

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2016

TOUR OF LARNED HIGH SCHOOLS AT 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

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

Absent: Leroy Lyon

3. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

June Barger moved to elect Dr. David Sanger as Vice President of the Board of Education.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

David Sanger moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item 9A Resignation of Board Member.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June Barger moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

David Sanger second.

Yes 5 No 0

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the bills as presented.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes No

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Security deposits were handed out. October has been a busy month. Tri County has received tuition payments this month. Gate receipts from games have been placed in capital outlay.

8. MUSIC CLUB PRESENTATION

Lorna Singer presented on behalf of the music club. She first invited the board to their event featuring a world-renowned pianist. She then thanked the district for their donation to restore the grand piano that is used at events held at the community center. She shared that through generous donations and pledging, the fundraising campaign was successful and the \$6,400 was raised to restore the piano. Lorna gave a brief history lesson about the piano and its origins.

9. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

9A. BOARD OF EDUCATION RESIGNATION

Leroy Lyon, USD #495 Board Member, resigned from the board effective immediately on November 10, 2016. By statute, the board can only fill the position vacated by Jay Haremza tonight. Leroy's vacancy will need to be posted as a public notice and the position cannot be filled for fifteen days after publication. Phil Martin, Board Attorney, advised that the board fill this position in the same manner the one tonight is being filled. The board discussed the pros and cons of posting the vacancy as a classified ad also, as was done with Jay's position. The public notice is a Kansas statute, but the placing of the ad is an optional posting. June Barger felt as though the board was fortunate to have three strong candidates that applied for the position and felt that there was not a need to re-advertise the vacancy left by Leroy Lyon's resignation.

Further discussion was held regarding the advertising and further interviews for the position. Dr. David Sanger asked if a motion was necessary to place or not place an ad. Jenny Manry shared that she felt in an attempt to remain transparent, that an ad should be ran and that the same procedure should be followed for Leroy's position that was followed for Jay's vacant position.

June Barger moved that the board does not place the optional ad in the local newspaper.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 2 No 3

The ad will be placed in the newspaper along with the public notice.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERVIEWS

Deborah Kauer
Brent Hemken
Charles Tabler

Each candidate was given the opportunity to choose a number that would represent the order in which they were to present to the board. At that same time, each candidate was given 5 questions that would be asked by the board. The

candidates were each given five minutes to state a bit about themselves and why they were applying for membership to the board of education and what their qualifications were to be a board member. After the candidate was finished with presenting to the board, they were then asked the questions they had received before the meeting.

11. ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

Sharon Lessard, Board President, asked for nominations to fill the vacant board position 2-5.

June Barger moved to nominate Buddy Tabler to the open board member position 2-5 beginning December 13, 2016.

Jenny Manry second.

Kimi Bowman moved to nominate Brent Hemken to the open board member position 2-5 beginning December 13, 2016.

David Sanger second.

No further nominations were made. Brent Hemken was nominated to the vacant BOE Position 2-5.

Yes 3 No 2

Sharon Lessard stated that all three candidates would be quality members and asked if either would be interested in being considered for the position vacated by Leroy Lyon. Both Buddy Tabler and Deb Kauer expressed that they would be interested in being considered.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Non-elected Personnel

Sharon Lessard moved at 8:38 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 7:48 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

At 7:48 Sharon Lessard moved to extend the Executive Session to 7:53.

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 5 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 7:53 p.m

13. NOMINATIONS

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

Rickey Alboyd
Lucia Hagerman

Para/TRI/LMS
Asst Softball/LHS

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

14. SEPERATIONS

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

Tristan Shaver

Para/TRI/Kinsley

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 5 No 0

15. TRANSFERS

There were no transfers at this time.

16. EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST

Four students from Larned High School are requesting early graduation. All four students will have met the required credits needed for graduation.

June Barger moved to allow the requests for early graduation.

David Sanger second.

Yes 5 No 0

17. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION TO LHS AUTO CLASS

Nash Norris, Vocational Teacher at LHS, requested that the board consider the donation of vehicle to the Larned High School Auto Class. Nash explained that there has been tremendous interest in the auto class and that there would be two more classes added next semester to accommodate students' needs. He was recently approached by a student that would like to donate his 1994 Nissan Altima to the auto class. Mr. Norris explained that by accepting this donation students would be given the opportunity to tear the car down and diagnose problems. The process can be done by classes in the future also. He shared it would be an incredible learning tool for students. June Barger shared that she had heard rave reviews about the vocational classes being offered at the high school.

June Barger moved to approve the donation of an automobile to the Larned High School Auto Class.

Kimi Bowman second

Yes 5 No 0

18. FIBER OPTIC PROPOSAL FOR NEW ELEMENTARY

Kris Schneider, Technology Director, handed a strand of fiber optic to board members to see and explained that using fiber increases internet speed dramatically. Kris also handed out a chart outlining companies that had been approached to bid on the fiber. Kris stated that he had been in touch with the district's E-Rate consultant to help determine which process would be best for the district. Kris explained with the leasing of the fiber line, repairs to the line would be done by the lease. He also stated that once the lease is up, the option to

purchase a maintenance agreement is available. Jenny Manry, Board Member, asked how soon Kris would know if the district received E-Rate funding. Kris stated that he hoped he would hear by March.

June Barger moved to accept the lease of fiber optic cable from United Private Networks at a cost of \$16, 000 to be installed at the new elementary building.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

19. REPORTS
a) Principals

Shane Sudahl (LMS)

Larned Middle School students will be participating in their annual community service project. Students will be out raking leaves for elderly and needy citizens in town. Basketball is underway and in full swing. Career Cruising has begun at the middle school. Sherry Pruter, LMS Counselor, has begun meeting with 7th and 8th grad classrooms to begin the process. Students have been given log-ins and passwords.

In December, students will be given the Kansas Communities that Care survey.

Things are going well at the middle school and Shane is looking forward to the upcoming semester.

Lea Harding (ELEMENTARY)

Mr. Flint and Lea are currently working on playgrounds for the new building. The process is moving along and they hope to have a decision made soon.

Lea wrote a \$12,000 grant to obtain equipment for the sensory room at the new elementary. She was told they would be choosing recipients tomorrow.

She thanked Richard Fairchild for his help in making the connection to the grantor, Vintage Car Rally Association.

Work has begun on the state's KITE system. She has been busy getting teachers enrolled to use the system. She is hoping that teachers will take advantage of the formative test creator the system provides. By taking advantage of this, it allows students to become familiar with the state assessment process.

Last Tuesday, the annual Veteran's Day Concert was held by Phinney Elementary students and this Thursday, Northside students will perform in their winter concert.

Troy Langdon (LHS)

Larned High School took 44 students to North Central Vocational Technical School to allow them to see the opportunities the institution offers for higher learning. They actually had 88 students sign up to attend, but NCK could not accommodate that many students at once. The school will continue to offer this trip as long as the demand is there.

The high school musical was held and attended well by many this year. Troy shared that there are many talented students in our high school.

Troy shared that the debate team was coming home from a tournament last Saturday and hit a deer. All students and sponsor were fine, but the district is waiting to hear how the suburban fared. There was a substantial amount of damage. The debate team has qualified for state.

The high school is moving forward with Career Cruising. All students are entered in the system and seminar teachers will start the process.

Larned High School will be taking the Kansas Communities that Care survey later in December.

Nash Norris, LHS vocational teacher, took the podium. He thanked the board for their support over the last year. He feels that LHS has the best equipped and safest classrooms that they have had in decades. He stated that LHS now also has a career pathway in place for diesel mechanics. Enrollment in vocational classes is up and students are very excited about classes. Nash shared that he has students coming in before and after class to work on projects. Nash stated that the department has been fortunate to have the addition of Robert Thomas. Mr. Thomas is taking the lead on all of the

Woods classes. June Barger, Board member, asked with the closing of JJA if anyone had approached them about the woodworking equipment that will be left there. Nash shared that they had been contacted and an advisory meeting had been held. They are aware of LHS's need for equipment in their shops. June then asked if there was anything the board could do to help with that process. Mr. Norris and Mr. Langdon both stated that the superintendent had been contacted and that they would continue to touch base with him. David Sanger, Board Vice President, asked if a formal letter might help. Jon Flint, Superintendent, stated that one would be written and sent directly to Terry Williams in Topeka. The board thanked Mr. Norris for his dedication to his program.

b) Directors

Richard Fairchild, Transportation

The transportation is short on staffing and Richard is busy trying to get positions filled. Currently, there are 16 drivers under contract and to be fully staffed that number should be 20. Richard shared that he is driving routes to fill the shortage and utilizing substitute drivers.

The department has been busy providing transportation to field trips and events.

One of department's suburbans had recently hit a deer and they were waiting to hear back from insurance. Richard stressed that he was thankful that the students and staff were all okay.

Kimi Bowman, Board member, asked in regards to staffing, if we had been advertising. Richard stated that yes the district is advertising. The district pay is average for bus drivers, but there is a lot of competition. Richard stated that he feels this is a great opportunity for farmers or retired persons. He will continue to advertise.

Kris Schneider, Technology

Kris and his department has been busy working on the E-Rate proposal for the fiber bid and working on new items for the elementary school, such as Smart Boards, etc.

Skyward is up and running and some growing pains have been experienced.

Kim Parker has been busy streaming videos and games for both the middle school and high school. They have been posted on social media.

Sharon Lessard, Board President, how much money is saved through E Rate? Kris stated that he is not sure how much has been saved in the past. He will look at the former director's figures, but he is still waiting on last year's figures along with this year's. He is still waiting on approval on several things, but the savings that are available are substantial.

c) Jon Flint, Superintendent

Food service has been the focus of many social media posts this past month. It has not been portrayed in a very positive light. Jon shared that the district follows the federal guidelines to participate in the National School Lunch Program. This program funds families free and reduced lunches. The high school and middle school participate in the Choose Program, which allows students to choose 3 of the 5 components available to them and this qualifies the meal as reimbursable. Mr. Flint wanted to point out that the student that posted the photo on social media had opted to not take advantage of the vegetable and salad bar that was available to them. Kim Parker, the technology's social media contact, will be taking photos each day of what is available and what a tray could look like if a student took all that was available to them and will be posting it to the district's social media page. The hope is to educate the public as to what is available to students each day. The district's free and reduced rate is presently at 64%, which is substantial. State and federal funding to the program is huge. We could elect as a board to not participate in this program. As a consequence, free and reduced lunch pricing would disappear and cost for meals would increase substantially. It would be detrimental to families to take this route. If a high school athlete feels they are not getting enough to eat during a meal, there is always the option of bringing something from home to supplement the meal the athlete is served. The goal of this discussion is to arm the board with the facts. Hannah Smith, Food Service Director, is putting out menus that meet the federal and state nutritional guidelines. The building administration will be overseeing the cooking staff to ensure they are doing what is required. Not all students will care for what is served everyday, but the requirements are being met. Human performance can be controlled as far as the condition of what is served and the assurance that every student receives a full meal, but the district must adhere to the guidelines set forth by the federal government. Kimi Bowman, Board member, asked if the

menu is published daily. Mr. Flint stated that it is posted monthly on the district website. This should allow parents to look and see if their student will eat what is being served that day. Dr. S anger, Board Vice President, asked how the district handles menu changes. As soon as staff is made aware of a change, it is posted on both the district's social media page and the district website.

d) Board Discussion

None at this time.

20. ADJOURN

June Barger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

David Sanger second.

Yes 5 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk