

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2014
6:30 P.M.
LARNED MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

June Barger, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 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.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 6 No 0

4. BOND DISCUSSION- Purpose to provide direction with respect to final scope of project and bond amount.

Jon Flint, Superintendent, addressed the audience and stated that the board welcomed their thoughts and comments. He stressed that tonight would not be the night to vote or make a decision. It was a time to discuss. The process and timeline by which the bond goes to a vote was discussed. Both the architect and financial advisor were present to answer questions from the floor and board. The building of a PK-5th grade building on land donated to the district from the Giessel family was the first topic addressed. The

architect spoke of the design of the building and stressed that it was a preliminary drawing and that there will be changes made to the drawing to accommodate the district's needs. The architects had also contacted the city officials with questions as far as the construction. The improvements at the high school were discussed also. Leroy Lyon, Board member, questioned why the teacher work room had been removed from the plan. After some discussion from the audience and board, , it was decided to put the work room back into the renovations. Many of the improvements are energy saving which will save the district money over time and for many years. The audience proposed several questions about the community fitness center such as , who will run it and how will it be run. The committee will continue to look at that and devise a plan.

The financial advisor addressed the group on possible scenarios as far as length of the bond and cost in mills. The state aid of 36% is present still. It was shared that interest rates at this time are at a near record low. The board will vote on the length and amount of bond that will go to vote at the January 12th regular board meeting.

The audience's consensus was to have a PR campaign ready to go. The hope is to educate the public by being transparent and open. Social media outlets, such as Facebook and Twitter will be utilized through the campaign as well.

5. ADJOURN

Sharon Lessard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Leroy Lyon second.

Yes 6 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk