

BALDWIN CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 348
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting

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MONDAY
November 8, 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, Blaine Cone, Ande Parks, Scott Lauridsen, Joshua Mihesuah and Bill Busby. Also attending were Superintendent Paul Dorathy and Clerk of the Board, Laura Morford. See attached attendance sheet.

Call to Order by
Board President

- B. Blaine Cone moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to approve the amended agenda. Item D, recognition is postponed until the December regular board meeting due to a funeral service.

Approval of
Amended Agenda

Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- C. Blaine Cone moved and Joshua Mihesuah 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 3 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:32 p.m.

Executive Session

- Alison Bauer moved and Bill Busby seconded to extend executive session 15 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:36 p.m.

Alison Bauer moved and Ande Parks seconded to 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. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:52 p.m.

• Alison Bauer moved and Joshua Mihesuah seconded to extend executive session 10 minutes. Mr. Dorothy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:58 p.m.

- D. Blaine Cone moved and Bill Busby seconded to approve the Consent Agenda and the November 8, 2010 regular board meeting minutes and monthly operating account in the amount of \$876,349.42, bond account in the amount of \$1,079,433.79 and payrolls in the amount of \$607,953.26. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes, 0 no.

*Approval of
Consent Agenda*

- E. The board recognized the BHS Real World Design Team and Pam Davis, Colin Thomas, BHS Cross Country Team and BHS Tennis Team.

Recognition

- F. Sandy Chapman presented a viewpoint from a financial perspective informational packet to board members. Sandy explained what information is included in the handout.

Public Comment

Kim Bielfuss agreed with Sandy's presentation. Kim stated the curriculum that was adopted some years back is not being used across the district. Kim said she is concerned with bullying with more kids in the classroom. She said the cost will be a higher, not financial but for our kids.

Dan Wilcox said he doesn't want to see anyone lose their job. He said he realizes the board needs to save money. He suggested adjusting the boundaries, cut the 6.5 teachers, equal out the classroom sizes and keep the buildings open to avoid re-opening costs.

Shannon Phillips said her son was at MSES and then moved into Baldwin but now has moved back out to MSES. The atmosphere is different, she stated the kids become a number when in town. She stated the staff can't even spell her child's name right. Shannon said the generic bullying policy is just that, generic. She stated there is not enough staff to control events and asked what is going to happen when you bring in additional kids.

Robin Bayer wanted to speak about item 1 under new business. Robin spoke about the improvement to the intersection on the highway the City is proposing. He encourage the board to do what they can to help with this project.

Carrie Barth said we have a new teacher that teaches music at the PC. She commended the efforts of this new teacher. Carrie also spoke about the budget and financial issues. She stated concerns the curriculum is different at every building. She also addressed the bullying program in the district.

Doug Jamison said we need to go back to the ABC as is done in the medical profession. He elaborated on what the color coding means and related those to the financial situation of the district. Doug gave the board a pop quiz. He went through the grading letters and identified each letter with his definition of each.

- G. Cynde Frick reported to the Board regarding the school district's present cash balances and budget standing. **Financial Report**

Blaine Cone moved and Bill Busby seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Bill Busby moved and Joshua Mihesuah seconded to approve the disposal of property as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- H. Mr. Moseman presented the board with proposed course changes for the next school year. **Administrative Reports**

Mr. Dorathy updated board members with issues concerning curriculum in the district. Mr. Dorathy said test scores dipped slightly, not a lot, but wanted to be sure we do not get into a trend. Several issues such as losing our JJA grant. Mr. Dorathy we are getting more involved in the MTSS (multi tier support system). Mr. Dorathy said this is a good program for all kids, K-12.

Mr. Dorathy spoke about Lee Hanson and the project she has chosen to work on. Lee will be working with administrators on the bullying program. She will form focus groups and work together to improve our current plan. Mr. Dorathy added, in order for kids to be successful they need to feel safe in attending school. Next month, Mr. Dorathy said he will talk about State Assessments.

The board took a 10 minute break. Time: 8:03 p.m.

