

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LARNED, KANSAS 67550  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2014  
6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

June Barger, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

June Barger, Jay Haremza, Brenda Hagerman, Leroy Lyon, Kevin Reece, Sharon Lessard, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent:  
Jenny Manry

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item 16 A-Approval of Architect.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 6 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Leroy Lyon moved to approve the minutes of July 14, 2014 regular board meeting and August 4, 2014 special board meeting with the addition of Leroy Lyon's name to Roll Call for the August 4, 2014 meeting.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 6 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Leroy Lyon questioned an invoice paid to Grainger, Inc. He wanted to ensure that local vendors and businesses were being given the opportunity to provide services and goods. Jon Flint stated that if there is a local vendor that can provide goods or services that efforts are made to shop locally. He will check into this purchase further.

Leroy Lyon moved to approve the bills as presented.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 6 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, passed the securities report to the members. She explained that expenses looked high during the month of July due to the fact that we hold expenditures until the start of the new fiscal year in July.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

8. LMS LEADERSHIP CLUB

Vicky Wallace, Leader of the Lady Indian Leader's Club at Larned Middle School, addressed the board. She stated that there would be fourteen members returning to the group this year and that there was one member that was presently on probation. She shared that the group had gone to the Welcome Inn Senior Center once a month last year to serve anniversary and birthday lunches to the patrons. They also visited the Early Education Center to read to the preschool students. The group gained valuable experience in addressing groups and being in front of people. In May, the group went on an overnight trip to Manhattan. Some of the highlights of the trip were visits to Ft. Riley and the Smoky Hill Museum. The group also attended a musical at the Manhattan Music Center. Mrs. Wallace stated that the group represented Larned well and that the trip was a success. She shared that the girls were starting to read the 8 to Great book and that she hoped to see positive results from that book study.

Micheal Specht, Leader of the Gentlemen's Club, thanked the board for the opportunity to be a part of this group. He shared a story of a student that had joined the club. The student had several issues coming into the group and as time

went by, the young man progressed and showed improvements in both the classroom and social settings. Mr. Specht stated that the group would be working on more community service projects this year. In the past years, the group's service projects have been helping at the basketball games. They plan to start working concession stands to earn money for the group. Mr. Nolan and Mr. Wrinkle had both helped the group last year also. Mr. Specht will bring the 8 to Great training to the gentlemen this year. He stated there were fourteen members in the group presently.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Non-elected Personnel

June Barger moved at 6:47 p.m. that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that the Board will return to the open session in this room at 7:10 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

10. NOMINATIONS

Jay Haremza moved to approve the following nomination(s) for the 2014-2015 school year.

Patricia Budig	Para/TRI/ LMS
Jan Smith	Secretary/LMS
Cynthia Thomas	Para/TRI/NS
Kimberly Parker	Secretay/LMS
Jason Crosby	Head Boy's Basketball/LMS
David Auldridge	Thursday/Friday School

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 6 No 0

11. SEPARATIONS

Jay Haremza moved to approve the following separation(s) for the 2014-2015 school year.

Cassandra Seidel	Secretary/LMS
Talarah Burson	Para/TRI/LMS
Katherine Norman	Para/TRI/LMS
Laura Kirkwood	Bus Driver/Trans
Andrew Creech	Bus Driver/Trans

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 6      No 0

12. TRANSFERS

No transfers at this time.

13. APPROVAL OF KASB POLICY CHANGES

Jon Flint highlighted some items with the board. Jay Haremza asked if it was possible to post the policy book online. There was discussion of scanning it in as a PDF for the board members to have access.

Jay Harmeza moved to approve the policy changes to the USD 495 Policy Handbook as presented.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 6      No 0

14. REVIEW & ADOPTION OF DISTRICT VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

KASB recommends that districts look at their Vision and Mission Statements on a yearly basis. There were no changes to the statement this year. Administration shares this statement with their staff yearly.

Jay Haremza moved to approve the district vision and mission statement as presented for the 2014-15 school year.

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 6 No 0

15. PRIORITIZATION OF CAPITAL PURCHASES AND IMPROVEMENTS

This is a process that has been ongoing since April. Jon outlined the document that was handed out to board members. Several of the items can be addressed with the passing of a bond in April and several have already been completed, such as the purchase of textbooks. The staff and administration will begin researching science textbooks also. There are several items on the list that are being addressed this year, such as the repair of potholes at the high school parking lot. Leroy Lyon asked how the resurfacing of the track at the high school had gained priority on the list. Jon Flint stated that the track was becoming a liability. Asphalt is pulling away from the concrete. The district uses the track for competition and the public uses it frequently also. There were plans to repair it two years ago, but it was pushed to the bottom of the list then. He stated that it is getting to the point that if it is not fixed, it should not be used. The list will continue to be looked at as the district moves forward with the bond vote.

16. TRACK RESURFACING BIDS

Jon Flint stated that the board needed to make a decision about the repair of the track. The track is used for grades K-12 at several times during the year and the district hosts 3-4 meets per year. The hope is to pull off the existing layer and put a new running surface down. Right now the district is just asking to get bids and see what companies recommend. If we get bids now, it is possible that the work could be complete by the start of track season. Jay Haremza asked if this would include improvements to the field areas. Jon said that they would inquire about improvements in those areas. If we went with a track company, they could advise the district on ways to improve the shot and discuss rings.

Jay Haremza moved to let bids for the resurfacing of the Larned High School track.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 6 No 0

16A. APPOINT ARCHITECT FOR THE APRIL 2015 SCHOOL BOND

A committee of Daryl Gobin, Jon Flint, and Kevin Reece met with three architectural firms last week. Each firm was given an hour and thirty minutes to present. This time allowed the committee time to get acquainted with them and

visit about how they do business. The committee felt that one firm stood out from the others. All three firms were asked what they saw as strengths and weaknesses of our district and what they felt would be the biggest challenge of the bond. The firm of Howard & Helmer was very straight forward with their answers. They were competitive and their schedule allowed them to focus on our district. They plan to attend every meeting and will be very involved with the vote and communicating with the public. Kevin Reece stated that he felt they were a superb group.

Kevin Reece moved to appoint the architectural firm of Howard & Helmer as architects for the upcoming bond issue.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No 0

17. APPOINT ACTING PRESIDENT FOR THE AUG. 22, 2014 SPECIAL BOE MEETING

Jay Haremza moved to appoint Sharon Lessard as acting board president for the special board meeting to be held on Aug. 22, 2014 at 12:15 p.m.

Leroy Lyon second.

Yes 6 No 0

18. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Jon stated that the entire district had attended a presentation from Eric Jensen in Dodge City. Eric Jensen is a best selling author and speaker that teaches about dealing with students and poverty. He felt that the district gained valuable insight and knowledge. The first public meeting for the bond issue is being planned for September with meetings also slated for October, November, and December. The purpose of these meetings will be to gain public opinion on what they want in a new elementary building. Both the architects and financial advisors will be present at these meetings. Leroy Lyon stated that given the financial revenue projection from the state, he felt it was time to move forward. We need to ensure the public understands the percentage the state will fund of the new construction and the possibility of the funding going away in future years. We need to build

while this aid is available. Jon stated that he has been impressed with the new hires and is looking forward to the new year.

19. ADJOURN

Sharon Lessard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 6 No 0

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Board President

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Board Clerk