

BALDWIN CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 348

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting

**DISTRICT OFFICE
708 CHAPEL STREET
BALDWIN CITY, KS 66006**

**MONDAY
June 17, 2013
6:30 PM**

- A. President Nick Harris called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were board members; Ruth Barkley, Ande Parks, Chad Christie, Sandy Chapman, Bill Busby, and Nick Harris. Also attending were Superintendent Paul Dorathy, Deputy Clerk of the Board, Rexanna Sanders, Nikki Tiller and Greg Kruger incoming board members and Cynde Frick.

*Call to Order by
Board President*

Sheryl Gill was absent.

- B. Ande Parks moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

*Approval of
Amended Agenda*

Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

- C. Nick Harris moved and Sandy Chapman seconded to 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 30 minutes. Mr. Dorathy and Cynde Frick were invited to attend executive session along with Greg Kruger and Nikki Tiller. Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:30 PM

Executive Session

- D. Sandy Chapman moved and Bill Busby seconded to approve the Consent Agenda and the May 22, 2013 regular board meeting minutes, the June 3, 2013 and June 10, 2013 special board meeting minutes and monthly operating costs. Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

*Approval of
Consent Agenda*

- E. President Nick Harris presented plaques to Ruth Barkley, Bill Busby and Ande Parks (outgoing board members) for their many years of service.

Recognition

- F. None given.

Public Comment

- G. Cynde Frick reported to the Board regarding the school district's present cash balances and budget standing. Many cost saving measures were discussed.

Financial Report

The District Office move was discussed again. We could save \$24,000 yearly if the district office staff were moved to different locations. This amount would not include any moving expenses. The cost to move the fiber could be as high as \$8000. The board discussed leasing the district office building. The board decided to move forward with the district office move by splitting the employees between the COOP building and the Bus Barn office.

Nick Harris moved and Ande Parks seconded to move forward with the district office move. Motion carried with a vote of 4 yes, 0 no and 2 abstain.

The board discussed charging a fee for in-town busing. Amounts ranged from \$75 per student to \$200 per student.

Sandy Chapman moved and Chad Christie seconded to charge \$75 per student for in-town busing unless the students meets the criteria for free or reduced meals. Reduced fee would be \$37.50 per student and free meals would equate to zero cost. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 1 no.

The board discussed the use of the Vinland Elementary School Gym during the winter months. The policy has been that USD 348 students using any of our facilities have not been charged a fee. Utilities this year were \$10,000 for the use of the gym. The board decided to revisit this issue at the July 2013 board meeting.

The Rhulen property was the next item discussed. We currently use the garage on this property for storage, but the house is not used. It was decided to Put a For Sale sign on the Rhulen house stating that he buyer has to MOVE the house by a certain date. It was also suggested to add this information to the website.

Student insurance was another cost saving item that was discussed. This student insurance plan costs the district \$16,800.

Ande Parks moved and Sandy Chapman seconded to drop the student insurance coverage and offer a low cost supplemental insurance for parents to purchase at enrollment. Motion passed with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

Mr. Dorathy mentioned that the district would no longer be making and distributing paper calendars.

Nick Harris moved and Chad Christie seconded that we approve the financial report with changes as discussed. Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

- H. Remodel Update – Mr. Dorathy gave the board a short update on the remodel progress at BJHS. He said that most of the demolition has been completed. There will likely be a change order concerning one wall and that the weight room door was changed from a single to a double door. The pouring of the concrete slab should begin very soon.

*Administrative
Reports*

iPad Update – Steve Hemphill provided a short update on the iPad progress this summer at BHS. First optional parent meeting is scheduled for Wed. June 19th, 2013 at BHS. Steve reported that My Big Campus has been setup and several teachers have been meeting and moving forward using My Big Campus.

- I. Classified Retirement was discussed. No changes were made to the terms.

Old Business

Sandy Chapman moved and Ande Parks seconded that we renew the classified early retirement plan for two (2) years. Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

The board heard from the Chief of Police and Chris Lowe about the proposed SRO Program. The proposal was one that would be 75% funded by the city with 25% of the cost funded by the district which would be \$15,000. It was decided to revisit this at the July 2013 board meeting.

Nick Harris called for a 5 minute recess at 8:30 PM.
Meeting resumed: 8:35 PM.

- J. No new business at this time.

New Business

- K. Chad Christie and Sandy Chapman updated board members on the COOP. Sandy reported that the COOP increase is \$91,000 not the amount previously reported of \$115,000. She also reported that Bill Neuenswander has been doing a great job as interim director.

**Board Member
Input**

Sandy Chapman asked Mr. Dorathy to get an update from Bob Bezek on the track situation.

- L. Mr. Dorathy discussed with the board the KEEP Evaluation. He reported that he had attended training with Dan Wallsmith and Deb Ehling-Gwin. This program can be used for teachers, administrators, the superintendent and all classified employees. This system could also be paperless. This type of evaluation would be a workable fluid document and not be one that is filed away until the next year. Teachers would receive immediate feedback and if their academic growth is achieved then student progress should also be achieved. Mr. Dorathy also discussed TalentEd. TalentEd is the data part of the KEEP evaluation. The cost would be \$5000 yearly plus \$2500 extra the first year for setup, support and four updates during the year.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Mr. Dorathy mentioned that Gary Stevanus is to do a comprehensive athletic report this summer.

- M. None at this time.

Executive Session

- N. Nick Harris moved and Sandy Chapman seconded to approve the personnel report as presented.

**Consider
Executive Session
Matters**

Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

Ande Parks moved and Nick Harris seconded to approve to affix proper signatures to contracts. Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

- O. No other items for discussion at this time.

Discussion Items

- P. Bill Busby moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no. Time: 9:30 PM

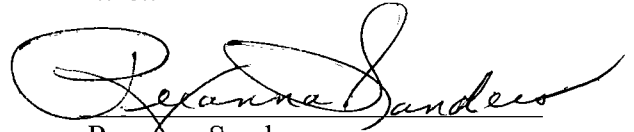
Adjournment

Approved:



Nick Harris, President
Board of Education

Attest:



Rexanna Sanders
Deputy Clerk of the Board



Clerk of the Board