

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2015
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, Kevin Reece, Sharon Lessard, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent:

Leroy Lyon
Jenny Manry

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 5 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kevin Reece moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2015 Regular Board minutes and the Feb. 19, 2015 Special Board meeting as presented.

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 5 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Jay Haremza moved to approve the bills as presented.

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 5 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, handed out the securities to board members. She indicated that the district had received a capital outlay payment and would receive the rest of it in June.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

8. ELEMENTARY SITE COUNCIL

Lea Harding, Elementary Principal, presented on behalf of Elementary Site Council. She shared with the board that she had struggled to find parents to attend meetings. She did state that she had two faithful staff members that attend each month, though. June Barger, President, encouraged Lea to not get discouraged and that she had done a fine job.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Non-elected Personnel

June Barger moved at 6:35 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.

Kevin Reece second.

Yes 5 No 0

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

10. NOMINATIONS

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

Dustin Wilson	Head Softball/LHS
Jacob Tapia	Asst. Softball/LHS
Kaileigh Dietrich	Asst. Softball/LHS
Kristin Herrman	Asst. Track/LMS

For the **2015-2016** School Year

Nicholas Junker	Teacher/LHS
Kelsey Kort	Teacher/LMS
Jacquelyn Johnson	Teacher/LHS

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 5 No 0

11. SEPARATIONS

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

David Lane	Para/TRI/ALC
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For the **2015-2016** school year

Holly Corman	Para/TRI/LHS
Amanda Grant	Teacher/PH

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 5 No 0

1. 1 - 1995 GMC/Thomas Minotour 22 passenger School Bus
VIN # 1GDHG31K85F515064 (#29)

To be sold by the local auction agency to the highest bidder without reserve and no warranty.

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 5 No 0

15. ADOPTION OF THE SOUTH KANSAS MULTI-HAZARD, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MITIGATION PLAN

Kevin Reece moved to adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan.

Brenda Hagerman second.

Yes 5 No 0

16. REPORTS

- a) Directors

Richard Fairchild, Transportation

Winter sports have wrapped up and the transportation department was enjoying a little break from activity trips. Richard stated that things at the department had been going smoothly and he was looking forward to wrapping up the year.

Daryl Gobin, Maintenance

Spring has arrived and it is now time for the mowing and trimming to begin at the buildings. Daryl shared that Phinney had a few leaks in the condensation lines that the department had patched. The water line is also starting to leak and repairs have begun on those lines. These are band aids though, and the repairs will not last forever. If the bond does not pass, these lines will need replaced in the upcoming years. It will be an expensive repair.

b) Principals
Dick Bixler(WS)

Westside will begin searching for a math teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. The current teacher has taken a position closer to the family for the upcoming year. The staff has been working diligently to close the achievement gap of its students. Dick stated that communication with staff and parole officers, as well as parents gets better each month. The annual spring dinner will be scheduled soon. The students will be presenting their second play of the year this upcoming Wednesday.

Shane Sundahl (LMS)

Things are going well at the middle school. Wrestling season has ended and the track season will begin after spring break. State assessments will be given the week of April 6-10. Students and staff are gearing up for those.

Lea Harding (NS/PH/HS)

Lea has been busy finishing up her teacher evaluations. She has plans for the staff to meet at the end of the year to ensure students are being met with the new math series. The staff has watched several tutorials to prepare for the upcoming state assessments. Lea stated that yard signs for the bond will be going up the week of spring break. She stated that if anyone knew of anyone that needed a sign, please let her and the committee know.

Troy Langdon (LHS)

Troy shared that he has enjoyed speaking on behalf of the bond and had taken part in several speaking engagements. He recently attended a job fair at Fort Hays State University and is busy filling vacancies for next year. He stated that he had three interviews scheduled over spring break. He has been looking at possibly changing the Industrial Arts program to a possible Vocational Ag program and that the board may have the opportunity approve some ore farm related courses. Initial data has shown that a majority of students are taking welding classes versus words classes. Cube game coverage is available at the Larned High School to cover sporting events via the internet. This has been a great opportunity for our broadcasting students. Larned High School hosted

the Sub State Basketball Tournament and the championship games were both broadcast via the Cube. Spring sports are well underway at the high school. The CKL will host a league meeting where a presentation of Blended English Language will be presented. Troy hopes to attend that to see exactly how it works and bring that information back to his staff. The Larned High School Powerlifting Team recently attended the state meet where the boys placed 2nd and the girls team captured 3rd. Landon Erway broke the state Power Clean record also. He stated that the team had represented Larned High School well.

c) Jon Flint, Superintendent

The district is currently in their second audit of this year. The independent audit from Agler and Gaddert had been held in the fall and the Special Education audit will take place later in the spring. This audit is the audit conducted by KSDE and is our funding and weightings audit.

Jon had recently received a letter from the state concerning our Westside contract, which outlined both the staff's strength's and weaknesses. This was the first notification of any deficiencies. The district will have to address the weaknesses and have a course of action to the state by March 15th. They also asked that the district review their contract and figures and adjust them to a smaller student population. The school is not educating all prisoners and the number of students has decreased. Once the plan is received by the state, they will have 120 days to respond to it.

Jon handed out a print out from Dale Dennis with a brief outline of the governor's Block Grant School Finance plan. Jon stressed that under the Block Grant plan, audit numbers will not matter. Weightings will go by the wayside. What the district receives this year, they will receive for the next two years. If enrollment increases dramatically, a district can petition the state to receive additional funds from an emergency fund the state will oversee. If enrollment goes down, a district will receive the same funding as well. The state continues to discuss district's reserve funds. Their expectation is that districts will deplete all their funds before asking for money out of the state's emergency fund. Jon asked that we keep in mind that KPERs money is being accounted in the dollar amount the governor is saying is being spent on education increases. This money does not directly affect students. The bill also address new facility aid. It changes the formula. Under the current formula, the district will receive 36% state aid according to figures. If this Block Grant Financing Bill passes, the amount the state will cover for new facilities in our district will decrease to 17%.

Jon reminded the board members and those in attendance of the special board meeting scheduled for March 10. The FAQ sheet has been updated. There will also be a free movie held at the State Theatre and sponsored by the Foundation for the Future. That same Saturday yard signs will be distributed. June Barger, President, commended the committee and the chairmen for doing an outstanding job. She asked members to please hand out packets to those that ask. They are full of good information.

Jenny Manry arrived at 7:01 p.m.

d) Board Discussion

June Barger asked if the coaches had a chance to work on the summer practice and camp schedule. Jon stated that the process had begun and there will be a meeting held with all coaches to make sure the schedule fits and is reasonable. Both the middle school and high school will be listed on the schedule. June asked if Jon would be involved. Jon stated that both athletic directors and coaches will be sitting down and discussing this. Jon did stress that summer practices and camps are necessary for our student athletes to remain competitive, but that there needs to be better communication among coaches during the summer.

17. ADJOURN

Sharon Lessard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 6 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk