

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Jenny Manry, Sharon Lessard, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 7 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jenny Manry moved to approve the minutes of August 11, 2014 Regular Board Meeting and August 22, 2014 Special Meeting as presented.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 7 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Brenda Hagerman was the board member that reviewed bills this month. She stated that utilities had gone up this month and the buses had been paid off also. Leroy Lyon inquired about the purchase of supplies from Grainger. He had noticed that some of the invoices contained items that could have been bought locally. Jenny Manry stated that Grainger offers state pricing, which comes into effect for some items. Leroy stated that he feels that local businesses need to be frequented even if the price is a little higher. June Barger asked who is responsible for ordering supplies and Jon stated that Daryl Gobin, Maintenance Director, does most of the ordering. Jon stated that we could do a price comparison between the companies and local businesses. Jenny Manry replied that she is in favor of buying locally, but she feels that local companies also need to be competitive especially in a time when budgets are being scrutinized. Brenda Hagerman said that local businesses are being frequented on a regular basis. June Barger stated that Leroy Lyon has raised some good points and this is something that those in charge of ordering need to take note of and do their best to buy locally when it is fiscally responsible.

Brenda Hagerman moved to approve the bills as presented.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 7 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, handed out the securities deposits and a revised cash summary report. It had been brought to her attention that there was an error on the previous one. She put in a support call to APTA, our computer software company, and they stated that it was a programming error on their end. They are working on getting the problem reconciled. There were no further questions from the board.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION
a) Non-elected Personnel

June Barger moved at 6:40 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 6:50 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 7 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m

9. NOMINATIONS

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

Don Zimmerman	Extra Class/LHS
Johanna Friess	Para/TRI/Offerle
Lise Wetzel	Para/TRI/LMS
Joetta Cox	Asst. Cook/LMS
DeShawn Anderson	Para/TRI/LHS
Shea Schmidt	Asst. Girls Tennis/LHS
Elizabeth Hyde	Para/TRI/EEC
Tanika Thomas	Para/TRI/LHS
DeShawn Anderson	Asst. Football/LHS

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 7 No 0

10. SEPERATIONS

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

Matt Barton	Asst. Football/LHS
Deborah Danler	Head Custodian/NS
Pete Russum	Para/TRI/EEC
Talarah Burson	Para/TRI/LMS
Jan Smith	Secretary/LMS

Mark Zwink

Custodian/LHS

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 7 No 0

11. TRANSFERS

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

Tatyana Easley

Head Custodian/NS from
Head Cook/HS

Deborah Rainbolt

Head Cook/HS from Asst. Cook/LMS

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 7 No 0

12. ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

Leroy Lyon moved to add “Class of 2017”, “Class of 2018”, and “Industrial Arts” to activity accounts for Larned High School.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 7 No 0

Kevin Reece moved to delete “Class of 2011”, “Class of 2012”, and “Class of 2013” from activity accounts for Larned High School.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 7 No 0

13. IDEA VI-B ASSURANCES

Margo Buscher, Tri County COOP Director, stated that this form is a mandate from the state outlining that the district's special education program is operating and being financially responsible according to the state guidelines. Leroy Lyon asked how many special education students are housed in the mobile classroom at Northside Elementary and inquired whether this classroom met state guidelines. Margo stated that there were presently six students in the mobile classroom and that the classroom did meet state guidelines. They are students that require one on one attention and these students were identified by administration and teachers based on their individual needs. The goal of the classroom, according to Margo, is to help identify the student's problems and help them to succeed to the best of their ability rather than to just move them along. Jon Flint asked if this was the least restrictive environment for these students. Margo replied that it was and that the students were involved with music, and other activities.

Jay Haremza moved to approve the Title VI-B Assurances.

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 7 No 0

14. SALE OF USED EQUIPMENT

Leroy Lyon moved to sell the following equipment at the local auction agency without reserve and with no warranty.

2-1994 International/Thomas 47 Passenger School Buses
VIN #1HVBBPEM4RH565660 (#3-94)
VIN#1HVBBPEM6RH565658 (#9-94)

Approximately 18 used tires- Size 11R22.5 of of school busses

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 7 No 0

15. NOTICE OF PROTECTION UNDER THE KANSAS TORT CLAIMS ACT

This was a policy update that was tabled last month. Jon Flint spoke with our insurance provider and the district is covered up to a million dollars based on our current policy.

Leroy Lyon moved to approve the amount of \$1, 000, 000.00 in regards to tort claims provided by the district's liability coverage.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 7 No 0

16. REPORTS

a) Principals

Troy Langdon (LHS)

Students at Larned High School have all participated in the AIMSWeb Testing. Seniors did not take part in this testing. Administration felt that it would not be beneficial for them to take part in the testing largely due to the fact that the test is set up to track a student's progress through the years. AIMSWeb took place of MAPP testing. AIMSWeb is a norms reference test that students will take twice a year. It will enable staff to monitor growth. Larned Middle School students are also taking the AIMSWeb tests. Troy shared that the data produced from this test is much more user friendly than the MAPP results. Sharon Lessard, Board member, asked if this data will be available to parents during parent teacher conferences. Troy stated that he would make the data available with the student's seminar teacher. June Barger asked if this testing took the place of State Assessment Testing. It does not take the place of the state testing, but is a supplemental test that helps to show how students are progressing.

Mr. Butler is once again offering an ACT Math Prep class on Oct 11 and Oct. 18. There will be classes in the morning and afternoon. Students will be doing some ACT practice tests and getting a crash course in Trigonometry.

Troy shared that the Virtual Classroom continues to be popular. The technology department is having to find more computers to put in the room. There are currently over 30 students taking college classes. Fifty five college classes are being taken. There are 25 seniors participating and 6 juniors.

The high school enrollment is currently sitting at 277, which is up from 260 last year. The high school has ins and outs almost daily though. This number will more than likely change before the Sept. 20th count.

Jay Haremza, Board member, stated that he had visited with Mrs. Fleske and there will be National Honor Society and FCA students assisting with the handicapped parking at the high school football games. Barricades have been

utilized to ensure that parking is available for those needing handicapped parking.

Dick Bixler (WS)

Valarie Klein, Westside math teacher, presented on behalf of Mr. Bixler who was absent. Valarie stated that she has taken on the role of curriculum director at the school also. She told the board that she has been an educator in Kansas, Florida, Alaska, and Nebraska.

There are two new teachers on staff at Westside this year. Lawrence Drimmel is the new science teacher who is incorporating some hands on experiments. Joanna McAlister is serving as the new English teacher. She also has some new and exciting things planned for students. The facility has two new paras this school year also. Nicole Stevens is helping in the metal shop and Kara Slack is substituting in classrooms.

Valarie shared that she has been visiting with teachers about the curriculum needs and whether they are aligned with the College and Career Ready Standards. Some are aligned already.

The facility will be participating in several inservices to help with curriculum strategies and how to get students involved in cooperative learning. Westside is very differentiated and special education and regular education students are consistently together in classrooms learning at different levels. There is never a dull moment according to Ms. Klein. Socialization is very important to students success also.

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Lea Harding (HS, PH, & NS)

Lea stated that the new administration was working well together. The elementary buildings have started beginning of the year testing. Lea shared that her buildings are focusing on two key things this year-relationships with students and implementing data driven instruction. Lea is asking teachers to meet with two different students every 10 days. She is also asking teachers to monitor student's progress through the year.

Enrollment at the elementary buildings is down 5 students so far this year, but it is early. This number will more than likely change as students move in and out before the Sept. 20th count.

Shane Sundahl (LMS)

The Middle School staff is administering the AIMSWeb testing to students. The plan is to test students two to three times per year. Shane stressed that this test monitors progress and matches norms across the nation. Emphasis will be placed on skills that students struggle with. The goal is to see gains by the end of the year. Year by year as the test is administered, staff will be able to see which reinforcement works.

The new math curriculum is in and is aligned with college and career readiness. This series digs a little deeper and helps students question why.

Enrollment sits at 280 students presently. Shane stated that the year is off to a great start and that the staff is working hard.

b) Directors
Daryl Gobin, Maintenance

The pour at the Doerr –Vernon tennis courts is halfway complete. The rain is slowing down the process. The company wants to ensure that the barrier is dry before continuing. They are playing it day by day and keeping an eye on the weather.

The maintenance department has hired two gentlemen to help paint the football fields in preparation for Friday night's games. It is a labor intensive process and is causing the department to lose man hours in the buildings. This hiring will allow the field to be done in a day without compromising work that needs done in the buildings.

Richard Fairchild, Transportation

Rich reported that the department had a good inspection with the Kansas Highway Patrol. The new busses were picked on a Monday, inspected on Wednesday, and out on the roads by Friday to run routes.

Staff was bussed to Dodge City for an inservice on August 14th. Rich stated that fall sports are up and running also. The department is down one driver and is still looking for substitutes.

The windshield of the activity bus was shattered by a bird on the way home from a volleyball meet on Saturday. The driver fortunately was able to still navigate the bus home. The bus company had a replacement windshield in stock and it was being replaced by the following Wednesday. Rich reinforced that the bus is enjoyed by the students and that it continues to be a good representation of the district.

c) Jon Flint, Superintendent

Jon wanted to let the board know why the activity bus had not been out for a couple of events due to the windshield being shattered. He thanked Rich for getting the windshield replaced quickly.

Jon stated that he used to get excited about beginning enrollment numbers, but he has come to realize the numbers usually change between enrollment and the Sept. 20th count day. This year count day will actually be Sept 22 due to the fact that the 20th falls on a weekend.

Every district in the nation must participate in a Civil Rights Data Collection Report. Jon is in the process of completing this report.

Jon stressed to the audience and board that discussion about the bond issue be kept positive. There are rumors and falseness out in the community presently. He asked that everyone work to communicate with the public and get the story out. He stated that the more facts and information that is out there, the better things will be.

d) Board Discussion

Jay Haremza serves on the KASB Legislative Committee and he invited members to the Fall Summit that is to be held in Garden City on Oct. 2nd. He hopes several members will be able to attend as there will be good information shared that day such as what the Rose Standards mean to districts. Brenda Hagerman stated that some of this information is being discussed on

KASB's weekly webinars also. Brenda tunes into these frequently and has gained valuable information.

17. BOND UPDATE

The last committee meeting was held at Phinney Elementary. The group discussed the process it has taken to get to this point and stressed that this was not a knee jerk decision. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9th at the District Office. The plan is to go over parent surveys and discuss possible site locations. Jon stressed again that the only things that have been decided and chosen are the financial advisors and architects.

As far as locations, the only land the district owns is Northside, which is 6 acres. The architects have indicated that 15-16 acres would be needed for a new building. There are 10-15 acres available in the new subdivision and the Rainbolt property is also available at 30 acres. The committee does not know the price of the land presently. These are just possible locations; no decision has been made. This will be discussed in length at the first public meeting, which is to be held on Oct. 20th.

Parent surveys were to be returned by last Friday. There was a 60% return rate. The surveys went out to Pre-K through 6th grade households. After compiling results, a P-K through 5th grade is the consensus of what parents would like to see. 2% of the surveys returned remained undecided at the present time. The major concern voiced on the surveys was the increase in taxes.

The next step is a facility needs study. The architects will be meeting face to face with staff to question their needs.

Communication is key in this process. Nothing has been decided. It will be going to election. The district has put off this process until the middle school was paid off, which it now is. We do not know the cost yet. The community will have a say on Oct. 20th. Committee members have been asked to personally invite 10 people and press releases will go out inviting the entire community. Leroy Lyon stated that he was concerned about the make up of the committee and hoped that there would be a larger cross section of the community in attendance at the public meetings. Jon stated that several groups had been invited to send representatives to be part of this committee and many had not gotten back to him. The committee members will be doing much of the leg work through this process. June Barger asked if more than two board members could attend the meetings without calling a formal meeting. Phil stated that the regulations on that had loosened a bit and he would send out an email outlining the new guidelines.

The Oct. 20th meeting will be a community input meeting. It will not be citizens going to a microphone and asking questions. It will be small groups collaborating on what they want to see in a new building. We want the community's input. Leroy Lyon asked board members to invite at least 10 non staff members to the Oct 10th meeting.

18. ADJOURN

Sharon Lessard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 7 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk