

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LARNED, KANSAS 67550  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Kimi Bowman, David Sanger, June Barger, Brent Hemken, Sharon Lessard, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burriss, Clerk.

Absent: Jenny Manry

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

David Sanger moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kimi Bowman moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2016 Regular Board Meeting with the change of time to 7:38 p.m. in Item 12 Executive Session.

David Sanger second.

Yes 5 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Barger moved to approve the bills as presented.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, handed out the Cash Summary Report and went over highlights of it with board members. She stated that Pawnee and Barton County taxes had been received. The books have been rolled over for the year since the audit had been completed. Jean shared that everything had been reconciled.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

8. BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERVIEWS

Deborah Lewis

Charles Tabler

Deborah Kauer

Charles Tabler and Deborah Kauer had been given the opportunity to present to the board at the October meeting to fill Jay Haremza's vacant position. At the October meeting, both stated that they would be interested in being a candidate for Leroy Lyon's position. Deborah Lewis would be the only candidate answering and presenting to the board this evening since the other two had previously done so. At that beginning of the meeting, Deborah Lewis was given 5 questions that would be asked by the board. Deborah Lewis was also given five minutes to state a bit about herself and why she was applying for membership to the board of education and what she felt qualified her to be a board member. After she was finished

presenting to the board, she was then asked the questions she had received before the meeting.

9. ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

June Barger moved to elect Charles Tabler to the open board member position 3-6 beginning January 9, 2017.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 3 No 2

David Sanger moved to elect Deborah Kauer to the open board member position 3-6 beginning January 9, 2017.

Brent Hemken second.

Yes 2 No 3

Charles Tabler was elected to the board member position 3-6 and will take office effective January 9, 2017.

10. AGLER & GAEDDERT AUDIT

Jon Flint, Superintendent, handed each board member a copy of the audit findings presented to him by Agler & Gaeddert. Jon stated this is the district's annual independent audit mandated each year by the state. Jon Flint shared highlights of the audit with board members and pointed out that there were no items of deficiency found. He stated that it had been one of the cleanest audits the district has had.

David Sanger moved to accept the audit report from Agler & Gaeddert as presented.

June Barger second.

Yes 5 No 0

## 11. KESA PRESENTATION

KESA stands for the Kansas Education System Accreditation and this is the new accreditation system being implemented by the State of Kansas. This is the system that will be followed by every district in the state. Currently, every district is in Year 0. Jon Flint, Superintendent, stated that he feels this is the best system the state has come forth with. He feels it is clear, concise, and that the state has systems in place to help districts. Jon handed out a KESA handout and shared that as the process moves forward he will be adding to this. The handout served as the board's introduction to the system and Jon asked that the board look over it and come forward with any questions at future meetings.

The factors of KESA are Kindergarten Readiness, Graduation Rates, Social and Emotional factors, Post-Secondary Attendance/Completion and IPS (Individual Plans of Study). These factors were developed by meeting with districts throughout the state. The system officially begins in the year 2017-18. It is a transparent and goal oriented system that is data driven. Jon highlighted the steps that will be taken to implement the system in the district, some of which were data collection, testing, and staff input. Brent Hemken, Board member, asked if there was any advantage for the district to enter the program at year 2 instead of 1. Jon stated that the state would not hold a district back, and there hope is that districts will enter the system at a staggered rate. He did state that larger districts will probably be going in at year 2 or 3, but he feels USD #495 would be best served by entering in at Year 1. Brent Hemkent also questioned how the state would check on post secondary outcomes and completion. Jon feels that the relationship between the state and the board of regents is strained and that the state was still compiling plans to get results of this.

## 12. BUS PURCHASE

Richard Fairchild, Transportation Director, took the podium. He stated that after the board had granted him authority to let bids for the purchase of a new bus, he had used the Kansas Bus Purchasing System to do so. The system allows a district to input specifications in one place, and bids come into that system. He stated the bus specifications he listed included shoulder and lap belts and a camera system. Brent Hemken, Board member, asked what the cost increase was to add lap belts and shoulder belts. Richard stated that the increase was between

\$6,000-\$8,000 but that he felt the added security is well worth the cost. It would be the first bus in the fleet to have these. Brent also asked if the district had done business with Midwest Transit. Richard answered that we had not. He shared that the company has a service truck in Wichita, which he felt would expedite service if the need arose.

June Barger moved to purchase a 65-passenger bus from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$105,840.

Brent Hemken second.

Yes 5 No 0

13. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

Lea Harding, Elementary principal, took the podium to present the grant the district received from the Vintage Car Rally Association. She stated that these funds would be used to equip the sensory room at the new elementary school. Lea also took the time to express her thanks to Richard and Karen Fairchild for putting her in contact with the association. She shared that she is very grateful and excited to see the opportunities this purchase will bring to the students of USD #495.

June Barger moved to accept the grant in the amount of \$12, 645.00 from the Vintage Car Rally Association to purchase items to equip the sensory room at the new elementary building.

David Sanger second.

Yes 5 No 0

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Non-elected Personnel

Sharon Lessard moved at 7:32 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 7:52 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney.

June Barger second.

Yes 5 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m

15. NOMINATIONS

David Sanger moved to approve the following nomination(s) for the 2016-2017 school year.

Lucia Hagerman	Para/TRI/LMS
Roberta Seward	Asst Cook/LHS
Jeffrey Johnson	Para/TRI/Kinsley
Misty Ortivez	Para/TRI/Kinsley

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

16. SEPERATIONS

David Sanger moved to approve the following seperation(s) for the 2016-2017 school year.

Paige Bauer	Para/TRI/NS
Whitney Haremza	Para/TRI/NS
Artavius Addison	Para/TRI/LMS
Jon Flint	Superintendent

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

At this time Sharon Lessard, Board President, asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include Item 16A-Superintendent Search.

David Sanger moved to amend the agenda to include Item 16A Superintendent Search.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

#### 16A. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Jon Flint, Superintendent, went over the process of recruiting a new superintendent and the process that would be involved with hiring KASB to facilitate the search.

June Barger moved that USD #495 hire KASB to facilitate the recruitment of a superintendent.

David Sanger second.

Yes 5 No 0

Several meeting dates were presented from Jon Flint as to when KASB could come meet with board members and start the superintendent search process. After discussion among board members, it was decided that Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. would work best for all present board members and counsel.

Kimi Bowman moved to hold a special board meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of meeting with KASB representation to begin the Superintendent Search process.

David Sanger second.

Yes 5 No 0

17. TRANSFERS

None at this time.

18. REPORTS

a) Principals

Lea Harding (ELEMENTARY)

Lea stated that she and Jon had been working on obtaining playground for the new elementary school. The process has been going well. Lea and her staff at Northside will be testing a new pick up procedure at Northside the second semester of this year. She is hoping to find a solution for dismissal at the new elementary to accommodate dismissing over 5 grade levels at one time at one location. After researching several ideas, she discovered an app that parents download on their phones to help facilitate the process. Northside Elementary will be the only school to test the app's functionality this upcoming semester. PTO has graciously offered to pay for the app for the building to test the app.

Shane Sundahl (LMS)

Shane stated that suicide awareness training had been held at Larned Middle School the past week. Good conversation was held during the training and Shane felt it was very effective. Shane had attended KESA training with Mr. Flint and the rest of the administrative staff earlier and was excited to get the process started. Basketball season is wrapping up at LMS and wrestling season will soon be underway.

Troy Langdon (LHS)

Suicide awareness training was also held at LHS last week. Mr. Langdon shared that good conversation was held and that the staff gained valuable insight during the training. The Keady Basketball tournament had wrapped up

that week. It was a successful tournament. There had been some issues with lighting in the gym. Maintenance was notified and the problem has been looked into. The high school students and staff are preparing for finals week and looking forward to the winter break.

b) Directors

Roy Prescott, Maintenance

The maintenance department has been busy keeping up with maintenance tickets and construction demands. Things are going well. The department is preparing for the winter months. Roy took the opportunity to thank Mr. Flint for all he done for the department and for giving him the opportunity to serve as director.

Patty Holaday, Tri County Special Services

The Tri County Special Education Department had recently completed the IDEA Audit and was in 100% compliance. Patty commended her staff and department for their hard work during this process. She shared that the TIP Grant has been approved and that the department is done preparing the Maintenance of Effort report and that it has been submitted. Currently the department is servicing 338 IEPs. There is currently a shortage of para professionals in the Kinsley-Offerle district but the department is pursuing applicants and hopes to have some staff hired by the new year.

c) Jon Flint, Superintendent

The board members were handed a document outlining possible names for the new elementary. Their task was to narrow that list of names to 3 or 4 possibilities. Jon shared that the marketing class at the high school had compiled the list. Jon was looking for direction on how to move forward with this. Some thoughts were putting it on Facebook, the USD #495 website and newspaper. Further discussion will be held on this.

There has been discussion about town that the district has gone over the amount of the bond. Jon stated that the district chose the Construction

Management At Risk system to build these projects. One of the advantages of moving forward with this choice is that Simpson Construction will absorb any cost above the \$20.8 million dollar bond, if it should go over that price. The district chose the Construction Management at Risk route instead of Design Build to ensure the project would be completed at the proposed price.

Suicide Awareness Training was held district wide on the last early out day. The training was held through Southwest Plains. If any parent or guardian would like to see the training, they will be available to them.

d) Board Discussion

None at this time.

19. ADJOURN

June Barger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Brent Hemken second.

Yes 5 No 0

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Board President

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Board Clerk