

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2015
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, Leroy Lyon, David Sanger, Jenny Manry, Sharon Lessard, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Leroy Lyon moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 7 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June Barger moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2015 regular board meeting as presented.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Leroy Lyon asked about the expenditure to KASB, which was rather large. Jon explained that it was for the KASB Legal Services and enrollment for our board members into the organization. KASB supplies support to the board and are available for legal questions. It is a valuable resource. Jay Haremza asked if the district had gotten a refund from our work comp insurance. Jean Simmons, Financial Director, stated that one will be coming in the next couple months. Our rate has gone down the last couple years.

Jay Haremza moved to approve the bills as presented.

Leroy Lyon second.

Yes 7 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, handed out depository securities. Jean explained the new accounts that have been set up for the bond projects and outlined them. She also explained the new rules the state has set up that are in effect with money flowing in and out of the general fund. There were no questions from the board.

7. AUTHORIZING MONTHLY TRANSFERS

This is a new regulation from the state. It is giving our Finance Director authority to do appropriate transfers each month from the General Fund.

Jay Haremza moved to authorize the Director of Finance to make required monthly transfers as per House Substitute for Senate Bill 7.

David Sanger second.

Yes 7 No 0

8. UNENCUMBERED CASH BALANCES

The district is required by the state to inform the board of any unencumbered cash balances. The district tries to have enough unencumbered monies to operate for three months. This is done in the event the state withholds funds to ensure our programs will not suffer. Money is kept in capital outlay to ensure that major

repairs such as roofs and boilers can be completed if the need arises. Money is kept in the food service account to be able to purchase three month's of supplies while the district waits on money from the state to come in at the beginning of the year. The district also keeps 10% of the General fund in contingency reserves to ensure that payroll will be made each month. This money cannot be spent without board authority. Unencumbered balances will now be reported to the state monthly.

9. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION
a) Non-elected Personnel

Sharon Lessard moved at 6:47 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 7:00p.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 7:00 p.m.

11. NOMINATIONS

June Barger moved to approve the following nomination(s) for the 2015-2016 school year.

Cindy Jack	Concessions/LHS
Charlika Payton	Asst. Cook/LMS
Megan Brabb	Para/TRI/LMS
Crystal Schmidt	Title Aide/NS
Holly Corman	Part Time Para/ECH
Alicia Garcia	Bus Driver/TRANS
Whitney Haremza	Para/TRI/NS

Linda Mace	Para/TRI/ALC
Patty Barrows	Para/TRI/Kinsley
Staci Ragan	Para/TRI/LMS
Kayla Locke	ELL Aide/LMS & LHS
Tammy Dreese	Para/TRI/LMS

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 6 No 0

Jay Haremza abstained.

12. SEPARATIONS

June Barger moved to approve the following separation(s) for the 2015-2016 school year.

Amie Henbest	ELL Aide/LHS
Michelle Torry	Para/TRI/LMS
Nichole Stevens	Para/WS
Kathy Hammeke	Para/TRI/HS
Kara Prescott	Para/WS
Janice Perez	Para/TRI/NS
Lise Wetzell	Para/TRI/LMS

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

13. TRANSFERS

June Barger moved to approve the following transfer(s) for the 2015-2016 school year.

Kaileigh Dietrich	Para/TRI/LHS from Para/TRI/ALC
Cynthia Thomas	Para/TRI/LMS from Para/TRI/NS
Jessica Weiszbrod	Para/TRI/PH from Para/TRI/NS
Kymerlee Womack	Para/TRI/NS from Para/TRI/ECH
Margie Doris	Para/TRI/PH from Para/TRI/Kinsley

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 7 No 0

14. REVIEW & ADOPTION OF DISTRICT VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Jon Flint, Superintendent, asked that the board review these. If the board is in agreement, copies will be handed out to administration and input from them will be gathered to see if the items are accomplishable. Jay Haremza, asked if we have a true vision statement. The district has a mission, priorities and goals. This item was tabled to allow the board and staff ample time to look over and evaluate the statements.

15. DEED RESOLUTION

Sheryl and Tom Giessel were planning on being present during this acceptance, but unfortunately were unable to attend. Leroy Lyon, Board member, reiterated what a generous and important gift this was to the district. June Barger asked if the board has thought about how they should acknowledge this gift at the new building. There was some discussion on options. Jay Haremza asked that we invite them to the ground breaking.

June Barger moved to accept the following acknowledgement:

Acknowledgment By Unified School District No. 495,

Pawnee County, Kansas Of Gift Of Real Estate

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 495, Pawnee County, Kansas sometimes also described as Unified School District No. 495, Pawnee County, Kansas (Ft. Lamed) a public school district under the laws of the State of Kansas having its District Office at 120 East Sixth Street Lamed, Kansas 67550,

through it's President expresses its gratitude to Thomas G. Giessel and Sheryl Giessel, of 1392 T Road, Lamed, Kansas 67550, for and acknowledge receipt of a gift of real estate described in the accompanying Exhibit "A" Thomas G. Giessel and Sheryl Giessel Legal Description with conveyance by Warranty Deed dated August __, 2015 and delivery on August __, 2015.

Unified School District No. 495, Pawnee County, Kansas an educational entity pursuant to K.S.A. 72- 8212(e) has express power and authority to acquire real properties by gift from "donor's".

Leroy Lyon second.

Yes 7 No 0

16. FORT LARNED FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION

Brenda Hagerman held this position. Upon her retirement from the board, the position is now open. Sharon Lessard also represents the board. Jenny Manry asked about the responsibilities of the position. Sharon shared that the foundation is responsible for some scholarship selections, and mini-grants for teachers. They meet 2-3 times per year.

Jay Haremza moved to appoint Jenny Manry to serve on the Fort Larned Foundation for Education Board.

June Barger second.

Yes 7 No 0

17. MARCH BOE MEETING

March 14, 2016 is the regularly scheduled board meeting. This happens to be the Monday of Spring Break. Jon Flint asked if the board would like to change the date of the meeting in light of this.

Jenny Manry moved to change the March 14, 2015 BOE Meeting to March 7, 2016.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

18. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a) Bond Update

Jon took this time to introduce Kristopher Schneider, the incoming Director of Technology. Kristopher has been here since July 1, 2015. He has been working with the technology staff. Kristopher had been the previous Asst. of Technology at the Hoisington School District and had also been an instructor at Barton County Community College.

Jon shared that the Design Committee had met recently and they will serve as a go between with the staff and the board. Lea Harding, June Barger, Wendy Sundahl, and Troy Langdon serve on this committee. There have been a few changes to the design. The elementary gym will contain two full volleyball courts. Jon stressed that this gym will not serve as a competition gym. It will be a practice gym. There will also be a community learning environments at the elementary building which will help with group activities and also be an indoor recess activity center. The committee is in the process of trying to come up with interesting names for the hallways. Jon reminded the board that the plan does allow room for growth with the incorporation of flex rooms. The front of elementary building has sandstone incorporated in it to mimic the fort. The media center is drawn to resemble the block house at the fort also. The design is very neat. Jon stated that the plan is to obtain the brick from Hoisington, which will help with the timeline of construction. June Barger asked what the name of the building will be. Jon asked what the board's thoughts were as far as getting public input on that. There is quite a bit of history in the area that he feels could be included in the building. There has been some conversation about the mechanical system that will be installed. A phone conference between the architect, contractor, and EPM will be held in the near future. The geo

engineering from has been in town this week taking readings to see how deep our foundation will need to be. A ceremonious ground breaking will take place in the fall. Construction will take off in February.

Jon shared pictures of the planned high school updates with the board. He stressed that they need to consider that these are just renderings and that the architects are still in the design process. He went over the new entrances and the new enclosures that will connect the band room and the entrance to the annex. The geo engineering from has been in town this week taking readings to see how deep our foundation will need to be.

In July, Jay asked if the district would benefit from purchasing a season pass from KASB to attend wokshops and seminars. Jon shared that last year we paid a total of \$900 to attend events. Jon stated that the pass does not include registration to the convention. The season pass would cost \$1200. Leroy Lyon shared that he did find the workshops beneficial. Jenny Manry asked where the workshops are usually held. Jon stated that they are split between Topeka, Hays, and Salina generally. Most sessions that are held cost close to \$150/per session. Jenny also asked if the board felt like they would attend more if they had a pass. June Barger stated she wasn't sure they would. Jon's recommendation was to continue to pay as members go.

Jon invited board members and spouses to the 3rd annual new staff cook out on Friday. All new staff and their families are invited along with their mentors. Administration is invited also. This year Mayor Nusser and the Chamber of Commerce have also been invited. Monday, May 17, the Ministerial Alliance will be hosting the Chamber Coffee Hour at the Middle School to introduce new staff and welcome everyone to the new year.

19. ADJOURN

Jay Haremza moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 7 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk