

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
February 15, 2016
6:30 PM

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- 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 amended agenda. Roof discussion was added to Item G., Financial Report. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Approval of Agenda
- C. 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 15 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:31 p.m. Executive Session
- Nick Harris moved and Chad Christie seconded to extend executive session until 7:00 p.m. Mr. Dorathy remained in executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:46 p.m.
- D. Greg Kruger moved and Kelley Bethell-Smith seconded to approve the January 25, 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
1. BHS/BJHS Band Students, Megann Lawrenz, McKinley Markley, Austin Langham, Sophie Dechant, Atticus Feldt, Elizabeth Simpson, Ellie Gerstner
 2. BHS/BJHS Vocal Music Students, Jalynn Murry, Natalie Beiter, Ezra Steinshouer, Ian Vajnar
 3. BESIC Science Fair Grand Champions, Gabrielle Vassallo, Nacio Soden, Kade Long, Alyssa Reichard, Verity Paulick, Gus Boyle,

Marley McCune, Anakin Wallsmith

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

Public Comment

G. Cynde Frick presented bus bids for a new 2016, 71-passenger bus and a used 2014, 71-passenger bus. Russell Harding was present for questions. Mr. Harding stated that by acquiring a Thomas C2 bus the parts would be interchangeable with parts from the district's existing fleet.

Financial Report

Chad Christie moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to approve the 2016 bus bid from Midwest Bus Sales in the amount of \$82,880. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Cynde Frick and Russell Harding discussed bids for a used bus with the board. The bus listed for \$64,900 did not come with specifications as requested in the bid. Used buses are first come first serve so while waiting to get specs for the less expensive bus there could be the possibility of losing a bid on another bus.

Nick Harris moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to approve the 2014 bus bid from Midwest Bus Sales in the amount of \$68,100. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Cynde Frick and Chuck James provided a roof update for the board. RoofTech Consulting is recommending to retro-fit the existing Intermediate Center roof. There is a concern about moisture in the walls at the IC and a suggestion to do further testing with a masonry contractor.

The High School is also experiencing leaks in the walls. The moisture in the walls is not believed to be related to the roof. The roof repair at the HS can be put on hold for a summer or two but the wall repair work needs to be addressed.

The board would like to move forward with the bidding process on the IC roof.

H. PreK-5 teacher representatives discussed the proposed English Language Arts curriculum. The teachers would like to use McGraw Hill's Wonders series. They have a familiarity with the Treasures series by McGraw Hill and the Wonders series would be a smooth transition. The vocabulary for common core seems to be better aligned in the Wonders series. There is a writing program and better phonics. All grades are interested in the Wonders series.

Administrative Reports

Ivan Huntoon moved and Sandy Chapman seconded to approve the ELA curriculum as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Dan Wallsmith talked about the Intermediate Center's outdoor recess policy. He stated that it is important for students to play outdoors during

recess. He talked to the board about making the following changes to the outdoor recess policy in the IC handbook:

An opportunity to play outdoors at recess is beneficial to students. As such, students will have outdoor recess EXCEPT when the following conditions are present:

The temperature or wind chill (real feel) is below 20 degrees.

There are active severe weather warnings for our area.

Please help your child dress appropriately for outdoor weather conditions.

Kelley Bethell-Smith moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to approve the changes to the outdoor recess policy in the IC student handbook as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- I. Steve Friend with the Baldwin City Recreation Commission discussed plans for a community center in Baldwin City. Virginia Honomichl, Mike Grossner, George McCrary and Josh Ediger were present to provide input and answer questions. Friend and Honomichl stated it would take a joint effort from the school district, the City, Baker University and the Recreation Commission to make it feasible to build, operate and maintain a community center.

Old Business

Honomichl addressed the board and asked the board to consider donating district land. The sites the Joint Planning Committee would like the board to consider include the old ball fields between Baker Street and Chapel Street or the Rhulen property. The committee's first choice would be the Chapel fields. Honomichl stated it will take a joint effort from everyone to make the community center a reality.

Mr. Dorathy asked what the funding source would be to get the facility built. Friend said they are looking at sales tax. There is strong support from the city council. The center would be a good attraction for the community and a safe place for kids to go.

Mr. Friend stated a city block is needed for the facility and the Chapel fields are an ideal location with easy access for Baker University students. Baker will provide annual revenue and cover a large portion of operating expenses. The recreation commission will operate, schedule and maintain the facility. Liability would not fall on USD 348.

The board is interested in helping with the project by donating land but the board wants to give school district taxpayers the opportunity to address the board with their thoughts. The board would like input from the community at the next board meeting.

Nick Harris requested a three-minute break. Time: 8:36 p.m.

Mr. Dorathy talked to the board about the appearance of the Strategic Direction and moving forward with the design.

J. Nick Harris moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to amend policies GAAA, GA AE, JBC, JCDB, JDD, JDD B, JDDC, JFB, JGCA, JGCB and JGCBA as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

New Business

Nick Harris moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to adopt policies GBRF, JA, JB, JCABB and JGC as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Mr. Dorathy and Ryan Reynolds talked to the board about a clay target league. Mr. Reynolds requested the district allow for the formation of a Baldwin City High School Clay Target League. Mr. Dorathy talked with a couple of school districts and our district's attorneys about the league. As a club, the clay target league would have it's own coaches/sponsors. It would not be a school-sponsored activity. Liability would be with the organization, not the school district, but the league would be able to use the Baldwin High School name. Students would have to sign a waiver to participate.

K. Nikki Tiller and Greg Kruger shared with the board the information they gathered at the last Co-op meeting. Nikki Tiller stated the new director search has started. The co-op is taking applications through April 1st and the co-op is hoping to have someone hired by the end of April.

Board Member Input

Mrs. Tiller also said there is a student that needs catastrophic aid which is approximately \$10,000 or higher. The school will be invoiced for the aid.

Mr. Harris reminded the board about the Baldwin Education Foundation Luncheon on March 11th at 11:30.

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

Superintendent's Report

M. There was no executive session at this time.


Executive Session


N. Sandy Chapman 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

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: 9:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Approved: 
Nick Harris, President
Board Of Education
Chad Christie,
Vice President

Attest: 
Cory Countryman
Clerk of the Board