

BALDWIN CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 348
P.O. Box 67
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BESPC Community Room
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes from 03.23.2015

BESPC
700 Lawrence Street
Baldwin City, KS 66006

MONDAY
March 23, 2015
6:30 PM

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 2013 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. The board added: item L-Areas of Emphasis; Item G – 2. c) bus bids, d) junior high gym floor bid; 5. Use of funds from Vinland property sale; C. Student Matters

Approval of Agenda

- C. Nick Harris moved and Chad Christie seconded that we 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 with Mr. Dorathy and Deb Ehling-Gwin. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time 6:32 p.m.

Executive Session

Deb arrived at 6:36 p.m.

- Nick Harris moved and Sherri Gill seconded to extend executive session for 5 minutes. Mr. Dorathy and Deb Ehling-Gwin remained in executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time 6:37 p.m.

Chad Christie moved and Nick Harris seconded to go into executive session for negotiation matters, and that we return to open session in this room in 17 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:43 p.m.

**Approval of Consent
Agenda**

- D. Chad Christie moved and Greg Kruger seconded to approve the February 2 and 16, 2015 minutes and regular monthly bills, disposal of property and payrolls. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Recognition

- E. The board recognized the BHS wrestling team.

Public Comment

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

Financial Matters

- G. The board had discussion about the bond refinancing. Chad Christie moved and Nick Harris seconded to approve a resolution authorizing and providing for the sale, issuance and delivery of general obligation refunding bonds, Series 2015, of USD 348, Douglas County, Kansas, for the purpose of providing funds to refund a portion of the issuer's outstanding general obligation bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of the interest on said bonds as they become due; making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof and authorizing certain other documents and actions connected therewith. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

This year is the rotation for asphalt resealing and repair. Mr. Dorathy said the district does this work every 3 years.

Chad Christie moved and Sheree Gill seconded to accept the bid from Bettis Asphalt in the amount of \$58,186.00 for asphalt sealing. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Nick Harris moved and Nikki Tiller seconded to accept the bid from Meyer Construction in the amount of \$29,600.00 for restroom partitions at the high school. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Sherri Gill moved and Greg Kruger seconded to accept the bid from Midwest Bus Sales in the amount of \$50,500.00 for a 2009 Unit S1130. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Chad Christie moved and Nikki Tiller seconded to accept the bid from Lankford Enterprises in the amount of \$94,940.00 to replace the junior high gym floor. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Cynde discussed the block grants and what those could mean for our district. The block grant is at the governors' desk currently and has not been signed as of today.

Cynde and Mr. Dorathy discussed with board members budget considerations for the 2015-16 school year. Since the board met last month, every director and administrator met to discuss their department/buildings. Cynde discussed the "what if's" of increasing fees and what revenue that could bring to the district. The board will continue discussion and agreed to wait on making any decisions to increase fees until all board members are present. Other items that

have been discussed is the life insurance the district pays for employees could be decreased; no hired mowing; no summer painting; annual paid subscriptions reviewed; sale of the Rhulen house will be a savings in utilities; supply budget; bussing fees increased or discontinue in-town bussing. Board members asked if we could survey the in town riders parents to see what their opinion is on options. Another item for consideration is removing the low participation activities. Mr. Dorathy reminded the board that the block grant if passed, we will no longer have enrollment count day, we will no longer receive monies for out of district students. Currently we have approximately 96 students out of district. Budget reallocations were discussed. Cynde said we currently pay the BEF director out of district funds, additionally Personal devices being used throughout the district that uses the districts utilities. Other items are personnel staff to be discussed in executive session.

The board had discussion on how to use the funds from the Vinland Elementary School sale. With the past facility sales, the monies went to Capitol Outlay. Capitol outlay is used for any building or equipment use. This is one time money. There are other options the board can consider. Once we are nearer to closing, the board will make a decision where the funds will go.

The board took a 4-minute break. Time: 8:25 p.m.

The board reconvened to regular session. Time: 8:29 p.m.

H. None at this time.

**Administrative
Reports**

I. Mr. Dorathy and Chuck James gave an update on facilities and questions the board had.

Old Business

High school ceiling paint issues: a paint specialist will test the product that was used to figure why this is occurring. First thought is the ceiling tile was an un-paintable surface.

Food and biology labs: Chuck will meet with Rob to get specifics
360 energy is still working on the HVAC issues
Track fencing: Chuck talked to Vance Repka about a proposal.
Ventilation of locker rooms- 360 energy is working on this issue

Mr. Dorathy said there is a person very interested in purchasing the Rhulen property. The issue is, this gentleman has been pulled away because of a crisis and will be gone for about a month. Mr. Dorathy said he is willing to sign the line.

Mr. Dorathy updated board members on the progress of the sale of the Vinland property. Mr. Flory is in the process of working with Douglas County. A draft contract has been sent to Mr. Flory to review. Mr. Dorathy is hopeful that within the next couple of months, the sale will be closing.

J. Mr. Dorathy talked to the board regarding the teacher mentor program. A draft of the mentor program was placed in BOEdocs for the board to review. The board will need to take action on these documents at the April board meeting.

New Business

K. Chad Christie and Nikki Tiller shared with the board the information they gathered at the last Co-op meeting. Budget and negotiation teams have been meeting. All teachers are in place for summer school.

Board Member Input

L. Mr. Dorathy update board members on the current curriculum reviews for this year.

Superintendent's Report

ELA is continuing its work with Jennifer Smith of Greenbush. The 9-12 Science department will be meeting with Pearson for a question and answer session on digital textbooks.

Lisa Blair went through the standards with the Jr. High and High School science teachers and how to teach those new standards.

Mr. Dorathy reviewed the 5 areas of emphasis.

- College and Career Ready Curriculum Transition
- Provide Learning Opportunities for Classified Staff
- Continue developing the 1:1 initiative
- Integrate Student Growth Measures as Part of the Evaluation Process
- Develop a Plan to Use Data to Drive Professional Development

Mr. Dorathy said next fall we will look at the entire strategic plan and the process the new board would like to follow.

M. Nick Harris moved and Chad Christie 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 10 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time: 9:00 p.m.

Executive Session

- Nick Harris moved and Sherri Gill seconded to extend executive session for 20 minutes. Mr. Dorathy remained in the session. Cynde Frick was invited into the session. Time: 9:11 p.m.
- Nick Harris moved and Sherri Gill seconded to extend executive session for 20 minutes. Mr. Dorathy and Cynde Frick remained in the session. Time: 9:31 p.m.

N. Greg Kruger Moved and Sherri Gill seconded to approve the personnel report as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Consider Executive Session Matters

Sherril Gill Moved and Nikki Tiller seconded to approve to affix proper board signature to the contracts and work agreements as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

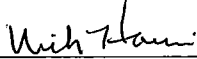
O. No additional discussion at this time.

Discussion Items

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 8:47 p.m.

Adjournment

Approved:



Nick Harris, President
Board Of Education

Attest:



Laura E. Hartman
Clerk of the Board