

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

**Baldwin Elementary School Primary Center**  
**500 Lawrence St.**  
**Baldwin City, KS 66006**

**Monday**  
**February 20, 2017**  
**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, Greg Kruger, Ivan Huntoon, Nikki Tiller and Kelley Bethell-Smith. Chad Christie and Sandy Chapman were absent. Also attending were Superintendent Paul Dorathy and Clerk of the Board Cory Countryman.

**Call to Order by**  
**Board President**

B. Ivan Huntoon moved and Nikki Tiller seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

**Approval of Agenda**

C. Nick Harris moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to go into executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and that we return to open session in this room in 15 minutes. Paul Dorathy and Cynde Frick were invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:31 p.m.

**Executive Session**

Nick Harris moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to extend executive session for 5 minutes. Mr. Dorathy and Cynde Frick remained in executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:46 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. Paul Dorathy and Dan Wallsmith were invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:52 p.m.

Dan Wallsmith exited executive session at 6:56 p.m.

Nick Harris moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to go into executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and that we return to open session in this room in 3 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:57 p.m.

D. Ivan Huntoon moved and Nikki Tiller seconded to approve the January 17, 2017 board meeting minutes, the regular monthly bills, property disposal and payrolls. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

**Approval of Consent  
Agenda**

E. The board recognized:

**Recognition**

- BESIC Mega Volunteer – Krystal Williams
- BESIC Library Book Donations – Alica Thomas
- BESIC Spelling Bee
- BESIC Geography Bee
- BESIC Science Fair Volunteer – Kelley Bethell-Smith
- BESIC Science Fair Champions
- BHS Scholars Bowl
- Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Winner – Will Cooper

F. Senator Tom Holland and State Board of Education Member, Ann Mah were present to discuss legislative and state board of education updates.

**Legislative and State  
Board of Education  
Update**

Ann Mah distributed a copy of Kansans CAN talking points and a graph showing postsecondary enrollment and progress. She shared that colleges and universities will begin tracking postsecondary progress. She talked to the board about needs for soft skills and the State Board's push for Individual Plans of Study. She discussed several bills being presented and gave her website at [www.annmah.org](http://www.annmah.org) as a resource for more information.

Senator Holland addressed the board and discussed seat changes in the legislature and the newly formed Common Ground caucus, a bipartisan effort to address the state's fiscal issues. The focus for education is to make sure there are no cuts to K-12 and finding a new school finance formula.

G. There were no public comments made.

**Public Comment**

H. There was no financial report this month.

**Financial Report**

I. There were no administrative reports this month.

**Administrative Reports**

J. Mr. Dorathy and Cynde Frick updated the board on the cost involved in constructing a building to replace the district offices, shop and warehouse. Information received from architect Doug Loveland estimates building a space similar in size would cost the district \$700,000-\$800,000.

**Old Business**

Baker University would like an informal meeting to discuss options for the district property. If a formal proposal is made, the board will open the sale of the property to the public.

Nick Harris moved and Kelley Bethell-Smith seconded to approve the early childhood program at the Primary Center as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Mr. Doarthy updated the board on the status of the district website. Mr. Dorathy, Ivan Huntoon, Sandy Chapman and technology will meet with three web designers this week to discuss ways to make the site more user/mobile friendly to improve communication.

Kelley Bethell-Smith moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to adopt Policy DFAB as presented and included a \$25.00 dollar retail value as the maximum amount accepted for meals or free product. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Kelley Bethell-Smith moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to adopt Policy GCAE as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

- K. Mr. Dorathy talked to the board about the district's present contract for internet access. The current contract through KanREN started in 2014 and ends in 2019. The district is provided with 150 megabytes of internet service and usually tops out at 100 megabytes of usage. The district has a guest network that anyone can access but a very small portion of the megabyte usage is provided for guest use.

**New Business**

Mr. Dorathy talked to the board about finding a process for determining what data will be collected in order to measure the district's return on investment for technology. A committee has been created with plans to have supporting data in place by next fall.

The board will need to vote on another cycle of iPads this spring.

- L. Nikki Tiller shared with the board information she gathered at the last co-op meeting. She talked to the board about an autism support team introduced by Dan Wray that would service all three districts.

**Board Member Input**

Mr. Dorathy told the board Mr. Wray is looking at a simplified formula for assessments.

- M. Mr. Dorathy updated the board on KESA and the district's progress in the process. The next District Leadership Team meeting is next week.

**Superintendent's Report**

Nick Harris called a 2-minute break. Time: 8:13 p.m.

- N. Nick Harris moved and Kelley Bethell-Smith 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. Paul Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time: 8:15 p.m.

**Executive Session**

- O. Nikki Tiller moved and Greg Kruger seconded to accept Deborah Kalkman's request for early retirement. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

**Consider Executive Session Matters**

Nick Harris moved and Nikki Tiller seconded to approve the personnel report as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Nick Harris moved and Kelley Bethell-Smith seconded to extend administrator contracts for Rob McKim, Joe Sample, Dan Wallsmith and Deb Ehling-Gwin by one year. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Nick Harris moved and Nikki Tiller seconded to extend Mr. Dorothy's contract by 2 years. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Kelley Bethell-Smith moved and Ivan Huntoon seconded to approve leave payout for all staff, excluding grandfathered administrators, at 60% of teacher substitute daily rate pay. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

- P. Ivan Huntoon moved and Nikki Tiller seconded to adjourn the regular board meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time: 8:33 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Approved:

Attest:



Nick Harris, President  
Board of Education



Cory Countryman  
Clerk of the Board