

**BALDWIN CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 348**  
**P.O. Box 67**  
**Baldwin City, KS 66006**  
**District Office**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting**

**DISTRICT OFFICE**  
**708 CHAPEL STREET**  
**BALDWIN CITY, KS. 66006**

**MONDAY**  
**December 13, 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 Joshua Mihesuah seconded to approve the amended agenda. The board added to Item I, Old Business, #3 Coop Agreement. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. *Approval of Amended Agenda*
- 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 29 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:31p.m. *Executive Session*
- D. Blaine Cone moved and Bill Busby seconded to approve the Consent Agenda and the November 8 and 11, 2010 minutes and monthly operating account in the amount of \$444,236.28, bond account in the amount of \$813,175.17 and payrolls in the amount of \$577,451.69. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes, 0 no. *Approval of Consent Agenda*
- E. Pam Davis introduced the Real World Design Team and Robotics Team. The Real World Design Team shared their experience at the White House and meeting President Obama. The Robotics team gave a demonstration on their *Recognition*

latest project. Carson Barnes shared the purpose of the Patriots Club. They have been instrumental in honoring Veterans during half time of a football game. Mike Spielman introduced the BHS cross country team and shared their successful season. Justin Hoffman introduced members of the BHS Tennis team and shared the accomplishments of the team and individual members. BHS Football Coach, Mike Berg said all the team of 45 could not be here tonight but had some of the team to represent. Mike shared what the team has accomplished and gave highlights on individual accomplishments. The board applauded all the efforts and successes of each group recognized.

- F. Doug Jamison handed an envelope to each board member with two pieces of paper in them. One was white and black and one was green. Doug continued with his comments concerning the closing of buildings. Doug read a statement to board members.

**Public Comment**

Christy Darnell is the PTO President at the Primary Center. She read her comments concerning the closing of schools. She stated that the PTO and primary center will welcome Vinland and MSES with open arms. She stated that having all the wonderful ideas and programs brought together is exciting. She asked the board to form a committee comprised of all CSO

- 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.

- H. Mr. Dorathy updated board members on curriculum throughout the district. He said the K-5 Science Curriculum group met this past week. He also added the 6-12 Language Arts Curriculum group will meet tomorrow.

**Administrative Reports**

Mr. Dorathy also updated the board on the sale of the old primary center. He said a sign was posted as requested by the board. He explained there have been several inquiries about price. Mr. Dorathy told board members he has spoken to realtors and also to a company that specializes in the sale of old buildings. Mr. Dorathy received estimates to get appraisals that ranged \$1500-\$2200. He asked board members what direction they wanted to go on the sale of the building. The board had discussion and agreed they needed more information. Joshua Mihesuah and Ruth Barkley will serve on a committee to do research on the sale of the building.

- I. Mr. Dorathy said at the last board meeting, Shaun Moseman presented course offerings for the 2010-2011 school year. Shaun was present to address questions from the board. The board had discussion about the liability of the use of i-pads and who is responsible should damage occur. Mr. Dorathy explained the technology department has been discussing insurance and other options. Scott said we need to be sure it is in writing and has a cost so there is no question should damage occur. Mr. Dorathy explained that this program is a pilot program to learn all the plusses and negatives. From this point we will have a clearer ideas what direction we need to go as far as liability goes.

**Old Business**

Ruth Barkley moved and Ande Parks seconded to approve the 2010-2011

course offerings for BHS as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Alison stated that we have received a lot of information and sometimes the board can respond and sometimes cannot. She wanted the patrons to know that this decision to close buildings or not to close buildings is not taken lightly and there has been much discussion by this board on this sensitive issue. Ruth agreed the board has worked hard and she has looked at all the information provided. Ruth shared concerns with the cost savings. Ruth referred to an updated numbers report she received from Cynde Frick and gave each board member a copy. Ruth suggested reorganizing administration and to look from the top down instead of the bottom up. Ruth said she is concerned about the loss of enrollment.

Ruth shared her concern with the board not following through on promises made.

Alison commented she hears what Ruth is saying, however doing the same things with less simply cannot continue. Ruth asked what happen to the discussions on transportation or administration or 4 day? Alison reminded the board we did have those discussions. Scott asked where is the solution with what to do with less money? Scott felt like we are late to make this decision, we have held on trying to keep the buildings open. We have to be more efficient and fiscally responsible which will mean larger class sizes. Scott said he has served seven years and supported the rural schools, but said last year we needed to make this change. He said we have not heard a reason to support six buildings. Blaine Cone said it is important to start with a solid base, smaller class sizes. Ande stated he held the line in May, he wasn't ready to make that sacrifice, but if things get worse, we have to make a decision. He said this is a bad solution, but does believe we can do an excellent job.

Alison asked if there was any further discussion and if not, is there a motion? Scott Lauridsen moved and Joshua Mihesuah seconded, Madame President, I move the adoption of the following resolution

WHEREAS, Kansas law authorizes the board of education of any unified school district to close any school buildings by majority vote of the board; and

WHEREAS, Unified School District No. 348, Douglas County, Kansas timely published notice of and held a public hearing on the 11th day of November, 2010 to hear and consider testimony and evidence on the proposed building closures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 348, Douglas County, Kansas has found and determined that the closing of Vinland Elementary and Marion Springs Elementary School Buildings would improve the school system of the unified school district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 348, Douglas County, Kansas in a regular meeting lawfully assembled this 13th day of December, 2010, that the Vinland Elementary and Marion Springs Elementary School Buildings shall be closed at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

ADOPTED by the Board of education of Unified School District No.

348, Douglas County, Kansas, the 13th day of December, 2010.

Motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 2 no.

Alison said at last months meeting Blaine explain the Coop agreement. Alison asked if there were any questions regarding the agreement. There were none. Blaine Cone moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to approve the Coop agreement as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

J. There was no new business. New Business

K. Ruth Barkley and Blaine Cone updated the board on the Coop. Board Member Input

The board discussed the next board member forum. Alison said she would be glad to present on boardmanship. Blaine Cone said she would help. The next forum is scheduled for January 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the board room.

L. Mr. Dorathy asked if there were board members wishing to attend the legislative dinner being held in Paola, January 5, 2011. Bill Busby, Alison Bauer, Joshua Mihesuah will attend. Superintendent's Report

M. No additional executive needed at this time. Executive Session

N. Blaine Cone moved and Joshua Mihesuah seconded to approve to affix proper signatures to contracts. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Consider Executive Session Matters

Joshua Mihesuah moved and Bill Busby seconded to approve the personnel report as presented.

**Recommendations:**

		<u>Effective</u>
Tracy Rockers	DO Director of Transportation	12/9/2010
Ronda Stiefel	BESPC Secretary	12/14/2010
Mary Beth Strobel	BESPC Secretary	12/14/2010

		<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Credit Years</u>
Katherine Allan BHS	Musical Accompanist	1.5	10
Arielle Wheeler BHS	Musical Accompanist	1.5	0
Kip Clark	BHS Assistant Wrestling Coach	3.5	10
Nick Rockhold BHS	Assistant Wrestling Coach	3.5	0
Beth Nelson	BJHS Vocal Music	3	7
Deb Ellebracht BJHS	Vocal Music	1	9

**Resignations:**

Ronna Blocker Director of Transportation  
Kathy Ikenberry BESPC Secretary

11/19/2010  
11/26/2010

**Retiring:**                      Building                                      Effective

Ronda Schulte                      BJHS instructor                                      5/26/2010

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

O. No other discussion at this time.

**Discussion Items**

P. Bill Busby moved and Alison Bauer seconded to adjourn the regular meeting.  
Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 8:26 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