

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

David Sanger, Vice President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Sharon Lessard, Brent Hemken, Kimi Bowman, Charles Tabler, David Sanger, Jenny Manry, June Barger, Joe Sample, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent: Brent Hemken
June Barger
Jenny Manry

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 4 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kimi Bowman moved to approve the minutes of August 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and August 28, 2017 Special Meeting as presented.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 4 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the bills as presented.

Charles Tabler second.

Yes 4 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, shared the pledge sheet with the board. She did state that at one time this month, one bank was under secured and that she had discussed it with that institution. The district has requested money from the Pay It Forward grant. This money can be used for items where there is a need, such as shoes, ACT registration fees, coats, etc. Approximately \$25,000 money was receipted during enrollment for book rental fees. The fitness center has taken in membership fees from close to 270 members.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

8. DISPOSAL LIST

Joe Sample, Superintendent, shared that the wrestling mats at the junior high may have a potential buyer. The high school gym equipment that was placed on the list was moved to the month of October for discussion.

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the disposal list of items for the month of September.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 4 No 0

9. IDEA VI-B ASSURANCES

Kimi Bowman moved to approve the Title VI-B Assurances.

Charles Tabler second.

Yes 4 No 0

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Non-elected Personnel

Kimi Bowman 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 6:50 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Joe Sample, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney.

Charles Tabler second.

Yes 4 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

11. NOMINATIONS

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the following nomination(s) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Katherine Norman
Israel Hagerman

Para/TRI/LMS
Asst. Girls Basketball/LHS

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 4 No 0

12. SEPERATIONS

None at this time.

13. TRANSFERS

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the following transfers(s) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Rustyn Kerbs
Artravius Addison

Para/Early Childhood from Para/LMS
Para/TRI/ALC from Para/TRI/LMS

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 4 No 0

14. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

Crane Farms would like to donate Rhino Gator tires that they are no longer using to the district. The elementary building will be using some of these items on the playground. Charles Tabler, Board member, asked where the tires would be stored until the district is ready to use them. Joe Sample stated that they would be stored at Crane Farms until the district requests them.

Kimi Bowman moved to accept the donation of 132 pieces of Rhino Gator tires to be used for recreational use.

Charles Tabler second.

Yes 4 No 0

15. DISPOSAL OF BUILDINGS

A letter from Jenny Manry, representative from the Larned Pride organization, stating that the group would be unable to fulfill the obligation of removing the playground equipment from the vacant buildings to relocate them in city parks. They gave notice that they are returning the offer to us.

Last month, the board had several questions regarding demolition and disposal of the buildings and had asked Mr. Sample to compile some figures. Joe had some figures to present to the board from Simpson Construction. These amounts are strictly estimates at this time. The total cost to demolish all buildings is \$400,000.00, which includes asbestos abatement. Remediation Contractors, Inc. had broken the estimate down into two amounts. Northside Elementary's abatement cost would run approximately \$175,000 and Phinney's cost of abatement would be close to \$60,000.

The potential upkeep costs of the buildings were presented also, along with liability insurance. Sharon Lessard, Board member, asked if these numbers from Simpson Construction were strictly estimates. Joe Sample reiterated that yes they are estimates. Charles Tabler asked if the plan would be to demolish one building a year. Joe Sample stated that decision would be made at a later date after getting actual bids. He felt that there may be potential savings from tearing them down at the same time. Sharon Lessard asked if once a decision was made to demolish if the board would then seek local bids also. Joe stated that yes local bids would be requested. Charles Tabler asked if the city had been approached about possibly helping to fund the demolition. Kimi Bowman, Board member, stated that Mayor

Nusser had been approached and that the feeling was that the city was not interested in helping to demolish any of the properties.

The district did receive a proposal to purchase the Early Childhood Center (old junior high) from Jerry and Jeanette Johnson. David Sanger read the request to the board. Charles Tabler questioned who would be responsible for closing costs. It was discussed that it would be a quick claim deed and there would be no survey cost since they also own the property north of the building. Kimi Bowman asked if the board had placed a timeline on accepting proposals. Joe Sample stated that there had not been one placed; the district was considering them as they came in and that presently there were only single offers on properties. David Sanger stated that he was in favor of the Johnson's proposal. He felt it fulfilled the board's obligation to the public in finding responsible buyers.

Charles Tabler moved to accept the proposal from Jerry and Jeanette Johnson in the amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of the Early Education Center.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 4 No 0

The district also received a proposal for the Northside Elementary property from the Larned Recreation Dept. Their proposal was for \$7500 with the obligation of demolishing the property to lie completely with the district. Charles Tabler asked if the building were torn down and it was put out to bid again and the district was strictly selling the land would the property bring more than \$7500. Kimi Bowman stated that the \$7500 figure was based on the acreage of the property being between 4 and 5 acres and the going rate for purchase of land being close to \$1500/acre. Charles asked if the board felt if there was any obligation to try and sell the land once the building is torn down. It will cost the district close to \$280,00 to demolish and abate the property. Charles asked members if they thought this sale should be tabled until further discussion could be held with the city and recreation board members. Kimi Bowman, Board member, pointed out that the district had not received any other bids presently and she felt that there would not be offers on the actual Northside building. Charles stated that he felt as though the district should approach the city one more time with a request to help with demolition. This offer was then tabled until a later date.

