

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2017
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, Brent Hemken, Charles Tabler, Kimi Bowman, Sharon Lessard, Jenny Manry, David Sanger, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jenny Manry moved to approve the agenda as presented.

David Sanger second.

Yes 7 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kimi Bowman moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2016 Regular Board meeting minutes and the Dec. 15, 2016 Special Board meeting minutes as presented.

David Sanger second.

Yes 7 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

David Sanger moved to approve the bills as presented.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, took the podium to discuss the month's report with board members. She discussed revenue and expenditures in detail by each line item this month to familiarize new board members with the report and budget codes. She stated that state aid and categorical aid had been received this month along with a donation from the Knights of Columbus from their annual Tootsie Roll drive.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Non-elected Personnel

Sharon Lessard moved at 6:42p.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.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

Sharon Lessard moved that the executive session extend until 7:05 p.m.

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 4 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

9. NOMINATIONS

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

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| Haely Rice | Para/TRI/Kinsley |
| Katie Seeman | Para/TRI/LHS |

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

10. SEPARATIONS

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

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| Holly Corman | Para/TRI/EEC |
| Michelle Gordon | Accts Payable |
| Haely Rice | Para/TRI/Kinsley |

For the 2017-2018 School Year

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| Cheryl Palkowitsh | Teacher/TRI/ALC |
| Janet Fleske | Teacher/LHS |

Charles Tabler second.

Yes 7 No 0

11. TRANSFERS

None at this time.

12. BEGINNING & ENDING DATES FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

The calendar committee has met and provided a draft calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. Jon noted that the calendar was a mirror of the 2016-2017 calendar. Jon stated that there had been some concerns of the dates of spring break. Jon pointed out that the times are chosen with the dates of winter state competitions in mind as well as the first dates of spring sports competitions. The dates are set with the best interest of USD #495 in mind. At this point, only the beginning and ending date will be considered and voted upon.

David Sanger moved to approve the beginning date of August 17, 2017 and May 22, 2018 as the ending date for the 2017-2018 school year.

Brent Hemken second.

Yes 7 No 0

13. REPORTS

a) Directors

Kris Schneider (Technology)

Kris Schneider, Technology Director, addressed the board and stated that he had recently gotten word that the district's E Rate funding had been approved. They district had acquired \$55,330.00 toward equipment at the new elementary building. Kris stated that E Rate funding is based on a district's free and reduced lunch count. He shared that these funds cannot be used for end devices. These funds will be used for routers, switches, and access points; items that facilitate getting internet to the students. Over Christmas break, Kris ran new phone lines at the high school and the next couple weekends, he will be running new lines at the middle school. He stated it will take a month or two to get all the new phone lines ran. Jon Flint, Superintendent, commended Kris on his efforts to bring cost savings to the district.

Richard Fairchild (Transportation)

Bus evacuation training will take place with elementary students on Jan. 11. Richard is currently looking for a replacement for the 9-passenger suburban that was recently totaled after an accident with a deer. Richard said the department was participating in a school bus stop sign survey with the state. Rich stated that the problem drivers had encountered had involved the preschool busses. These busses drop off and pick up in highly congested traffic areas. Drivers will keep records of violations and will submit that data to the state. Brent Hemken, Board member, asked Rich if there were particular trouble spots in town to please let his department know and they would patrol those areas. Jon Flint asked that Richard share the survey results with him once it is complete. Richard shared information on the proposed Senate Bill that would require any bus purchased after 2018 to be equipped with seatbelts.

b) Principals

Troy Langdon (LHS)

The high school students had attended a Chamber of Commerce assembly that was led by Chamber director, Sydney Blanton outlining an entrepreneurship program and competition. Sydney will be back on Thursday to visit with the Junior and Senior class about Ice House Entrepreneurship Program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and invite interested students to attend. Throughout the semester, individuals from the community will be in to speak to the Entrepreneurship Class at Larned High School.

Career Cruising is moving along at the high school. Teachers and students have met and IDPs have begun to be set up.

Winter sports coaches have been trained in CPR and on the AED device. Troy stated that there is peace of mind knowing individuals have been trained in these areas if the need ever arises.

Window installation continues at LHS. Another classroom was recently started and should be done by the end of the day tomorrow. Troy pointed out that there is a room set up for classes to move into as installation continues.

Lea Harding (HS, PH, NS)

The new app, Pick My Kid, has been implemented at Northside as a pilot and precursor to it being used at the new elementary school. Lea explained how the app worked and it's effectiveness to release students at the end of the day. She stated that on an average, students were all dismissed to parent pick up by 3:45. She shared that the app ensures safety by allowing parents to be notified when their student has loaded the bus or begun walking to their destination. The staff likes the effectiveness of the app and the security it allows. Jon Flint asked if the app allows parents to know if a student gets off at a bus stop in town, especially if it is a stop different from their usual one. Lea stated that it does not do that with the in town routes. There are several and very hard to track individual students as they leave the busses.

Shane Sundahl (LMS)

Larned Middle School is off to a good start this second semester. Basketball will conclude next week and wrestling will start on Jan. 23. Recently, David Auldridge, LMS Science teacher, attended a conference in Hays. After attending the conference, students will be participating in a science experiment involving hot air balloons. A small group of students will go to Hays to launch the balloon and the launch will be on Facebook Live so all students will be able to view the launch. Several areas of data will be collected as the balloon is on it's flight. The balloon is predicted to land somewhere near Holton, Ks. Shane stated that he planned to have Mr. Auldridge and students present on the experiment at a future board meeting.

Middle School staff inservice on Monday will be held to work on compiling data for the Needs Assessment portion of KESA.

c) Jon Flint, Superintendent

Construction at both sites is moving along. Recently, a citizen had called the district office with a concern they had heard in public. They had been told a sub contractor had left the site because they were not getting paid for services. Jon has investigated this allegation and to our knowledge, it is false and has not happened. As soon as bills are received from the architect, they are forwarded to our office for payment. Payment is made to the general contractor within days of the office receiving the bill. Occasionally, sub contractors will leave the job to move onto another.

Mr. Flint has recently met with the Community Fitness donor who has given \$250,000 to the construction and equipping of the new fitness center. The naming of the center was discussed. The name will be placed on the outside of the facility, rather than just naming it on a plaque that will be placed inside the facility. The architect is working on the signage and will forward that to Mr. Flint, who will in turn share it with the donor for approval. Mr. Flint stressed that once signage goes up, that anonymity will be forgone. A representative from the sports equipment company, Bigger, Faster, Stronger visited the district to give the district his thoughts on equipping the fitness center and new weight room to meet the needs of individuals using both facilities. The representative looked at how to use the facility to maximum potential and at possible layout ideas. A hand out was passed to board members outlining layout and possible equipment purchases. Safety was considered first, along with what was needed to help develop athletes. Bigger, Faster, Stronger offers training and a program along with their equipment. Liability wise, this is an asset to the district. Jon stated that the equipping of the fitness center will be purchased through donor funds, and the weight room will be equipped through capital. Brent Hemken, Board member, asked how the fitness center will be accessed by the community. Jon stated that a key card system will be used. This will allow the district to monitor access and regulate individual cards if need be. Security cameras will also be utilized in the community fitness center. A committee will be formed by the end of February to put together policies and guidelines of the center. Hopefully the center will be ready to be open by the end of summer. Jenny Manry, Board member, asked if the facility would be open for walking. Walking will be permitted in the Multi Purpose room, but patrons will have to exit before students need that area during the day.

d) Board Discussion

June Barger, Board member, asked that an item be placed on the agenda in March. She would like to re visit the topic of board members being at large. This would take the districts away from the board make up. In the past, the board has struggled to get candidates from all areas. This would require a resolution and then would go to voters. She asked that this item be placed on the March agenda. Phil Martin, Attorney, stated that he will prepare information on this topic to be given to board members before the March meeting.

Sharon Lessard, Board President, asked that all members confirm with those that they invited to the Community Forum for Superintendent Characteristics luncheon.

14. ADJOURN

June Barger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

David Sanger second.

Yes 7 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk