

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2015
6:30 P.M.

WORKING AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

June Barger, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:34 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

Kevin Reece moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 7 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Leroy Lyon moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 7 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Barger moved to approve the bills as presented.

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 7 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, handed out securities deposits. She stated that county taxes had been received. It had been a straight forward month.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

8. LARNED HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Lisa Schartz presented on behalf of the Larned High School Site Council. She discussed the various topics the group has explored this year such as ACT scores and refresher courses, and fundraising. Lisa reported that she enjoyed being part of the group and that she had learned several things by attending the meetings.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Non-elected Personnel

June Barger moved at 6:45 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 7:05 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney.

Jay Haremza second

Yes 7 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

10. NOMINATIONS

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

Ed Ummel	Bus Monitor/TRANS
Troy Schartz	Custodian/LMS

For the 2015-2016 School Year:

Karrie Sleder	Teacher/NS
Matthew Sleder	Teacher/NS

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 7 No 0

11. SEPARATIONS

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

Rita Lopez	Para/TRI/Kinsley
Monique Romo	Para/TRI/ALC
Julie Snyder	At Risk/Title Aide/HS
Peter Thompson	Asst. Custodian/LMS

For the 2015-2016 School Year

Margo Buscher	Director/TRI CO
Quinton Burgess	Teacher/TRI CO/LMS
Renae Hukill	Teacher/TRI CO/HS
Ann Gatterman	Teacher/LHS
Lisa Burgess	Teacher/NS
Gerry Carter	Teacher/LHS

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 7 No 0

12. TRANSFERS

Jay Haremza moved to accept the following transfers for the 2014-2015 school year.

David Lane

Para/TRI/ALC from
Para/TRI/LMS

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 7 No 0

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Negotiations

June Barger moved at 7:06 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 7:20 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Lea Harding, and Troy Langdon.

Leroy Lyon second.

Yes 7 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m.

14. TRACK BIDS

Daryl Gobin took the podium to discuss the track bids the district received. Two bids were received. Daryl stated that United Sport Systems uses a system that allows us to use the concrete base we already have. They system will come with a 5 year warranty also. Brenda Hagerman, Board member, asked Daryl what would happen if we did not replace the surface of the track. Daryl stated that the track would continue to split and it would become unusable. Jenny Manry, Board Member, stated that she had been up on the track recently and had seen the cracks. She shared that she felt it was becoming dangerous. Jenny also asked if the texture would be similar to the current surface. Daryl stated that it will be similar but a little tighter. Kevin Reece, Board member, asked if the new surface will adhere to the current base. Daryl stated that it will be binding. Brenda Hagerman, Board member, stated that the district had done some work on the tennis courts and that

had caused some public concern. She wanted to ensure the district was saving money where it needed to. Kevin Reece stated that he did not know what kind of liability the district faced if it was not fixed and someone was injured. Jay Haremza, Board member, asked if this new surface would apply to track events also. Daryl stated that it would.

Jay Haremza moved to accept the lowest responsible bid from United Sport Systems in the amount of \$71431.00 for the resurfacing of the high school track.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 7 No 0

Other bids were received: Pro Track & Tennis in the amount of \$133,990.

15. SET SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

Jay Haremza moved to set special board meetings for Feb. 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Phinney Elementary, March 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Northside Elementary, and March 29, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at Hillside Elementary for the purpose of informing the community of the April 7th Bond.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 7 No 0

16. REPORTS

a) Directors

Stan Higgins (Technology)

Stan Higgins, Technology Director, reported that work had started on the camera expansion at the high school. They would be adding 8 or 9 more classrooms along with the annex halls and vocational classrooms. The cameras should be live by the end of week.

b) Principals

Dick Bixler (WS)

Dick Bixler stated that February 16, 2015 Parent Teacher Conferences would be held at the facility, along with an open house. Parents and family will be allowed to tour the school and facility. The facility is expanding boundaries and reaching out to parents. This has helped with both grades and conduct.

Incentives such as Student Council, participation in the school play and choir have also helped with behavior and grades .

Troy Langdon (LHS)

Troy Langdon shared that things were going well at the high school. He stated that staff had been working on CTE and Pathways. They will be making some name changes to some courses. The content, however, will remain the same. He stated that there had been some new opportunities made available to our art students recently. He showed the board some examples of artwork that will be available soon. Items such as koozies and coasters are available with student's artwork on them. Troy shared that the art instructor, Wendy Sundahl, is excited about these opportunities.

This summer, students interested in the entering the field of nursing will be able to participate in an event held at Hays. It is called a "Nightengale Experience" and will allow students to see firsthand what the area of nursing is like. There is more information available in the counselor's office for students that are interested.

Students at Larned High School will begin state assessments the last part of March and into the first week of April. It is one of the few weeks that there are no extra curricular activities scheduled.

Two assemblies are being held at Larned High School this week. One is a presentation by Jared Estes, a motivational speaker who shares his story of how being hit by a drunk driver has effected his life. This assembly is being presented by one of the junior students as part of her English 11 Do Hard Things Project. There will also be an Internet Safety assembly held on Wednesday morning for the students to hear. Before the assembly, Mr. Langdon stated that both students from the high school and middle school would be participating in KSDE's "Jam in a Minute." Students will be dancing and moving for a minute in an effort to promote healthy lifestyles among students in Kansas.

There will be a League meeting on Wednesday. One thing to be discussed is Sterling's wish to be dismissed from the league. Troy stated that it is to be voted on at this meeting. Sterling stated declining enrollment and the fact that they are one of the smallest schools in the league as their main reasons for asking to be dismissed.

Lea Harding (HS, PH, NS)

t Lea has been working on evaluations and had them close to completion. She stated that she is chairing the Publicity Campaign for the Foundation for the Future and that she had some great information ready to distribute to the public. She shared that Larned High School student, Kate Schroeder, had chosen to join the Foundation for the Future Committee as her Do Hard Things Project for her English 11 class. Lea stated that she is very excited about being of this. Lea stated that she had also been busy getting students accommodation information entered into the State Assessment site.

Shane Sundahl (LMS)

Things are going well at the Middle School. Wrestling season is underway and the Scholar's Bowl has started competing. Track season will begin immediately after wrestling. Shane stated that he had also been working on entering student data into the State Assessment site in preparation for testing that will begin in April.

c) Jon Flint, Superintendent

Jon stated that the district would be hosting Bike Across Kansas participants this summer. They will be staying in the middle school gym and on the grounds. He stated that he felt this was a great opportunity to host. He said this would also provide an opportunity for organizations to provide meals, etc.

Jon handed a school finance document to the board which outlined several legislative bills. Because of Senate Bill 171, our district will see cuts this year. Jon shared that the district had done an outstanding job remaining fiscally sound and maintaining a reserve for situations like this. He stated that payments from the state that we usually receive in February will not be received until June of this year. He shared that there are some districts that are worrying about making payroll.

The bond committee is moving forward and things are going well. They currently have 15 speaking engagements scheduled. Jon shared that he had recently received a verbal commitment from a private donor to donate \$250,000.00 toward

the construction of the proposed new weight room and fitness center. It was stressed that the money was specifically for this because the donor feels strongly about the benefits this center will offer to both students and the community.

d) Board Discussion

Brenda Hagerman encouraged board members to take advantage of the KASB webinars especially now with all the legislative bills and changes Congress is proposing in regards to school finance and funding. She feels it is critical to be informed.

June Barger, President, discussed filing boundaries for the school board members. She feels the board should look at this in the future. Many people do not file because of their boundaries already having a good member. She feels that the board should look at having at large filings. Phil Martin, Board Attorney, stated that there is a statute governing this and that there could be no action until after this year's election. June stated that she understood this and thought it was something to begin thinking about.

Sharon Lessard, Board member, thanked the administrators for encouraging their staff members to submit mini grant applications. She stated that the Foundation had awarded 13 grants for a total of \$1,800.00.

17. ADJOURN

Sharon Lessard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Jenny Manry second.

Yes No

Board President

Board Clerk