Brent Hemken arrived at 7:15 p.m.

The last proposal looked at was for the property at Hillside Elementary. The proposal was from a group of 5 individuals who plan to use the building to promote businesses in the community and provide a meeting space for organizations. Charles Tabler asked one of the individuals that were present at the meeting, Rita Kurtz, if the group planned to form an LLC. Rita said that an LLC would be formed. David Sanger stated that he thought this would be a good

fit for the building and liked the idea it was being used to advance the community. Brent Hemken stated that he also liked the idea and pointed out that several of the individuals owned property close the building and felt that they would take pride in the property and its upkeep.

Charles Tabler moved to accept the proposal from Rita Kurtz, Brenda Hagerman, Wayne Hagerman, Dorothy A. Burkey, and Kathleen Foster in the amount of \$2000. \$1000 for the building itself and \$1000 for the contents and playground equipment.

Phil Martin, Attorney, was asked to begin working on contracts for the purchases.

Brent Hemken second.

Yes 5 No 0

16. SALE OF CONTENTS

The district office staff will be manning a sale to sell contents and furniture in the vacated buildings. A date will be set in the near future. Equipment and furnishings will be taken to the gyms before the day of the sale. Scoreboards and items attached to the structures will not be sold. David Sanger asked how the items would be priced. Joe Sample said that items would be sold on an offer basis. Some larger items, such as coolers and refrigerators, would have a minimum set on them. Hillside's contents were purchased with the building and will not be included in the sale. Brent Hemken asked if the Johnson's purchased the contents with the building. Joe stated that their proposal did not include contents. Sharon Lessard stated that if the board did decide to demolish the remaining buildings at some point in time, she felt a demolition sale would be beneficial.

17. DISPOSAL OF NON USABLE ITEMS

Charles Tabler moved to sell equipment as is with no guarantee at the local auction agency to the highest bidder without reserve and no warranty

1 - 1996 International / Thomas 65 passenger School Bus (#21-96) Aged Out
VIN # 1HVBBAAPXTH317949 134,468 miles

1 - 1996 Chevrolet K-2500 Truck 4x4-Tailgate lift (#68) Hail Damaged & intake leak
VIN # 1GCGK24RXTZ151652 107,655 miles

1 - 2004 Buick Century (#40) Hail Damaged
VIN # 2G4WS52J941220640 155,900 miles

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

18. REPORTS

a) Joe Sample, Superintendent

Joe presented an update on the construction at the buildings. The high school has a few odds and ends remaining. Essentially the job is complete. He stated that it is a wonderful set of classrooms for the students and staff.

Joe thanked everyone that had attended the ribbon cutting at the new elementary. He stated that the new staff parking lot would be poured in the next couple of days. The parent pick up procedure has gone from 45 minutes to under 15 minutes. Joe has spoken to other administrators that have opened new buildings and they have shared that this is a common hurdle to overcome with new buildings. There have been several technology issues at the new elementary buildings. The Mimeo Boards have a bubble in them that is not allowing the touch technology to work. The district has been corresponding with the company to find a solution to this.

There was a lock down in the buildings on the first day of school. The crisis plan was put into place and staff was able to ensure that our students were safe during the day. Joe pointed out that going through this allowed him to see a few things to district needs to address through the crisis plan, but overall he was very pleased with how the situation played out. He will be meeting with the administration team to work on the crisis plan together.

Staff will begin to work on plans for a 5 Year Professional Development Plan. This will provide a system of continuing education for our staff. The hope is to build a cohesive and continuous system that is reflective of KESA. Joe stated that he has spent some time talking curriculum with the staff and has begun formulating a 6-year rotation plan for updates to curriculum. He said that the state has released new math standards that the district will need to look at. Joe will begin meeting with the identified curriculum groups.

Joe has essentially visited every classroom in the district in his first 100 days as superintendent. He also met with NEA representatives today. This week the staff will be discussing KESA during the early out in-service and deciding which two R's they will focus on. The needs assessment will then be put together with the building needs. The report to the state is due this Friday. He will bring results to the board next month.

Last month, Joe was asked to bring information about the McRel Superintendent Evaluation tool to the board. There are two options available to the board as far as training on the tool. KASB offers training, which will require a special board meeting. The other option is to go over the evaluation during executive session. Kimi Bowman voiced that she would prefer to go over training and the evaluation in executive session rather than schedule a special board meeting. The rest of the members agreed. Joe shared that his first evaluation is due within 60 days of the start of the semester. The first evaluation meeting will take place at the October board meeting.

b) Board Discussion

None at this time.

19. ADJOURN

Charles Tabler moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 5 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk