

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LARNED, KANSAS 67550  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jenny Manry, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Sharon Toll, Jessie Pleasant, Kimi Bowman, David Sanger, Jenny Manry, Sharon Lessard, Bryce Wachs, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent: Charles Tabler

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of Agenda
- b) Approval of Bills
- c) Approval of Minutes
- d) Treasurer's Report
- e) Approve KASB as Hearing Officer
- f) Acceptance of Gifts and Donations
- g) Disposal of Property
- h) Separations
- i) Transfers
- j) Administrative and Building Reports

David Sanger moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No 0

#### 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### a) Attorney Client Privilege

David Sanger moved to recess the Board of Education into executive session at 6:03 p.m. to protect the attorney client privilege and return to open session in this room at 6:23 p.m. The justification for the executive session is to protect client attorney privilege under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Included in the executive session are all present board members, Bryce Wachs, Superintendent, and Phil Martin, Attorney, and Donna Whiteman, KASB via telephone.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 6 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m.

David Sanger moved to extend the executive session at 6:25 p.m. and return to open session at 6:35 p.m. Donna Whiteman, KASB, left the executive session at 6:25 p.m.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

#### 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### a) Non-elected Personnel

David Sanger moved at 6:36 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 6:41 p.m. The justification for the session is the personnel exception under the Kansas Open Meeting Act. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Bryce Wachs, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 6 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m.

6. NOMINATIONS

Jessie Pleasant moved to approve the following nomination(s) for the 2018-2019 school year.

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| Teralyn McCrea | Para/TRI/FLE          |
| Diann Morell   | Accompanist/LMS & LHS |
| Jennifer Wyatt | Para/TRI/Kinsley      |

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No

7. STAFF AND STUDENT PRESENTATION-Mr. Sleder /FLE Ambassadors

Mr. Matt Sleder attended a conference this spring and he brought back information about starting an ambassador program at the Fort Larned Elementary. He approached Krysten Watkins, FLE Social Worker, and the program was formed. Mr. Sleder presented information on the application process and the various jobs ambassadors perform during the school day. There are approximately 20 students involved in the ambassador program.

8. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a) CTS Group

This group is working with the city and county to optimize energy resources. Information and a power point was presented to the board outlining the company's services and energy efficiency programs within capital improvement planning.

b) Driver's Education Vehicle

Mr. Wachs, Superintendent, addressed the board and presented information to purchase a car to be used by driver's education. This car will also be utilized by staff when a small number are attending a workshop out of town. Mr. Wachs stated that the fuel efficiency that will be obtained by driving a car to workshops versus the Suburban will be a cost savings. Information will be presented at the November meeting for approval.

c) Chronic Absenteeism Information

Jenny Manry, Board President, asked that this topic be visited. She stated that students are still being required to produce doctor's notes for visits within the school day. She asked other board members if this had been addressed at former meetings. Troy Langdon, LHS Principal, produced the high school handbook that states a note is required after ten absences. It is addressed specifically in their handbook. The board felt that it was a reasonable request. Mr. Wachs provided information from KSDE regarding Chronic Absenteeism. Buildings will be following the language stated in the handbook.

d) Neighborhood Revitalization

It is time to renew our participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization. All taxing entities must vote to participate in the county wide program. Information was handed out to board members outlining any changes made to the current program. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

e) Count Day Update

September 20<sup>th</sup> was funding count day for districts state wide. USD #495's upload indicated that the district's current enrollment for 2018-19 is down 23 students from last year. Mr. Wachs indicated that some grades had actually increased numbers, but there were several that had lost. Work will begin soon with Mark Bauer to do projections and begin the budget for next year. Jenny Many, Board President, asked what our high and low class numbers were for this year. The district's largest class has 80 and the smallest is sitting at 55. Mr. Wachs indicated that KASB will do a 5 year enrollment projection for the district.

10. ACTION ITEMS

a) Board Policy Updates

Kimi Bowman moved to approve the June 2018-2019 Board Policy Updates as presented.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No 0

b) Phinney and Northside Properties

This topic had been discussed at the last meeting. The Northside and Phinney properties had initially been sold to the Larned Recreation Commission. When the sale proceedings began, it was discovered that the recreation commission is not allowed to purchase property. Two options were presented and discussed at length by board members. Those options were to put the property back on the market for sale, or gift the properties. It was discussed that when the properties were on the market, there was little to no interest from any prospective buyers. Jessie Pleasant, Board member, asked what the recreation commission has planned for these properties. It was discussed that the commission had indicated that Northside would be used for soccer fields and that Phinney presently would be used as a park for the neighborhood. Jessie Pleasant asked if members thought it would be a viable option to gift Northside and try to sell the Phinney property. Dr. Sanger stated that he felt the recreation commission wanted to make these properties useful to the community and would like to gift. It was once again discussed that when these properties were on the market, there was not much purchasing interest. Jenny Manry and Sharon Lessard both stated that they were interested in gifting the property.

David Sanger moved to approve the Resolution to Transfer and Covey Real Properties of Unified School District No. 495, Pawnee County, Kansas (Fort Larned).  
(Resolution attached.)

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 6 No 0

c) Technology Purchase

David Sanger moved to approve the technology purchase of PC laptops as presented.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No 0

d) LMS Bleacher Maintenance

The last time bleacher maintenance was done in 2015-16. Sharon Lessard, Board member, stated that there have been issues with these bleachers since they were installed. She questioned whether it was the investment. Mr. Wachs stated that he had been informed that the bleachers will be in suitable shape for another 15-16 years with proper maintenance. David Sanger, Vice President, asked if the hand rails are up on the bleachers. Mr. Wachs stated that they are up and will stay up.

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the agreement with Heartland Seating for maintenance of the bleachers at Larned Middle School.

David Sanger second.

Yes 6 No 0

e) LHS Gym Floor Preparation of Bid Documents

This motion will allow for bids to be created and drawings to be sent. Tim Schaller will prepare these documents and the district will distribute them to bidders. Tim Schaller will be part of the inspection process. Mr. Wachs feels it is a good idea to utilize Tim to ensure the wording is correct and every item is legally correct. Bryce stated that there are aspects of the bidding and inspection process that we do not have the knowledge of. David Sanger, Board member, asked what Tim's qualifications were in regards to gym flooring. Bryce stated that he works with HTK Architecture and Engineering firm.

Kimi Bowman moved to approve the agreement with Tim Schaller to prepare bid letting documents and specifications for the replacement of the Larned High School gym floor.

David Sanger second.

Yes 6 No 0

f) LMS Floor Scrubber

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the purchase of a floor scrubber at LMS.

Jessie Pleasant second.

Yes 6 No 0

g) USD #347 Service Contract

David Sanger moved to approve the special education service contract with USD #347 Preschool.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No 0

h) Simpson Client Services Contract

This item was tabled. There is some wording that the district attorney, Phil Martin, is requesting clarification on.

11. REPORTS

a) Board Discussion

Jessie Pleasant, Board member, stated that she like the district to look into the legalities of hosting an alumni-student basketball game. She said she felt it would be a good fundraiser and that people would enjoy it. She stated that when she asked the basketball coaches about it, they said that in the past the board had denied requests to have an alumni game. Mr Wachs stated that he would look into the reasons why it had been denied in the past. He shared that he knew other districts often held these games.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

David Sanger moved to recess the Board of Education recess into executive session at 8:36 p.m. for discussion of employee evaluation under the personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act and return to open session in this room at 8:46 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present board members and Phil Martin, Attorney.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 8:46 p.m..

13. ADJOURN

Sharon Lessard moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Jessie Pleasant second.

Yes 6 No 0