

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 2016
6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Lessard, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

June Barger, Jay Haremza, Kimi Bowman, David Sanger, Sharon Lessard, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent: Leroy Lyon
Jennie Manry

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

June Barger moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 14A-Set Special Meeting Date to discuss and consider the Consent to and Agreement for Annexation.

David Sanger second.

Yes 5 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kimi Bowman moved to approve the minutes of February 8, 2016 Regular Board minutes as presented.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 5 No

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Jay Haremza moved to approve the bills as presented.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, passed out the Security on Deposits for the month to board members for review. She reminded members that due to new state regulations there is more money that runs through the general fund before it is placed in the proper account and that all cash balances are having to be reported to the state each month. Jean stated that it had been a routine month. Bond payments will begin April 1.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

8. ELEMENTARY SITE COUNCIL

Lea Harding, Elementary Principal, stated that attendance at site councils has not been good. She has tried several things to entice attendance such as daycare, meals, and interesting presentations. Jon Flint asked if Lea thought interest would peak once students were in the new building. Lea stated that she hoped it would. She told the board she was open to any suggestions they might have to increase participation.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Non-elected Personnel

Sharon Lessard moved at 6:40 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 7:00 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney.

David Sanger second.

Yes 5 No 0

Jon Flint excused himself from executive session at 6:52 p.m.

The open meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

10. NOMINATIONS

None at this time.

11. SEPARATIONS

Jay Haremza moved to approve the following separation(s) for the **2015-2016** school year.

Jill Hutchins

Para/TRI/LMS

For the **2016-2017** school year

Cynthia Goodrick
Kayla Josefiak
Judy Ochs
Debra Rainbolt
Sandra Jordan

Nurse/District Wide
Teacher/LHS
Teacher/WS
Head Cook/Hillside
Teacher/LMS

David Sanger second.

Yes 5 No 0

12. TRANSFERS

Jay Haremza moved to approve the following transfer(s) for the **2015-2016** school year.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

13. ANNEXATION OF USD #495 20 ACRE TRACT

Petition for Annexation

Jay Haremza moved to approve the Petition for Annexation (Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-520) of the 20 acre tract of real estate as described therein being the site for the new elementary school building and improvements into the corporate boundaries of the City of Larned, Kansas.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

14. BOND PROJECT UPDATE

Simpson Construction, Construction Mgmt firm for the USD 495 Bond Projects, held bid openings on Feb. 18, 2016. Simpson Construction at that time was pleased with the bids. On Feb. 23, 2016 a formal presentation was held. At that time, the project was 10% over budget due to several issues such as a very high asphalt and masonry bid. Thus began the process of Value Engineering. This process allows the owner along with the architects and construction management firm to see what areas can be reduced or changed and still provide a quality building. Most changes made during this process were cosmetic. Jon shared that it was a lengthy process. He also stated that the engineer on the project had met with city officials who had requested a turning lane be constructed on Toles Avenue. This was not a request that was made by the district and was not put in the plan, which resulted in a savings also. The district has made allowances to use \$500,000 out of capital to help the project come in at budget. Jon stressed that the bond money would be used first and that there is a chance that not all or any of this money would be used. Jon stated that after the Value Engineering was done the project had come in at budget. June Barger, Board member, asked if after the vote on March 21 if the project would be ready to get started. Jon stated that the vote on the 21st was the last step in beginning the construction process.

14A. SET SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

June Barger moved that a special board meeting be set on March 21, 2016 t for the purpose of approving the Construction Management Price and the Consent of Annexation of the 20 Acre Tract of land.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

15. BUDGET PLANNING

Jon stated that budget planning is hard to do with the current economic state of the state. There is currently a large deficit with a 3% cut to higher education already taking place. The government is looking at an across the board cut to education. The educational system takes up 50% of the state's budget. The Supreme Court recently ruled that the current block grant does not meet the equality of school funding. If the State of Kansas does not address this by July 1, schools will be shut down. The state wants districts to use the money allocated them and not have cash reserves. USD #495's reserves are held to make sure payroll can be met. Jon stated that the district is fortunate to have had boards that have made good decisions in the past and we are now in good shape financially. As of now, the district is waiting to see what decisions the state of Kansas will make for funding.

16. CAPITAL OUTLAY NEEDS

The district has held back on any capital purchases since the passing of the bond. We have been doing repairs and maintenance to get through until construction is complete.

17. SALE OF USED EQUIPMENT

June Barger moved to approve the sale of the following :

1. 1996 GMC School Bus, 22 pass. VIN 1GDHG31K2TF500514
68,689 mi (aged out)
2. 2000 Chev Venture, 7 pass minivan VIN 1GNDX03E0YD162971
76,558 mi (electrical issues)

To be sold by the local auction agency to the highest bidder without reserve and no warranty.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 5 No 0

18. REPORTS
a) Directors

Roy Prescott, Maintenance

The State Fire Marshall had conducted his annual inspection for all buildings in district. Roy stated that the elementary buildings received a waiver until 2017 until the new building is complete. The maintenance and custodial staff will be working some over spring break to catch up on items. The staff will also be setting up for the Army Band that will be performing at the middle school on the Friday of spring break. A busy season of grounds maintenance is underway. Jon Flint took a moment to commend Roy and his maintenance staff for doing a great job. He shared that they are operating with one less crew member than what they have had in the past and doing an outstanding job.

b) Principals
Dick Bixler(WS)

Mr. Bixler handed out a outline to board members showing the different steps Westside School has taken during the year in relation to curriculum and training. He also updated the board on the transition of Westside to the Smokey Hills group. Smokey Hills will be visiting the facility the following day and visiting with staff that is interested in working for them. There were 5 staff members scheduled to visit with them. The group would then take a quick tour and have lunch with staff. Dick took a moment to express his gratitude to Mr. Flint for the hard work and dedication he had put in recently while dealing with the Value Engineering process of the bond project.

Shane Sundahl (LMS)

Larned Middle School has just finished wrestling season and track season will be getting underway after spring break. The students had recently finished up part of their state assessments and more will be taken after spring break. The 8th graders have all the tests to take yet. He shared that overall things are moving in the right direction. He realizes this is a tough time of year with activities and students being tired. Staff and students are continuing to do a great job.

Lea Harding (NS/PH/HS)

Elementary students have finished up the first part of their state testing. Lea stated that she felt they had gone fairly well with fewer technology problems. The Northside Library is conducting their book fair this week and students are participating in a spirit week to promote the fair. Elementary students will hold their spring concert on Thursday night.

Troy Langdon (LHS)

Larned High School students have completed the writing portion of their state assessments. They will finish up the rest of their testing after spring break. On April 6th, the Kansas Highway Patrol along with the local sheriff and police departments will begin a safety campaign. They will be diligent watching to see that motorists are obeying traffic laws and wearing seatbelts. Patrol will be stepped up in and around school zones. May 7th the high school will be participating in Drive One for Your School. Currently, there are two organizations that are hoping to work this event. Troy expressed his gratitude to Jansenn Motors for sponsoring this event.

c) Jon Flint, Superintendent

Jon took a moment to discuss the district's expectations for behavior on busses. He had recently spoken with administration and Richard Fairchild, Transportation Director. Jon stated that all of the busses in the district's fleet are equipped with cameras. The cameras are located in the front, middle, and back of the bus and each camera is equipped with its own microphone. Bus drivers are also trained to stop the bus any time there is commotion and investigate what is happening. The Athletic Directors have told coaches and

sponsors to spread out amongst the students during trips. Jon stated that the safety of the students on that bus is the district's number one priority.

Larned has been part of the ESSDACK 403 B Consortium. The Consortium is made up of approximately 40 districts. Presently, they have close to 26 million dollars invested. USD #495 has the most participants in the 403 B Consortium. Because of recent changes to the KPERs system, younger teachers are going to need supplemental retirement income. The district encourages participation. Jon stated that at the latest meeting of the consortium, he had been appointed Chairman.

The administrators had done a great job getting state assessments administered and Jon took a moment to thank them for their effort.

d) Board Discussion

Sharon Lessard, Board President, asked if the district staff had participated in any active shooter drills. Jon stated that they had not participated in drills. In the past, the staff has attended ALICE Training. Jon will be attending a meeting tomorrow at the courthouse that Homeland Security will be hosting. He plans to bring information from that back to the board.

19. ADJOURN

June Barger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk