

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LARNED, KANSAS 67550  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2015  
6:30 P.M.

**LARNED MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND ROOM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

June Barger, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6: 33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 7 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jenny Manry moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 2014 Regular Board meeting and December 16, 2014 Special Board meeting minutes as presented.

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 7 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Jenny Manry moved to approve the bills as presented.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 7 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, took the podium and explained that December had been a straight forward month with CAT Aid and a payment from Barton County being received. She stated that some of the payment received from the state this month had again come from the highway department.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

There was no formal audience present, but Jon Flint, Superintendent, read a proclamation to board members proclaiming January as School Board Recognition Month.

8. REVIEW OF AGLER & GAEDDERT AUDIT

Howard Mayes from the accounting firm of Agler & Gaeddert was on hand to discuss the district's annual audit. He shared that the firm had concentrated on the areas of Title I and Special Education. He stated that the bond had been paid off early and everything looked in order. The audit did not discover any areas that needed addressed.

Jay Haremza moved to accept the audit report from Agler & Gaeddert as presented.

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 7 No 0

9. BOND DISCUSSION

Both the financial advisor and architects were present for the night's discussion. Jon Flint discussed the next steps in the bond election process. June Barger, President of the Board of Education, commended Jon Flint and the committee for

producing the packet of information that is updated after each meeting. She stated that she feels it covers every meeting and every decision concisely. She said the board needed to discuss a bond time frame whether it be a 20 or 25 year bond. It was discussed that at the last public meeting it was decided to take the 30 year option off the table. Once again, the fact that there is state aid for new construction available was discussed. Currently, the rate for our district would be at 36%. It was discussed that this may not always be available. Several different scenarios were shared as far as tax increases on certain price ranges of homes. After some discussion, the board felt that obtaining a 20 year bond was the most responsible option.. Jenny Manry, Board member, encouraged audience members present to please join the bond committee.

10. BOND RESOLUTION

Jay Haremza moved to approve the bond resolution.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A BOND ELECTION IN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495, PAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS (FORT LARNED) FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE AUTHORITY TO CALL SAID BOND ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID BOND ELECTION.**

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 7 No 0

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Non-elected Personnel

June Barger moved at 7:15 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 7:30 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

Jon Flint, Superintendent, returned at 7:21 p.m.

The open meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

12. NOMINATIONS

None at this time.

13. SEPARATIONS

Jay Haremza moved to approve the following separation(s) .

Joseph Snyder	Teacher/LHS (2015-16 School Year)
Linda Ratley	Dishwasher/LHS
Paul Deveaux	Teacher/LMS (2015-2016)
Crystal Schmidt	Teacher/NS (2015-2016)

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 7 No 0

14. TRANSFERS

None at this time.

15. BEGINNING & ENDING DATES FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Leroy Lyon moved to approve the beginning date of August 20, 2015 and May 27, 2016 as the ending date for the 2015-2016 school year.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 7 No 0

16. SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Jay Haremza moved to extend the Superintendent's Contract to the 2016-2017 school year with salary to be determined at a later date.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 7 No 0

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
a) Negotiations

June Barger moved at 7:32 p.m. that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract. The Board will return to the open session in this room at 7:40 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 7:42 p.m.

18. REPORTS  
a) Directors

Daryl Gobin (Maintenance)

Absent

Richard Fairchild (Transportation)

Richard reported that we had taken delivery of the 9 passenger vehicle. He also stated that the activity bus is up and running well. He stated that the department had recently been sending busses to Bonner Springs for repairs. The department has been unable to get repairs completed in Great Bend. He shared that other districts had encountered these problems also.

b) Principals

Dick Bixler (WS)

Absent

Troy Langdon (LHS)

A. Dustin Wilson

Dustin Wilson, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, presented on behalf of Larned High School. He stated that he had been working on an Athletic Coaches/Player Handbook for all sports to follow. He feels that this will take some of the confusion out of some situations that have risen due to different sports and coaches having different rules and expectations. He reported that he is also working on a more concise student handbook. He would like to make the handbook more user friendly and clearer.

Lea Harding (HS, PH, NS)

Lea stated that her staff had been working hard and things were running smoothly in all three buildings.

Shane Sundahl (LMS)

Basketball season is wrapping up at the middle school with league tournaments being held in the coming weeks. The wrestling season will begin the first of February. Things are going smoothly in the building. Shane shared that he and Troy had been working on the district's upcoming inservice that will be held on January 19.

c) Jon Flint, Superintendent

Jon stated that a 3 judge panel had recently determined that the state is not funding schools at the constitutional level. They did not give an amount that is needed to be at the level though, nor did they declare what action should be taken. Jon does not expect any money to be flow this way anytime soon. Jon also shared that the board has four members whose terms are up for re election. He reminded members that the last day to file is January 27<sup>th</sup> at noon.

d) Board Discussion

None at this itme.

19. ADJOURN

Sharon Lessard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 7 No 0

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Board President

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Board Clerk