

BALDWIN CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 348
P.O. Box 67
Baldwin City, KS 66006
Baldwin Elementary Primary Center
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BESPC Community Room
500 Lawrence Street
BALDWIN CITY, KS 66006

MONDAY
February 17, 2014
6:30 PM

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 17, 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, Chad Christie, Sandy Chapman, Ivan Huntoon, Gregory Kruger and Sheree Gill. Nikki Tiller was absent. Also attending were Superintendent Paul Dorathy and Clerk of the Board, Laura Hartman. Call to Order by Board President
- B. Sandy Chapman moved and Chad Christie seconded to approve the amended agenda. Add to Item G. #5, Disposal Items. Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no. Approval of Amended Agenda
- C. Nick Harris moved and Chad Chapman seconded to go into executive session for negotiation matters, and that we return to open session in this room in 15 minutes. Mr. Dorathy and Cynde Frick were invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no. Time 6:33 p.m. Executive Session
- Nikki Tiller arrived at 6:39 p.m.
- Nick Harris moved and Chad Christie seconded to extend executive session for negotiations for 5 minutes. Mr. Dorathy and Dan Wallsmith were invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:48
- Nick Harris moved and Sherri Gill 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 6 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Time: 6:54 p.m.
- D. Chad Christie moved and Sherrie Gill seconded to approve the Consent Agenda and the January 21, 2014 and February 3, 2014 meeting minutes, the normal monthly bills, financial report and payrolls. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Approval of Consent Agenda
- E. The board recognized BJHS Art Students; Lindsey Toot, Jerrett Bray and Jade Recognition

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

Public Comment

G. Mr. Dorathy and Cynde Frick spoke with board members on the status of Capital Outlay and where the district is at this year as well as what is on the horizon for next year.

Financial Matters

A bid from Apple, Inc. for a technology purchase was presented. Steve Hemphill explained what the bid entailed and answered questions from board members.

Sherri Gill moved and Greg Kruger seconded to accept the technology purchase as presented from Apple, Inc. in the amount of \$105,580.84. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Steve Roberts was present to discuss the roof bids for the BESIC roof. Steve reviewed the shape the roof is currently in and explained the issues. The board asked about a timeline on the current roof. Steve said maybe another year, but there are issues with the roof that could cause more damage. Repairs can be done, but Steve says it would be better to think about how you spend your dollars in the best way. Steve said the labor rates are going up in June, oil prices are also on the rise. Efficiencies- savings \$5000-\$6000 by combining the two bids. (section B as an alternate) Mr. Dorathy asked how long the board has before using Section B? Steve said it is 30 days from today, which is March 17, 2014. Steve said the warranty is with the manufacturer because that is where the bigger dollars are. The board agreed they would like hear the 360 energy report before making a decision. The board will take action on a bid at the March 10, 2014 board meeting.

Budget options for the 2014-15 school year were presented. Cynde brought to the attention of the board some areas that we could save some funds. Staff changes with several retiring being one of those. Increasing transportation fees is also an option. Most districts charge much more than we currently do. Cynde said we currently pay the BEF director and those monies could be shifted back to BEF. Staff changes were not discussed in open session, although there are some cuts that are being looked at.

Mr. Dorathy said we are in the process of reallocating funds and we may have to give up some things in order to accomplish this. Included in the discussion was the districts commitment to the health care reform act. This item may be put off for another year, but we do not know this for certain yet. Coop does not have health insurance. Health Care Reform says they have to offer health care. We will have to see how many would take health insurance. Our district will be responsible part of that cost. There are also other fees in the district that could be considered.

Mr. Dorathy said we are not asking for a decision tonight, but wanted to show the board the options that are out there. Cynde and Mr. Dorathy will come back to the March board meeting with their recommendations. However, ultimately it is the boards decision on what direction they want the district to go. Mr. Dorathy said a list will given to the board to have to review and think about what is the best way to do this.

The board had brief discussion about the Rhulen property and the utility costs,

which are not that high. Board members had some discussion about selling the building and moving it off the property. Chad asked Chuck if we had the mowers to be able to take over the contracted mowing. Chuck responded we really do not have the equipment or personnel to maintain the grass and mowing.

Sandy Chapman moved and Sherri Gill seconded to approve disposal of items listed. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- H. The Visual Arts and PE Curriculum representatives were present to discuss the curriculum standards for USD 348. Mr. Dorathy shared with the board, that Visual Arts and PE do not have common core standards to follow, but feel that common core will be coming. Kim Heckathorne explained to board members where they could view the state and national standards that the district would follow.

**Administrative
Reports**

Marsene Feldt and Mary Bessey were present to explain the process the group went through in their meetings. Like the PE curriculum, it was agreed to use the State and National Standards. Visual arts also does not have common core, but what they work with lines up with those common core values used in the classroom.

- I. The board discussed Policy 07-16 that was presented to them at last months regular board meeting.

Old Business

Greg Kruger moved and Sheree Gill seconded to amend as discussed, Policy 07-16, Classified Salary Rates. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

The board took a 3 minute break. Time: 8:14

- J. 360 Energy representative, Joe Hurla was present to update board members about possible upgrades that would affect utility efficiencies. A handout was given to board members which included the savings update and additional recommendations were given to board members.

New Business

The board was given Policy GAACB-Disability Harassment to review. This is an update to an address within the policy.

Sandy Chapman moved and Nick Harris seconded we amend the agenda and move item J, Policy GAACB-Disability Harassment to Item L., Superintendent's Report. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no..

- K. Chad Christie and Greg Kruger shared with the board the information he gathered at the last Co-op meeting. Chad said the Coop board is discussing health insurance and how to best meet the health care reform act. Mr. Dorathy explained the Coop was working on shopping for insurance. The coop has agreed to go through a broker in Lawrence to shop insurance and to see what is absolutely needed to meet health care reform. Sandy Chapman asked what the timeline was to figure this out. Cynde addressed this question stating Jan 1, 2015, and those not on that plan year cycle would use their plan year. Our district is on Oct 1 plan year. Cynde said they are attending a webinar tomorrow that will answer most of these questions, hopefully.

**Board Member
Input**

The Coop is looking at the WEBS and personnel for that program. Superintendents basically said they could not do that, and basically the Coop

would need to tighten up a bit. The WEBS program will stay where they are at least one more year.

- L. At last month's regular board meeting, Mr. Dorathy shared with board members the new handwriting standards. The principals said they are okay with the standards the way they are being presented. Mr. Dorathy said we do not have the money in the budget to make a change. Mr. Dorathy said he would put this curriculum in the rotation for next year.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Mr. Dorathy gave the board an update on the boiler issues at the primary center. We had flu pipes that were leaking, however the carbon monoxide levels never reached levels to set the alarm in the room itself. But since it was leaking, we shut down the system to repair the pipe. It was leaking because it was an installation problem. The flue was also too long a run for the size of the pipe and how it is angled. We are looking to increasing the size from 4 inch to 6 inch. A bid is supposed to come to us this week.

We are currently working on one of the boilers only.

We also have some control issues, some of this has to do with the set back temperatures. They are set back at 60 degrees when not in use, but there seems to be some setting in the background that is not keeping it at that set point.

Once we correct this, we will backtrack this issue with the other companies we have dealt with.

Ice removal – Mr. Dorathy told board members we did not do our job like we should have. We should have done this over the weekend. We have addressed this issue. We have worked with staff on how that needs to happen, even if it takes overtime. Nikki asked if we have liability insurance to cover those that fall? Mr. Dorathy said, yes we do for anyone we allow to use our buildings.

Mr. Dorathy updated the board about online enrollment. Reflective group met with Mr. Dorathy and administration to discuss how online enrollment would work. The district will be able to enroll K-12 returning students. A demo should be ready by April to help address any issues.

Building sale – Mr. Dorathy told the board he talked with Tony Kirsch and Bob Bezek and they said they will be ready mid March to close. When the closing date comes, Mr. Dorathy will let the board know.

Baker activity center- Greg, Ivan, Nikki and Mr. Dorathy will hear from Dan Harris for more details about the activity center proposal.

Legislation- There is a bill to bar common core stating we cannot spend any more money on moving to common core. Advisory board will be appointed to decide what we are going to teach in schools under this bill. It is believed this is a federal mandate, which has nothing to do with it.

Mr. Dorathy gave an update on the track issue. He talked to Bob Bezek and he said there has been little movement and felt they are just stalling. Sandy asked if we can make a change in attorney. Mr. Dorathy stated the board would need to make a motion if they wanted to make a change in attorney to handle this issue.

Sandy Chapman moved and Chad Christie seconded to have Brands and Stevens take over the track issue. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Mr. Dorathy will ask Brands and Stevens to attend the March board meeting.

Sandy Chapman moved and Sherri Gill seconded to amend Policy GAACB-Disability Harassment as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

M. 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 15 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Time: 9:38 p.m.

Executive Session

- Nick Harris moved and Sherri Gill seconded to extend executive session 10 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Time: 9:54 p.m.
- Sandy Chapman moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to extend executive session 15 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Mr. Dorathy remained in executive session and Cynde Frick was invited into executive session. Time: 10:06 p.m.
- Sandy Chapman moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to extend executive session 6 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Mr. Dorathy and Cynde Frick remained in executive session. Time: 10:21 p.m.

N. Sandy Chapman moved and Greg Kruger seconded to approve the personnel report as amended. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Consider
Executive Session
Matters

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

Sandy Chapman moved and Greg Kruger seconded to approve extending contracts for Rob McKim, Frank Perbeck, Joe Sample, Dan Wallsmith, Deb Ehling-Gwin for on additional year. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

O. Chad asked a question regarding the roof bid for clarification.

Discussion Items

P. Ivan Huntoon moved and Sandy Chapman seconded to adjourn the regular board meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time 10:35 p.m.

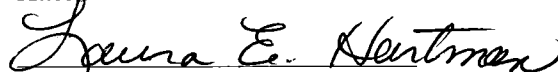
Adjournment

Approved:



Nick Harris, President
Board Of Education

Attest:



Laura E. Hartman
Clerk of the Board

