

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 6, 2017
6:30 P.M.

TOUR OF LARNED HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION 5:30 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, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent: David Sanger
Phil Martin, Attorney

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jenny Manry moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 6 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kimi Bowman moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017 Regular Board meeting minutes and the February 16, 2017, February 20, 2017, February 22, 2017, February 23, 2017, February 25, 2017, and February 28, 2017 Special Board meeting minutes as presented.

Brent Hemken second.

Yes 6 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

June Barger moved to approve the bills as presented.

Charles Tabler second.

Yes 6 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, passed out securities to present board members. She discussed bond payments that had been made and shared that the district had received the rest of the monies from Barton County. Both Kinsley and Pawnee Heights have paid their tuition to Tri County.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

Orphan Grain Train

Jerry Larson presented on behalf of the Orphan Grain Train. He was inquiring if the district would have furniture and other supplies that they would be wanting to dispose of once they are moved into the new school. The Grain Train would be interested in taking some of those items to distribute among their many orphanages and schools they support throughout the world. Jerry shared some highlights of the organization and the causes they support.

8. LMS SCIENCE PRESENTATION

David Aludridge, 6th Grade Science Teacher, presented a Power Point to the board showcasing a high altitude balloon experiment his classes had participated in at Fort Hays State University recently. He outlined the points the classes had researched such as barometric pressure changes and temperature changes and how the balloon was affected. Mr. Auldridge pointed explained that the balloon had been equipped with software that helped track the balloon and the atmospheric changes that it encountered. This project helped reinforce the scientific method that is taught at the 6th grade level in science. Brent Hemken, Board member, asked if there was helium in the balloon. Mr. Auldridge stated that this would be the last year helium would be used for the experiment. Next year the project will use hydrogen. Mr. Auldridge thanked the board for their support of the project.

9. LHS SITE COUNCIL

Lisa Schartz, Cathy DeMond, and Wendy Sundahl (Staff member) presented to the board on behalf of the Larned High School Site Council. They shared that the group has an average of 5.66 people attend each meeting that is held. Some items that have been discussed this year include ACT Aspire Testing, ACT Prep classes, updates on the construction, building report cards, and career cruising. Wendy Sundahl shared some of the exciting things that are happening in the CTE Pathways and Vocational classes. The group also stated that they had begun learning about the new accreditation process, KESA.

Charles Tabler, Board member, asked what it costs to take the ACT. Lisa Schartz stated that it is \$65.00. He also asked how many students take the test each year. It varies from year to year. Troy Langdon, Principal, did share that Chris Scheideman and Ross Butler had both donated their time recently to offer prep sessions to help students prepare. Brent Hemken, Board member, asked if there was enough material to cover an entire semester class. Troy stated that he would need to do some research on these questions and he would also be in contact with other league schools to see what they offer to help prepare their students. This item will be addressed at a later date.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Non-elected Personnel

Sharon Lessard moved at 7:25 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 7:50 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Jon Flint, Superintendent.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 6 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Phil Martin, Attorney arrived at 7:35 p.m.

11. NOMINATIONS

June Barger moved to approve the following nomination(s) for the **2017-2018** school year.

Shana Goering

Teacher/At Risk/PH

Holly Corman

Teacher/TRI/Hillside

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 6 No 0

12. SEPARATIONS

June Barger moved to approve the following separation(s)

For the **2017-2018** School Year

Mikayla Norris

Teacher/TRI

Augustina Vondracek

Teacher/TRI

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 6 No 0

13. TRANSFERS

June Barger moved to accept the following transfers

For the **2017-2018** School Year

Debbie Makings

Jumpstart Teacher from
Kdg. Teacher

Lisa Spain

Kdg. Teacher from
Jumpstart Teacher

Charles Tabler second.

Yes 6 No 0

14. ADMINISTRATORS/DIRECTORS CONTRACTS

Kimi Bowman 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

June Barger second.

Yes 6 No 0

Kimi Bowman moved to approve the following administrative contracts for the 2017-2018 school year with salary to be determined at a later date.

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

Brent Hemken second.

Yes 6 No 0

15. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

Bill Fleske received grant money from the Monsanto Corporation and he designated the Fort Larned School District as the recipient.

Brent Hemken moved to accept the grant of \$2500 from the Monsanto Corp. for use in USD #495.

Charles Tabler second.

Yes 6 No 0

16. ELECTION PROCESS

Phil Martin, Board Attorney, handed out a binder for board members to review outlining the process to change our election districts. The board asked Mr. Martin to review the procedure of going from voting districts to an at large voting procedure that would eliminate districts. The process is quite involved and Phil has been in contact with KSDE on numerous occasions regarding this change. The board will need to put the resolution on the ballot and then the voting public will have the opportunity to vote on it.

17. ACCEPT BIDS FOR MIMIO BOARDS

Charles Tabler moved to accept bids to purchase mimio boards from Engaging Technology in the amount of \$99,690.73.

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 6 No 0

Bids received from: Williams K-12 Consulting
Graphics Distribution, Inc.

18. REPORTS

a) Directors

Patricia Holaday (Tri County)

The USD #495 Tri County Cooperative recently hosted the Region 8 meeting. She shared that good information was shared. Currently there are 304 students with IEPs. Staff will be attending an IEP Boot Camp in the coming months. This training will help staff keep up with updates and remain in compliance.

Roy Prescott (Maintenance)

Roy has been visiting and becoming familiar with the new facilities and learning the new systems that will be used in them. He stated that the new windows at the high school are very nice and that he has been impressed with the difference in heating and cooling in the areas that they are installed in. The staff is preparing for grounds keeping and all that goes along with the summer months. There are plans to begin cleaning up the shelter belt by the new elementary school over spring break. There are several trash items that have been dumped in it over the years. Board member, Charles Tabler, asked if anyone had addressed getting the outbuildings by the high school painted over the summer. He felt it would be a good idea since the addition would be complete this summer to get all the buildings in order. Jon Flint, Superintendent, shared that he would get that addressed this summer and they would be painted.

b) Principals

Troy Langdon (LHS)

Mr. Langdon informed the board that the cost to take the ACT is actually \$42. He stated that he had sent out emails to league schools to inquire if they offer to pay for the test for students. Schools are looking into what it would take to pay for students, but presently there are none that pay for it. He said he would begin researching options. Gwen Lehman, Technology Integration, recently attended a Robotics class at ESSDACK. Mr. Langdon shared that he would like to offer a few Robotics classes in the future. Some schools have begun offering them and he plans to get in contact with them to see how it was working for them. The high school was looking into offering some Coding classes also. Coding classes provides the knowledge to make computer and phone apps. He felt this may work best to offer as an after school activity. The after school gaming club may be good place to start this program.

Career Cruising is off to a good start and pre enrollment for next year has begun. State testing is tentatively set for March 21-24.

A mock car crash will be staged next week in cooperation with the school's SAFE program. Troy stated that there will be publicity prior to the event.

Winter coaches have completed CPR Training and AED Training. Spring coaches will also receive this training at a later date.

The statewide tornado drill is slated for this week. Simpson Construction has given the staff permission to use the new tornado shelter for this drill.

A high school student used her Do Hard Things project to help a fellow student. Over \$3000 was raised to help a student in need purchase a prosthetic foot.

The high school girl's basketball team is headed to state. Their first game will be played at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday March 9th in Emporia.

Lea Harding (HS, PH, NS)

Lea and her staff toured the new elementary building at a recent staff meeting. She shared the staff's excitement with the board members.

Lea shared that one of the newest requirements of KESA is Emotional and Social Learning, which has been an issue for the staff. The staff has asked if a social emotional curriculum could be purchased. Lea has researched this and discovered the curriculum is fairly inexpensive and she feels it would be well worth the expense. Her plan would be to have this social emotional curriculum covered in the mornings. She will touch base in April on what she has discovered as far as a curriculum.

Lea will be attending a workshop for setting up an autism room. Staff has started on state assessment training. Lea has asked the art department at the high school to begin working on a new logo for the elementary school. Brent Hemken, Board member, asked what logo is being replaced. Lea stated it was the flying pencil logo.

Shane Sundahl (LMS)

Shane congratulated the girl's basketball team on their trip to the state tournament.

The staff has been revamping the schedule to allow some more flexibility and options for students since the schedule is freed up some due to the 5th graders moving to the elementary school. Some of the offerings that will be available are 3D Printing, Lego Robotics, and Coding and Game Programming.

Shane shared that Mrs. Pruter, Middle School Counselor, has done a great job getting the students signed up for Career Cruising.

c) Jon Flint, Superintendent

Dustin Avey, the district's financial advisor, had gotten in touch regarding state aid. He had shared that state aid is preliminarily set at 37%. Dustin will be getting in touch with Jon before the district sets our budget. The bond was built in at 30%, so this is good news.

Administration from Pawnee Heights have been in contact with Jon about a middle school football cooperation. Jon shared that presently our middle school football team has over 50 players. He feels that it is in the district's best interest to deny the request at this time.

Jon has been approached with the question if the district uses the sheriff's drug dog to do sweeps of the schools. The district has always used the company Providence. When the district contracts with Providence, they are our employees and they are passive informants. This allows the information to be given to administration. Jon's advice is that the district facilitate both of these resources. Charles Tabler asked if there was cost with using these. Providence does charge and we share hotel and mileage charges with other clients in the area. Brent Hemken, Board member, asked how often Providence visits. Jon stated that they are currently contracted for 6 ½ days.

Jon asked board members if anyone would like to sit on the negotiation team. Board members will get back to him.

Jon was seeking guidance on the approach the board would like to take as far as selling the new buildings. There are several options that could be taken, some of which are realtor listing, auction, or a sealed bid process. The goal is to have this taken care of by Sept 1st. Kimi Bowman, Board member, stated that the Recreation Commission has inquired about acquiring the old middle school. They had a few questions as far as heating and cooling bills. Jenny Manry, Board member, pointed out that she would like to see this process put as little stress on the district as possible. She liked the idea of contracting with Carr Auction. Charles Tabler, Board member, asked if it could be placed in the paper prior to the contract being placed to gauge if there is any interest before the district commits to an auction. Jon stated that he would make initial contact with the press and work on a release. June Barger, Board member, asked that the district reach out on social media and the district website also. Jon stated that the district will still need to adopt a resolution to close the buildings once the new school is open. It is a process of jumping through hoops for the process of state reporting.

d) Board Discussion

June Barger, Board member, asked if the district had ever been contacted by JJA in regards to the vocational equipment that would no longer be used by the facility since it's closing. Jon stated that the equipment had been taken by the Department of Corrections.

June also asked if the district was closed Friday whether the girls win or lose at state. Jon said that the district would not know until late Thursday of the outcome of the game and it would be too late to make a decision based on that. He stated that this was a special circumstance.

Sharon Lessard, Board President, asked members if they would be able to attend a KASB Board Training with the new superintendent on July 5. It would be a board meeting in the evening for a couple of hours. She stressed that it was important to get on the KASB's calendar. Several board members stated that they would be on vacation the week of July 10th and asked if the board meeting could be moved to the 3rd week in July instead. Sharon asked everyone to check their calendars.

19. ADJOURN

June Barger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Charles Tabler second.

Yes 6 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk