

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
6:30 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

Sharon Lessard, Jay Haremza, Kimi Bowman, Leroy Lyon, David Sanger, Jenny Manry, June Barger, Jon Flint, Superintendent, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent:
Phil Martin, Attorney

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jay Haremza moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Sanger moved to approve the minutes of August 10, 2015 Special Board Meeting, August 10, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and August 24, 2015 Special Meeting as presented.

June Barger second.

Yes 7 No 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Kimi Bowman moved to approve the bills as presented.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 7 No 0

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, handed out the securities to the board. She stated the PAT program had received their grant money for the year and that Lea Harding, Elementary Principal, had also received a grant this year for some supplies. Textbook rental is almost all in. She shared that a majority of the year's bulk items were ordered and paid for this month. She also printed encumbrances for the board and pointed out that the rest of fees for Pro Green and pest control are represented in the report.

7. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

None at this time.

8. PRESENTATION FROM HOWARD & HELMER-MECHANICAL SYSTEM ALTERNATIVES

Representatives from the architectural firm of Howard & Helmer presented mechanical system options for the new elementary building to the board. The architects and mechanical engineers ranked several systems and presented the results. The General Contractor for the project also ranked them. The district also got input from a local contractor that has experience with the different types of systems that were presented. One of the main concerns with picking a system revolved around the quality of water in the area. The water quality is very hard in Larned and would have to be treated to run a system efficiently and effectively. The engineers and architects stated that any of the five systems that were presented would suit our building. They were just wanting to find the best system

based on our needs and conditions. Upon review of the rubrics that were handed in, the Variable Refrigerant Flow system appears to be the choice of the architects, contractor, and engineer on the project. Sharon Lessard, Board President, asked the architect to elaborate on the cost. Her concern was that the demand system in Larned is quite high if these units all turn on at once. The architect replied that the units stage in and out, which saves on cost of running it. Service for the system was also questioned. It was stated that there are local companies that are trained to work on the VRF systems. This is a relatively new system, but it is becoming more of a norm. Roy Prescott, Maintenance Director, shared that he respected the architects and engineers point of view. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made to approve the Variable Refrigerant Flow System as the mechanical system of the new elementary building.

June Barger moved to approve the Variant Refrigerant Flow as the mechanical system to be installed at the new elementary building.

David Sanger second.

Yes 7 No 0

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION
a) Non-elected Personnel

Sharon Lessard 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 6:45 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Jon Flint, Superintendent.

June Barger second.

Yes 7 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m

10. NOMINATIONS

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

Haven Chambers

Para/TRI/Kinsley

April Roach	Para/WS
Christy Green	Para/WS
Tim Gross	Para/WS
Sheila Dooley	At Risk Aide/LMS

Kimi Bowman second

Yes 7 No 0

11. SEPERATIONS

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

Stacy Sanger	At Risk Aide/LMS
Elizabeth Jones	Para/TRI/Kinsley
Courtne Price	Para/WS
Patricia Avery	Para/TRI/Kinsley

Leroy Lyon second.

Yes 7 No 0

12. TRANSFERS

There were no transfers at this time.

13. FBLA PRESENTATION-JACOB TAPIA

Troy Langdon, Larned High School principal and Landon Erway, Larned High School student presented on behalf of the high school. Troy stated that Jacob Tapia, Business teacher at Larned High School, approached Troy Langdon after several students had visited with him about forming a FBLA Program at Larned High School. Troy shared that they were not asking for funding; they were simply asking to form the club and begin pursuing members. The benefits of this club is to network with other schools and combine and brainstorm their business efforts.

Landon Erway shared that he had set at a table at freshman orientation to get a gauge of student's interest in the formation of the club. He quickly discovered that he was not the only interested in the business world. Landon read a mission statement from the group and also outlined the goals of the club, one being to harvest competent aggressive leadership.

June Barger, Board member, asked when the club would meet. Troy stated they would have to come up with a meeting time. He said that many clubs meet during seminar time and that may be an excellent option for this group also. He stated that meeting after sports practices in the evenings was also an option many students would consider. Sharon Lessard, Board President, asked if Mr. Tapia would be the leader. Troy answered that he would lead and facilitate the group. June Barger also questioned when the group would begin meeting. Troy stated that it would begin immediately upon approval.

June Barger moved to approve the organization of a FBLA group at Larned High School.

Jenny Manry second.

Yes 7 No 0

14. IDEA VI-B ASSURANCES

This is a requirement of the federal government and is presented every year to the board. The document states that our district will meet the federal guidelines and requirements to ensure funding to our special education department.

Leroy Lyon moved to approve the Title VI-B Assurances.

Kimi Bowman second.

Yes 7 No 0

15. REVIEW OF DISTRICT MISSION & VISION GOALS

Jon Flint, Superintendent, stated that this document had been handed out to the board and buildings to have time to review it and give feedback. Larned Middle School and Larned High School suggested small changes in regard to verbage and length of the document. Jay Haremza, Board member, also stated that he felt it was wordy and suggested that the district come up with a catch phrase to capture the message of the statement. June Barger, Board president, said the district doesn't always about the mission statement except at the beginning of the year because the staff is simply doing it already. Jon Flint stated that he feels it is a good idea to review it once a year. He suggested that the board and staff think about a catch phrase to use next year.

June Barger moved to approve the district vision and mission statement as presented for the 2015-16 school year.

David Sanger second.

Yes 7 No 0

16. REPORTS

a) Principals

Dick Bixler (WS)

Dick Bixler, Westside principal, stated that the year was off to a good start. The staff had participated in some very worthy inservies at the beginning of the year and felt they had gained some valuable resources from them. He stated that the facility had been able to have Carol Panzer a few more times this year through CTE funds. The facility was still working on obtaining Plato Math. This will ensure that all students are using the same math system. It is still in the works and they are hoping to have it in place soon. Dick also shared that the facility had also been given another report to generate. They now have to do a total of 8. Dick shared that STUCO is going great. Through participation in the organization, behavior has improved. Recent accomplishments of the group is reading the flag salute over the intercom each morning. Dick expressed thanks for the recent hiring of three more paraprofessionals at the facility.

Troy Langdon (LHS)

Troy Langdon, Larned High School Principal, stated that presently high school enrollment is at 276. The high school is waiting on the ACT Score Report and State Assessment cut scores. The staff will use the data to see which areas they need to concentrate on and improve on. The staff and students at LHS have been working on soft skills during seminar time. Colleges have reported that students are lacking these skills. These skills range from things like using proper surnames, using good manners, and learning to relate well to others in society and the workplace. Mr. Butler will be providing review in preparation of the ACT test. The Science department will be doing the same. Jay Haremza, Board member, asked how ACT scores have been looking. Troy reported that they are down. Jay also asked if the requirements to attend a regent school had changed. Troy stated that he would get some information on that from Jeanette Johnson, the high school counselor.

Lea Harding (HS, PH, & NS)

Lea shared that she had enjoyed brainstorming and discussing the new building with the architects and that she felt they are going to have a great design. They have been good to work with. She shared that she felt this year is off to a great start. She stated that the staff had spent an entire day of inservice discussing behavior. Each building met individually to discuss the ABC's of behavior. That way everyone is on the same page. Lea had recently received a grant to purchase the book *The Highly Engaged Classroom*. She plans to do a book study with her staff through the year on this book. Elementary buildings will begin Dibels testing. The next early out the staff will be going over the data.

Shane Sundahl (LMS)

The middle school has begun administering the AMES Web Norm test. This test will be given three times per year and based on the results, staff will adjust teaching. The middle school will be receiving their state assessment results soon. Presently the middle school enrollment is at 270. The numbers are fairly comparable across the grade levels. This year the staff is implementing TRIBE, which helps with the positive side of behavior. The goal is to get students back in the classroom and curb behavior. There have been very few discipline issues this year.

b) Directors
Roy Prescott, Maintenance

Roy thanked the board for the opportunity to work as maintenance director for USD #495. He briefly explained the help tickets that staff fill out for maintenance requests and shared who is responsible for which tasks. He commended his colleagues, Harold Turner and Larry Shaver for doing a great job with these and keeping the district running. Roy reported that the new building site had recently been sprayed for pig weed and a local farmer had mowed it for us. It should be in good shape for the fall and winter. The department is also doing most of the maintenance on their equipment. The track is finished and the company will be coming back to finish the runway and the jump pad. The sound system is complete at the football stadium. Roy shared that the department is responsible for delivering packages around the district. The high school has been dealing with a bat problem. The department has called a couple pest control companies for advice. Bats are a protected species so the goal is to catch them and relocate them and seal their point of entry. Troy Langdon and Roy have been compiling a plan to help alleviate this problem.

Richard Fairchild, Transportation

The transportation department took possession of the new school bus in May. The bus has been in use since the first of the school year. Students and drivers alike are enjoying the bus. Drivers recently attended an active shooting seminar in Great Bend. Drivers learned how to deal with strangers and people that may approach the bus. The department may get No Trespassing signs on the busses.

c) Jon Flint, Superintendent

Assessment and cut scores will be released in the near future to buildings. Jon will have a presentation to the board outlining those results at a later date. Count day is Sept. 21. The district will need to do our count as though it is being used for funding. Staff has been meeting with the architects. Approximately 10% of the design process is complete. Choosing a mechanical system should speed the

process. Jon reminded the board that the Annual KASB Convention will be held in Wichita on Dec. 4, 5, &6. The hotel room block opens up Oct. 1. He asked that board members let him know as soon as possible if they would like to attend.

d) Board Discussion

June Barger, Board member, asked fellow members is they had given any more thought to the 2016 School Board election. She would like to see it changed to an at large election to allow more citizens to run for open positions. Jon stated that Phil Martin is looking into that and will report back to the board at a later date.

17. ADJOURN

June Barger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Jay Haremza second.

Yes 7 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk