

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LARNED, KANSAS 67550  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2016  
6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Lessard, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

June Barger, Jay Haremza, Kimi Bowman, David Sanger, Leroy Lyon, Sharon Lessard, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent: Jenny Manry

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Leroy Lyon moved to approve the agenda as presented with the omission of Item 8-LMS Site Council.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 6 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June Barger moved to approve the March 7, 2016 Regular Board minutes and March 21, 2016 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented.

David Sanger second.

Yes 6 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Kimi Bowman looked over the bills this month. She stated the first bond payment was made. Leroy Lyon questioned the purchase to Skyward which Jon Flint shared is the new school information system.

Kimi Bowman moved to approve the bills as presented.

David Sanger second.

Yes 6 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, handed out the deposit securities. She stated that the CAT Aid payment had been received. She also shared that the first of the bond payments had been paid. Tax receipts had been received from both Pawnee and Barton counties. Jean shared that there was a delay in the KPERS payment and this was the first time this had happened.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

8. LMS SITE COUNCIL

Tabled until the May 9, 2016 meeting.

Jenny Manry arrived at 6:35 p.m.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Non-elected Personnel

Sharon Lessard 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 6:55 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

Jon Flint excused himself from the executive session at 6:50 p.m.

The open meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

9. NOMINATIONS

Jay Haremza moved to approve the following nominations:

**for the 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

Micheal Hensley	Asst. Track/LMS
Tim Coles	Asst. Track/LMS

**for the 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

Amy Wilson	Head Volleyball/LHS
Kyle Leroy	STUCO/LHS
Jerrod Smith	Head Boy's Basketball/LHS
Katie Sperry	Flags/LHS

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 7 No 0

10. SEPARATIONS

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

**for the 2015 – 2016 School Year:**

James Bowman	Asst. Custodian/LMS
Stan Durler	Head Custodian/HS
Tanika Thomas	Para/TRI/LHS

**For the 2016-2017 School Year:**

Jacob Tapia	Teacher/LHS
Jacob Tapia	Asst. Softball/LHS
Jacob Tapia	Asst. Football/LHS
Jacob Tapia	Asst. Girl's Basketball/LHS
Jacob Tapia	STUCO/LHS
Kelly Kensell	Teacher/ALC
Tricia Prescott	Head Girls's Basketball/LHS
Dick Bixler	Principal/WS
Larissa Whitney	Asst. Cheer/LMS
Vicky Wallace	Lady Indian Leaders Club/LMS
Melinda Axeman	Head Cook/NS
Tessa Jacobs	Teacher/NS

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

12. TRANSFERS

Jay Haremza moved to accept the following transfers:

**For the 2015-2016 School Year**

Alex Nuss	Asst. Baseball/LHS from Asst Track/LMS
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**For the 2016-2017 School Year**

Tim Coles	Asst. Football/LMS from Head Football/LMS
Carl Nolan	Head Football/LMS from Asst. Football/LHS
Alex Nuss	Asst. Football/LHS from Asst. Football/LMS
Stephanie Swart	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher/LMS from 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher/LMS
Jennifer Mick	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher/PH from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher/NS
Cheryl Palkowitsh	Teacher/ALC from Teacher/LHS

Galen Hulse	Teacher/LMS from Teacher/WS
Rhonda Glen	Teacher/ TRI/LHS from Teacher/WS
Barb Speich	Teacher/Tri Co/Kinsley from Teacher/WS
Sheri King	Teacher/NS from Teacher/WS
Julie Strasburg	Teacher/LMS from Teacher/WS
Daniel Drimmel	Teacher/LHS from Teacher/WS
Robert Thomas	Teacher/LHS from Teacher/WS

David Sanger second.

Yes 7 No 0

13. ADMINISTRATORS/DIRECTORS CONTRACTS

June Barger moved to approve the following administrative contracts through the 2017-2018 school year with salary to be determined at a later date.

Lea Harding, Shane Sundahl, Troy Langdon, and Patty Holaday

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

June Barger moved to approve the following administrative contracts for the 2016-2017 school year with salary to be determined at a later date.

Russell Wrinkle, Dustin Wilson, Richard Fairchild, Roy Prescott, Jean Simmons, and Kris Schneider

Leroy Lyon second.

Yes 7 No 0

14. SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

June Barger moved to approve the superintendent's contract through the 2018-2019 school year with salary to be determined at a later date.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

15. REQUEST TO LET BIDS

Richard Fairchild, Transportation Director, took the podium. The department currently has two buses that are at the age they need replaced. He is asking to replace the two aged out busses with one bus. Richard stated that to provide quality services, the department needs quality equipment. Richard stated that he is hoping to purchase the new bus with the state purchasing program. He feels that the state program is more competitive. Richard stated that the department is also needing to replace a 2004 Buick passenger car. His plan is to purchase from one of the local dealerships. Sharon Lessard, Board President, asked if a new bus is purchased would it be equipped with seat belts. Richard stated that he would pursue that in the bid. Leroy Lyon questioned why the fleet was replacing a 22 passenger bus with a 65 passenger bus. Rich stated that the district would only be replacing the 65 passenger bus and reducing the number of busses in the fleet by 1.

Jay Haremza moved to approve the request to let bids for the purchase of (1) new 65 Passenger buses and (1) New or pre-owned 5-7 passenger vehicle.

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 6 No 1 Board Member Lyon nay

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Negotiations

Sharon Lessard moved at 7:15 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 7:25 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, and Troy Langdon.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

17. EMPLOYEE ACCEPTABLE USE OF DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY

Kris Schneider, Technology Director, presented information on a policy he would like to implement with staff. It covers issues such as proper use and damages. Jon Flint stated that it is a very well written policy that is direct and easy to read. Staff would sign the document each year. The board will vote on this policy at a later date.

18. STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY

Kris Schneider covered the policy that he hopes to implement with students of the district also. It is very similar to the staff policy and will also be signed once a year prior to technology use.

19. LHS COURSE ADDITIONS

Troy Langdon, LHS Principal, handed out information to the board members regarding the addition of two courses at Larned High School. Troy stated that the Automotive class is not necessarily a new class; it is being reintegrated into the curriculum next year. He stated that the interest for this class had been extremely high. The Consumer Math class is a lower level math class that will be recommended for students that need a math credit, but are not ready for Advanced Algebra.

Leroy Lyon moved to approve the addition of Automotive Service 1 and Consumer Math to the curriculum at the high school.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

20. REPORTS

a) Directors

Patty Holaday, Tri County

There are currently 315 students with active IEPs in the district and 15 students that are presently being assessed. Patty stated that the Tri County staff had been working on the transition piece of the IEPs, which had been noted as a weak area. They had recently had some IEPs looked at by former Special Education directors. They had critiqued them and offered some recommendations to strengthen them. The staff is pushing forward to find a location for the Early Childhood Center next year. The Sensory Room committee has put together a list of items they hope to see in the room that will be located in the new elementary building. Patty stated that she feels it will be an amazing asset to have in the new building.

Kris Schneider, Technology

The technology department had recently attended it's first counseling meeting for Skyward, the new district information system that is to be implemented by next year. Kris stated that he had also been busy looking into E Rates for the new building and was hoping to find some savings there. During the summer break, the staff will be updating both student and staff machines.

Gwen Lehman, Technology Integration

Gwen Lehman presented a Power Point to the board outlining the demands of her job and what all it entails. She covered tasks such as Summer Tech courses she offers for college credit, the Ipad Initiative, the formation of Ed Techies-a group of teachers that are a sounding board for the classroom teachers, and fun things like Tech Bingo to encourage tech participation. She stated that she also handles teacher requests for apps that they would like to use in their classroom and manages the updates for those apps. Gwen shared that the teachers are branching out into online curriculum and testing, as well as audio and video assessment. Kris Schneider, Technology Director, stated that Gwen is a valuable resource for the department and district.



- a) Principals  
Shane Sundahl (LMS)

Absent

Troy Langdon (LHS)

Troy shared that Gwen Lehamn is doing amazing things at the high school as well and thanked her. The Kansas Highway Patrol had recently held a SAFE program at the high school, which encourages seat belt use. This is a program that will continue at the high school and be administered by the Student Council. Prom will be held on Saturday. Drive One for Your School will take place on May 7, 2016 and is being sponsored by Jansenn Motors. Next week, the staff at the high school will be going over teacher handbooks.

Lea Harding (Elementary)

Absent

- b) Jon Flint, Superintendent

Jon stated to the board that he feels the district is very fortunate to have a strong technology department with Kris, Gwen and Yvonne. He had asked Gwen to present to the board so they could have a picture of what is happening in the classroom with technology.

Jon shared that he had recently attended a City Council meeting where the final annexation of the elementary school building land was to take place. Rod Sondergaard of Howard and Helmer was present also. The city had requested additional hydrants and extra capacity in the lift station in the area. The lift station

had been built in 1950. The roads were also discussed and it was shared that the road deterioration was already present in the area and the district would not be responsible to fix the problems that had already existed with the construction of the building. Jon said the district had received a few complaints about the dust in the area due to the construction process. The dirt work company did have a water truck on site to help control the dust, but due to the wind and the length they were having to go to fill the truck up, it was difficult to control. The company apologized and stated that it would not be doing dirt work on days the conditions were not favorable.

The district has several students enrolled with dietary restrictions. The task of managing these restrictions has been falling on the district nurse, Cindi Smith. Because of the increase in the number of students with issues, we would like to find an individual that could help with menu management and the students dietary restrictions. This person would work with cooks to develop menus and help facilitate ordering. This position would not be any new money, but a realignment of tasks.

The district had their annual state audit last week. Jon stated that the audit held no bearing on funding this year, due to the Block Grant. It was a very clean audit and took only 2 days.

The district had become aware of a threat that had been made on social media toward the high school recently. The police had been called and upon investigation, it had been discovered that the student's Facebook account had been hacked by an individual out of state. The district sent out a School Reach declaring that the threat had been investigated and had been deemed to not be viable. Jenny Manry, Board member, asked if the hack had been random. Jon stated that the individual had been playing games online with the hacker and had become acquainted with him through that process. David Sanger, Board member, asked why it took so long to get the threats down. Jon said that Facebook had to be notified first to get it removed and it was a process that took some time. Sharon Lessard, Board President, thanked Jon and the administration for their quick action.

#### c) Board Discussion

Jay Haremza questioned the board as to how they thought we could get more participation in the school's site councils. He asked if they thought sitting at a table at enrollment with site council information would help and if anyone would be willing to do that. Jenny Manry asked if the meetings could go virtual. She felt more parents would be able to participate if they could watch the meeting online. Jon Flint stressed that site council is a state mandated practice and he would also

like to see participation increase. Jay Haremza stated that he felt more information needed to get to parents. He feels more would participate if they understood what site council was.

21. ADJOURN

June Barger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

David Sanger second.

Yes 7 No 0

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Board President

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Board Clerk