attorney was invited into executive session.

- D. Nick Harris moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to approve the November 12, 17, 21, 2014 minutes and regular monthly bills. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

**Approval of Consent
Agenda**

- E. The board recognized the BHS Soccer athletes.

Recognition

- F. There were no public comments made at this time.

Public Comment

- G. Sean Gordon of Mize Houser (district auditors) will be present to discuss and present the audit for fiscal year June 30, 2014. Each board member received a report packet.

Financial Report

Nick Harris moved and Sherri Gill seconded we approve the June 30, 2014 Audit as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Nick Harris moved and Sandy Chapman seconded to approve resolution for the adoption of an omnibus continuing disclosure undertaking relating to obligations issued and to be issued by Unified School District No 348, Douglas County, Kansas. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Cynde gave an update on transportation fee refunds as discussed at the last regular board meeting. The board had some discussion about options and what other districts have done. Cynde recommended to the board to credit prior year transportation fees to student textbook fees and lunch accounts.

Sandy Chapman moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to credit prior year transportation fees to student textbook fees and lunch accounts. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

A bid for weatherproofing a portion of BHS was given to the board for discussion and possible action. Chuck James was present to show some of the issues at BHS through a slide show.

Sandy Chapman moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to approve the bid from Restoration waterproofing Inc in the amount of \$19,281.00 to begin work on the South wall of the high school. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Cynde Frick reviewed the pay application 1 from Fisher Track.

Chad Christie moved and Sherri Gill seconded to approve the pay application 1 to Fisher Track in the amount of \$44,058.60. Motion carried with a vote 7 yes and 0 no.

Mr. Dorathy talked about the shared sidewalk project with the City. The City council has had discussion to increase the size of the sidewalk. The city is asking the county to help and would like to know what this board is in favor of pursuing. The amount is not quite double the amount originally discussed. The board continued discussion and asked Christy Darnell, City Council member for some input.

Chad Christie moved and Nick Harris seconded to commit \$21,000 to the shared sidewalk project near the Intermediate Center. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 2 no.

- H. Dan Wallsmith, Mike Berg, Susie Martin were present to discuss K-12 health curriculum. Susie Martin said that every student that starts in 9th grade learns CPR. The course continues through out their high school career. The sex education course has also come together through each grade level. The board may take action at the next regular board meeting.

Administrative Reports

The board took a 5 minute break. Time: 8:02 p.m.

- I. Mr. Dorathy was given two more offers on the property one in the amount of \$171,00.00 from Peter Shenouda and one in the amount of \$220,000 from Darren Flory. Nick Harris commented, in his opinion, that the board past practice was when we have received significant offers that the fair thing to do was to put a for sale sign up and post a deadline for offers. Nick also said we would then set a meeting to discuss the offers and take possible action. The discussion continued on the direction the board wanted to go with the sale of the Vinland Elementary School property. Sandy asked if the district has overall needs that are still out there within the district. Sandy also asked if the district has a plan should there be a bubble (growth) in grade levels. Mr. Dorathy addressed both questions, saying yes there are needs, but within the building. The general concern is the cost of moving classes and students. Capacities in each building are below levels. The intermediate center is the building that would have a bigger issue with increase in growth. Chad stated if we are not going to fill the building and utilized the entire space, then we need to sell it. Chad said if we have interest in the building we should pursue those. Greg Kruger agreed with Chads statement. Nikki Tiller and Sherri Gill also agreed.

Old Business

Greg Kruger moved Nikki Tiller seconded to sell the Vinland Elementary School property. Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 1 no.

The board discussed the bid process and how the board wants to handle the business. Greg Kruger moved we accept sealed bids. Greg retracted his motion for further discussion on the wording of the motion.

The following are the current bids in front of the board:

Land & Sky, LC (David McFarland) \$170,000

Peter Shenouda \$171,000.00

Flory Dairy Equipment, Inc. (Darren Flory) \$220,000.00

Nathan Floersch and Luke Oehlert \$140,000.00

Sandy Chapman moved and Greg Kruger seconded to set a special meeting, January 5, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at the Primary Center, Community Room to open formal bids, from the individual offers in front of us, with sealed bids delivered or sent by 12:00 p.m. to the District Office.

Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

The board agreed a letter will be sent to each bidder as well as the board members to include the bid specifications.

Board members participated in a whole board training in November. Board members discussed what they gained from the training. General consensus was the board felt the district was on track with the current practice, but learned a couple ideas to help to continue to save.

Last month, Gary Stevanus presented a report and recommendation from the facility committee. The board asked to combine the two recommendations into one. Mr. Dorathy asked if the board wanted any more in the plan after reviewing. Sandy suggested the board have dedicated time to discuss the plan. With the sale of the Vinland property the current plan may need to change based on new information. She said the board should consider strategically the right next move based on the information. The board agreed that a special meeting would need to be scheduled sometime in February to discuss the data.

Board members were given the 2015-16 district calendar last month for review. This is the time the board may take action. The board had discussion about how the days are figured in the calendar.

Nick Harris moved and Sherri Gill seconded to approve the 2015-16 district calendar #1 as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- J. Sandy Chapman moved and Chad Christy seconded to amend agenda Item J., New Business to a discussion/action item. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

New Business

Sandy Chapman moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to approve the

Bloodborne Pathogens Plan as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- K. Nikki Tiller and Greg Kruger did not have a coop report as they were both unable to attend.

Board Member Input

Mr. Dorathy talked about the health insurance and trying to get numbers from the Coop on cost for each district. He said he was having difficulty getting numbers to be able to work on our districts budget. Nikki and Greg will discuss with the coop board and find out what the issues are in getting numbers.

Nick Harris said we need to have the Superintendent evaluation completed by February. He asked board members to send him their information and he would like to have it to be completed for the January board meeting for discussion and review. The board asked if Mr. Dorathy could complete a self evaluation as it was helpful last year.

- L. Mr. Dorathy gave an update on the Areas of Emphasis. Mr. Dorathy will bring another update in March.

Superintendent's Report

Sandy Chapman asked Mr. Dorathy about KS- Mo Superintendent Leadership Forum. Mr. Dorathy commented that you have to be nominated and invited to attend. The board applauded this honor.

- M. Nick Harris moved and Sandy Chapman seconded that we go into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of the individuals to be discussed, and that we return to open session in this room in 10 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Time: 9:20 p.m.

Executive Session

Sandy Chapman moved Nick Harris seconded to extend executive session 2 minutes. Mr. Dorathy remained in the session. Motion carried with a vote 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 9:30 p.m.

- N. Nick Harris moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to approve the personnel report. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Consider Executive Session Matters

Nick Harris moved and Sandy Chapman seconded to affix proper board signature to contracts and work agreements. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- O. Chad Christy shared what he learned at the conference he attended. He said the conference was enlightening. Ivan Huntoon said he heard about curriculum and it was pretty interesting. Identifying gifted learners was another topic. Nikki went to a session on Kansas reading initiative on

Discussion Items

Lexia and found it interesting how that is working. She also learned more about Coops and how other Coops are run.

- P. Nikki Tiller moved and Nick Harris seconded to adjourn the regular board meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time 9:42 p.m.

Adjournment

Approved:

Attest:

Nick Harris, President
Board Of Education

Laura E. Hartman
Clerk of the Board