

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 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, Leroy Lyon, Kimi Bowman, Sharon Lessard, David Sanger, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent: Jenny Manry

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

David Sanger moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 6 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jay Haremza moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2015 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented.

David Sanger second.

Yes 6 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Barger looked over the bills this month and stated that she saw that they were all in order. Leroy Lyon, Board member, asked about the payments of \$1200 to the LHS Athletic Fund. Jean stated that it was to repay the high school for payment of officials at the Keady Tournament.

June Barger moved to approve the bills as presented.

Leroy Lyon second.

Yes 6 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, shared that the cash summary report had been improved over the last couple days due to calls to APTA from Mark Bauer. They have been working together to find a solution to the problem. December had been a routine month. The CAT Aid payment was received from the state in December.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

8. 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 7:35 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney and other people that may be invited.

June Barger second.

Yes 6 No 0

Jay Haremza excused himself from the executive session at 6:53 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

Jon Flint excused himself from the executive session at 7:00 p.m.

The open meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Sharon Lessard moved to extend the executive session for 30 minutes before returning to regular session at 8:05 p.m.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 4 No 0

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Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 4 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m.

Sharon Lessard moved to extend the executive session for continued consideration of the non-elected personnel matter at a special meeting to be held Friday January 15, 2016 at 12:15 p.m.

Leroy Lyon second.

Yes 4 No 0

9. NOMINATIONS

None at this time.

10. SEPARATIONS

None at this time.

11. TRANSFERS

None at this time.

12. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

An individual has pledged \$250,000 to be used toward the fitness center and or weight room. The balance of the donation will come June 1, 2016.

June Barger moved to accept the gift of \$37, 500.00 to assist the district in the construction and/or purchase of equipment for the new weight room/community fitness center.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 6 No 0

13. BEGINNING & ENDING DATES FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

June Barger moved to approve the beginning date of August 18, 2016 and May 23, 2017 as the ending date for the 2016-2017 school year.

Leroy Lyon second.

Yes 6 No 0

14. REPORTS

a) Directors

Roy Prescott (Maintenance)

Roy stated that the department is keeping up with the maintenance of the district. Over Christmas break, the department had replaced a steam trap part on the high school boiler and that it seems to have fixed the heating issues the building was having. The fence at Howell Field has started to come down and demolition will continue over the next couple months.

Richard Fairchild (Transportation)

Richard has just begun thinking about placement of in town bus stops once the new school is in place. He asked the board to please begin thinking about this

and that he welcomes input. January 18 Richard will teach first aid to the Tri County staff.

b) Principals

Dick Bixler (WS)

No presentation at this time.

Troy Langdon (LHS)

The high school has been back in session for one full week and things have been going smoothly. Professional development is scheduled for January 18 and will focus on curriculum. Troy has met with the new Ford dealer and he is very much in support of our schools. Mr. Norris and Mr. Langdon had worked up a proposal of the vocational departments needs and wants.

Lea Harding (HS, PH, NS)

The elementary schools are getting back into the swing of things after break. Lea shared that the 3rd grade classes are growing. Some of the new students are from the pipeline project that is in the area, but a majority of them are not.

Shane Sundahl (LMS)

The middle school basketball season has come to an end. The 8th grade players will have their tournament next week. Wrestling season will start the following week. Scholar's Bowl practice has begun and meets will begin in two weeks. A new 7th grade Language Arts teacher was hired and seems to be doing well.

c) Jon Flint, Superintendent

The zoning meeting for the new elementary school will be held January 28 at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at City Hall. The land will be zoned as R1. The

Office of Civil Rights will be conducting an audit at the high school on Feb. 12. The high school was selected for the audit based on information on the 2013-14 CTE numbers. They will do an on site visit there.

Jon handed out a K-12 Students Success Committee document for members to look over. The information is from an eleven page document the state had sent out that Jon had condensed.

d) Board Discussion

Jay Haremza questioned whether the city had approached the district in regards to the Jordan Park renovations. Jon stated that they had not. Jay shared that the city will fund a portion of the renovations.

Jon stated that he had been looking at the agreement between the district and the city in regards to the funding of the Community Center. He had begun to look at the comparison of the \$25,000 annual fee to the per event rental fee. The district is not using the Community Center as much as it has in the past. Jon asked that the board give this some consideration.

David Sanger asked whether a ground breaking date had been set for the new elementary school. Jon stated that the engineering and plans are due to the architects by this Friday and bids will go out and be due back by Feb. 11. Once those are back and the sub contractors are picked and zoning is complete, a timeline can be developed. The plan is to have a ceremonial ground breaking in early March once the contractors can get clearance and get equipment out.

Leroy Lyon asked if Mr. Norris had gotten a list of vocational items that his classroom needed to Mr. Flint. Jon stated that he had received the list and that is was all very feasible. The items will be purchased and in the classroom by the next scheduled meeting.

15. ADJOURN

June Barger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 6 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk