

BALDWIN CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 348
P.O. Box 67
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BESPC
500 Lawrence St.
Baldwin City, KS 66006

MONDAY
January 25, 2016
6:30 PM

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, Nikki Tiller, Gregory Kruger and Kelley Bethell-Smith. Also attending were Superintendent Paul Dorathy and Clerk of the Board, Cory Countryman.

Call to Order by
Board President

B. Sandy Chapman moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Approval of Agenda

C. Nick Harris moved and Sandy Chapman 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 15 minutes. Mr. Dorathy and Terrelle Mock were invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session

Sandy Chapman moved and Chad Christie seconded to extend executive session 15 minutes. Mr. Dorathy and Terrelle Mock remained in executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:45 p.m.

Nick Harris moved and Sandy Chapman seconded to extend executive session 10 minutes. Mr. Dorathy and Terrelle Mock remained in executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time 7:00 p.m.

D. Sandy Chapman moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to approve the December 21, 2015 and January 7, 2016 board meeting minutes, the regular monthly bills, property disposal and payrolls. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Approval of Consent
Agenda

E. The board recognized:

Recognition

- BESIC Infinitec Outstanding Student Technology Award, Boston Casper
- BESIC Spelling Bee Champion, Aiden Hadl

- BESIC Geography Bee Champion, Marley McCune
- Kansas Horizon Award, Sarah Johnson

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

Public Comment

G. Cynde Frick presented the 2016-2017 fees. Mrs. Frick explained Reflective Group is working on having Locus ready for early spring. The district would like to keep the \$10 discount but the discount did not work in the system very well last year. Fees this year are the same as last year.

Financial Report

Meal fees are not available at this time. Food service has not received the federal calculator to be able to set those fees.

Sandy Chapman asked if the district would need to increase fees due to significant shortfalls being made at the state level. Mr. Dorathy stated increases were made this year and the year before and feedback received showed families were stressed trying to make the fee payments. He also stated the board can go back and amend fee schedules later if shortfalls affect the district.

Textbook fees:

- Kindergarten \$50
- Grades 1-5 \$60
- Grades 6-8 \$80
- Grades 9-12 \$100
- Discount of \$10 if paid before August 1

All day Kindergarten:

- Full pay \$260
- Reduced meal qualified \$130
- Free meal qualified \$65

Band instrument rental fee: \$40

User fee:

- Full pay \$50
- Reduced meal qualified \$30
- Free meal qualified \$10

Transportation fee: \$125

BHS iPad take home fee: \$50; no reduction for free/reduced meal qualification

Nick Harris moved and Greg Kruger seconded to approve the 2016-2017 fees as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Cynde Frick and Steve Hemphill presented the annual technology purchase. The purchase is for Apple products including desktop

computers for the business lab at the high school, replacement computers for the junior high staff, laptops for the junior high, etc.

This purchase is part of the technology plan and is not Erate eligible. The district has an Erate proposal for replacing access points. It will take \$15,000 from Capital Outlay to help with this replacement.

Greg Kruger moved and Kelley Bethell-Smith seconded to approve the Apple proposal in the amount of \$115,889. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Cynde Frick presented the 2016 mileage rate. She stated the federal government decreased the mileage rate from 57 cents to 54 cents.

Sandy Chapman moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to approve the 2016 mileage rate of 54 cents per mile as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Cynde Frick discussed the Blue Cross Blue Shield divisible surplus. She stated that any year the premium exceeds the claims and administration costs, BCBSKS will refund excess dollars to the district. She wanted to make the board aware there will be a surplus this year but she does not know the dollar amount yet. The refund will be paid back to employees.

Cynde Frick discussed remaining Capital Outlay projects for 2015/2016. She said the soccer/track field fence quote is in the mid \$40,000 range. She also talked about the replacement of the junior high gym bleachers. Maintenance for the bleachers runs about \$4,000 a year. The cost for new bleachers is \$80,000. The existing bleachers are old, outdated and are causing damage to the new gym floor. Replacement of the bleachers would need to happen in the summer.

The fence for the soccer/track field would help with gate control and protecting the track and field.

Mrs. Frick wanted opinions from the board on how to move forward with these Capital Outlay projects. The board discussed holding off on these items and focusing on regular rotations for now.

H. There were no administrative reports at this time.

Administrative Reports

I. The curriculum reviews for Family and Consumer Sciences and Industrial Technologies were presented to the board at the December board meeting. Mr. Dorathy asked the board if they were ready to move forward with the curriculum.

Old Business

Ivan Huntoon moved and Greg Kruger seconded to approve the Family and Consumer Sciences curriculum and Industrial Technologies curriculum as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Mr. Dorothy discussed the strategic plan with the board. He asked if the strategic direction presented contained what the board wanted. He stated each school and each department will make an improvement plan based on the strategic direction and that each plan will be measurable.

Kelley Bethell-Smith moved and Greg Kruger seconded to approve the strategic direction as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

J. There were no new business items at this time.

New Business

K. Nikki Tiller and Greg Kruger shared with the board the information they gathered at the last Co-op meeting.

Board Member Input

Nikki Tiller stated Patti Bishop is retiring this June. The Co-op will be looking for her replacement this spring. The Co-op is still struggling to find paras.

Nick Harris told the board they are invited to the EDC award banquet at the Lodge this Thursday.

Sandy Chapman moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to amend Item K to allow for Mike Bosch from RG Fiber to address the board. Mike gave a brief update and showed pictures of maintenance items and improvements made to the existing fiber. He thanked the board/district for using extra fiber.

Chad Christie talked to the board about an article in the Lawrence Journal World that discussed consolidating districts.

Kelley Bethell-Smith talked about the Baldwin City Recreation Commission's proposal for a community center. She said the BCRC is looking at different pieces of property. Mr. Dorothy stated two pieces of property include property the school district owns. One piece of property is east of the old grade school and the other is the Rhulen property. Kelley Bethell-Smith stated when she talks with the BCRC she does not speak on behalf of the board.

L. There was no Superintendent's Report at this time.

Superintendent's Report

M. Nick Harris moved and Sandy Chapman seconded to go into executive session to discuss negotiations to protect the public interest in obtaining a fair and equitable contract, and that we return to open session in this room in 10 minutes. Mr. Dorothy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 8:08 p.m.

Executive Session

Sandy Chapman moved and Chad Christie seconded to extend executive session 5 minutes. Mr. Dorothy remained in executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 8:18 pm.

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 5 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 8:24 p.m.

Nick Harris moved and Ivan Huntoon 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 5 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 8:31 p.m.


N. Sandy Chapman moved and Chad Christie seconded to approve the personnel report. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Consider Executive
Session Matters

O. 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: 8:37 p.m.

Adjournment

Approved:



Nick Harris, President
Board Of Education

Attest:



Cory Countryman
Clerk of the Board