- I. There was no old business at this time. **Old Business**

- J. Mr. Dorathy explained to board members the KDOT grant that the City of Baldwin City has chosen to pursue and what our responsibilities are regarding the grant. This discussion came out of a study of 56 Highway. It is a matching grant of 10%. The city is asking the district if they would support 10%. Mr. Dorathy explained that legally the district cannot participate because of the location of proposed turn lanes. Mr. Dorathy said Bob Bezek, Board Attorney suggested the board not proceed. Mr. Dorathy spoke with Jeff Dingman and asked him to speak with Bob Bezek to make sure all questions are being addressed. Mr. Dorathy said the next question is in what way can the district contribute. He said the district does own property along that highway and the board might consider donating property. **New Business**

Mr. Dorathy addressed item two, sale of the Primary Center. Steve Friend was

invited to address the board about an idea the Baldwin Recreation Commission put together. Steve handed out a rough draft of a possible community center at the old primary center. Mr. Dorathy told board members they have several options on how to sell the old Primary Center. He said you can use real estate companies or there are companies that sell old buildings but they would charge 10% of the sale. Mr. Dorathy said he likes the idea of a community center, however financially didn't believe the district could afford not to gain funds from a sale. The board had discussion about what direction the board should go on the sale of the building. Any money from the sale would go into capitol outlay funds. The board would like an estimate of the cost of an appraisal, place a sign out front and to be sure to include both blocks in the appraisal. Ande pointed out to Steve Friend that we are discounting his proposal but would like to see what the property is worth.

- K. Ruth Barkley and Blaine Cone updated board members on the Coop. Ruth shared numbers from Dale Dennis on the cost for special education in the State of Kansas. Blaine explained the new agreement for special education services. The board may take action at the December regular board meeting.

Board Member
Input

Ande stated the board, some months, ago agreed to make a decision in December on the closing of buildings and also reminded everyone in attendance of the public forum, November 11 at 7:00 as well as a board forum scheduled November 15 for those interested in becoming a board member.

Ruth thanked everyone that has taken time to provide information to the board to help in making a decision. Ruth said she had visited each school and went back to what direction the board was going years ago. Ruth feels it is vital we work with current numbers and refigure pupil numbers because of the changes in personnel. She also asked if we have looked at every aspect before making a decision to close buildings. She said she does not believe so. Ruth said we need to get firm numbers before ever making such an important decision. Ruth put together a savings summary for the board to look at and rethink what decision we make as a board.

- L. Mr. Dorathy wanted to remind everyone about the hearing Thursday and explained the process.

Superintendent's
Report

- M. Alison Bauer moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to 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 10 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 9:05 p.m.

Executive Session

- Alison Bauer moved and Blaine Cone seconded to extend executive session 5 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 9:15 p.m.
- Alison Bauer moved and Ruth Busby seconded to extend executive session 5 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session.

Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 9:20 p.m.

- Joshua Mihesuah moved and Alison Bauer seconded to extend executive session 5 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 9:25 p.m.

N. Blaine Cone moved and Bill Busby seconded to approve personnel report as presented.

Consider
Executive Session
Matters

Recommendations:

		<u>Hours</u>	<u>Days</u>
John Monroe	BESPC Teacher Aide	3 hours	5 days a week
Andrea Mozier	BESPC Teacher Aide	3 hours	5 days a week
Benjamin France	BHS Custodian/NS	4 hours	5 days a week
Shelley McKaig	MSES Custodian	4 hours	5 days a week
Ernie Gwin	TRANS Bus Driver	3 hours	5 days a week
Ronna Blocker	TRANS Director of Transportation		
Grace Wagner	VES Teacher Aide	4 hours	5 days a week

Resignations:

Albert Neil	MSES/BHS	Custodian
Sam Woltje	Trans	Bus Driver

Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Bill Busby moved and Joshua Mihesuah seconded to approve to affix proper signatures to contracts. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Ande Parks moved and Bill Busby seconded to approve the modified expulsion of Maple Marie Demby as recommended by the appeal hearing officer. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

O. No other discussion at this time.

Discussion Items

P. Blaine Cone moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 9:38 p.m.

Adjournment

Approved:

Attest:

Alison Bauer, President
Board of Education

Laura Morford
Clerk of the Board