

# BALDWIN CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 348

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Minutes of a Special Board Meeting

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708 CHAPEL STREET  
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MONDAY  
May 3, 2010  
6:30 PM

- A. President Alison Bauer called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Board Members Alison Bauer, Ruth Barkley, Ande Parks, Scott Lauridsen and Bill Busby. Joshua Mihesuah and Blaine Cone were absent. Also attending were Superintendent Paul Dorathy and Clerk of the Board, Laura Morford. See attached attendance sheet.

Call to Order by  
Board President

- B. Ande Parks moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

Approval of  
Agenda

- C. Brian Kraus pointed out a demographic study done earlier and that it showed potentially no growth. He would like the board to consider a lease purchase on another wing on the intermediate center. Mr. Kraus explained how he believes this idea could work. He spoke of the age of the MSES and VES buildings and expressed concern that these buildings are reaching the age where buildings begin to deteriorate. He asked what the issue would be with testing 3<sup>rd</sup> graders if moved into the new primary center. Kim Beilfuss said she also remembered the study referred to by Mr. Kraus, but also remembers the comment about MSES being one of the best built buildings. Kim said nothing needs to be brand spanking new. She listed some items that were purchased by the CSO and noted that this support would not exist and the district would have to make those purchases. Laura Linder didn't understand how we could save money by building on a wing to a new building. She felt the two buildings were adequate. She also said she didn't about the boards thinking, but she would pay off her house before buying new.

Public Comment

- D. Ande Parks moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to go into executive session to

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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 30 minutes. Mr. Dorathy and Cynde Frick were invited to attend executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:42 p.m. Blaine Cone arrived at 6:45 p.m.

- Ruth Barkley moved and Bill Busby seconded to extend executive session 20 minutes. Time: 7:12 p.m. Mr. Dorathy and Cynde Frick remained in executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

- E. Alison asked Mr. Dorathy to start the board out with direction for discussion of the budget. Mr. Dorathy began stating, the senate has come forth with tax packages that would equal the deficit, but that has not come to the floor. The house has not brought anything to the floor yet. He said the Governor announced he will veto anything that comes to the table that cuts education. The notice date is May 22, the board can discuss tonight and possibly come to a consensus on some items if the board is prepared to do so. Mr. Dorathy has concern about our health insurance and the increase. It may be around \$50,000. He said the board needs to look at the at-risk monies. If the revenues get worse in the fall, we will have to be prepared for additional cuts and we do not have the funds to make that work. Mr. Dorathy encouraged the board to prepare for that. He said building budgets are going on zero dollars for next year.
- Ruth had questions about transportation and bids received for leasing. Ande said he was hopeful we are at where we need to be, but the board needs to be fully responsible and needs to target the 500K. Ande also said the board needs to decide what direction we are going to meet the intent to non-renew notification date. Ande said as discussed in executive session, we were comfortable with 21-22 classroom size, but how do we make the staff fit. Blaine talked about redistricting to keep all buildings open and also looking at the attendance centers although not a favorable choice to most. The board had discussion about attendance centers.
- Ruth reminded the board about the bond issue and what it was passed on. Ande added he had conversation at every meeting he attended with patrons about the passage of the bond. He said he was consistent when talking about passage of the bond and how we can't predict the future economy.
- Mr. Dorathy brought up the user fee discussion from the last meeting. To generate \$50,000, the fee would need to be \$130.00 per student. Scott asked Cynde to elaborate. Scott felt the \$130.00 amount was high. Scott shared some concerns and ideas he had talked about at the last meeting. The board continued discussion about user fees and how much would be realistic for our patrons to pay.
- The board addressed the policy about patrons bringing additional sports to the district. The board agreed that this policy may need to be adjusted during hard economic times.
- Ande said he supports doubling the user fee, Scott agreed. Blaine asked where the class fees go, Cynde replied saying the general fund. Scott said he would also support a family maximum and also dropping 7<sup>th</sup> grade activities. Scott said it would be helpful to him to have a prioritized list as we go along and to make it public. Alison reminded the board we cannot list personnel.
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Mr. Dorathy asked the board what their position was for a shorten school year. The board agreed to the 8 hour day and to use it during the most effective part of the year like in August. Mr. Dorathy said he will need to have discussion about semester days with negotiations when planning the calendar. Mr. Dorathy reminded the board about moving into the new building when we consider the start day.

Mr. Dorathy started the list which includes: 1. 8 day shorten year; 2. user fee increase to 80.00; 3. 7<sup>th</sup> grade activities cut.

Alison asked Ruth and Blaine if they could draw up the map of the district showing where students reside within our boundaries.

Ande read the number of students in each grade currently attending MSES.

Ande added there is not a class of 10 students because of a combo class.

The board continued discussion about the concept of redistricting. Ande brought up transportation and said he didn't understand why we do what we do. The board had discussion on how the transportation pick up areas had developed over the years.

- F. Blaine Cone moved and Ande Parks seconded to adjourn the special meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no. Time: 8:52 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Approved:

Attest:

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Alison Bauer, President  
Board of Education

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Laura Morford  
Clerk of the Board