

## **Board of Education**

### **Northeast Kansas Education Service Center**

#### **Minutes**

**Date: Wed., May 21, 2003**

**Location: Oskaloosa USD# 341 Central Office**

**Time: 7:30 pm - Call Meeting to Order**

At 7:30 p.m., Vice-President, Leonard Lange, called the meeting to order in the absence of President, Tom Holroyd. Members present: Carol Meneley, Leonard Lange, Keith Ostrander, Mike Miller and Tom Holroyd (arriving at 8:05 p.m.); Jim Wheeler, Executive Director; Patty Hart, Director of Special Education; Shelia Clark, Assistant Director; Susan Aspinwall, Business Manager/Clerk; Michelle Weishaar, Accounting; Rob Little, Superintendent; Sharon Branson, SETA Representative; Nancy Kraft, Grant Coordinator; and Student Research Interns, McKenzie Bolz, Kelli Erheart, and Kathryn Keys.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Ostrander moved to approve the consent agenda with no changes. Meneley seconded and motion carried 4-0.

##### **Action - Approval of Agenda**

Under Executive Session add 2) Personnel.

##### **Action - Approval of Minutes**

##### **Action - Approval of Bills and Claims**

#### **Receive - Communications from Visitors Present**

There were no communications from visitors present.

#### **Receive - Communications - Treasurer's Report**

Susan provided copies of the Treasurer's Report for the month on May.

#### **Special Education**

##### **Action - Final Resolutions for Non-Renewal of Contracts**

Jim read the final resolutions for non-renewal of contracts for the 2003-2004 school year for the following tenured teachers: Julie Howard, Dawn Miller, Zena Schmelzle, Linda Shively-Bowell, Janet Tyler, Linda Wilkerson, Tim Berens and Lee Stickle. Ostrander moved to adopt the resolutions as read. Miller seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Jim then read the final resolutions for non-renewal of contracts for the 2003-2004 school year for the following non-tenured teachers: Ed Stewart, Mandy Gerstner, Cindy Swarner, Joan Bell, Sally Holman, Kayla Collins, Myra Mohr, and Charla Shrimplin. Miller moved to adopt the resolutions as read. Meneley seconded and motion carried 4-0.

##### **Action - Personnel Update**

Shelia reviewed the list of contracts and resignations for approval. Ostrander moved to approve as presented. Meneley seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Meeting moved to RSC Item #5 and Jim introduced Nancy Kraft, Grant Coordinator.

#### **Information/Discussion - Classroom for Middle School Students with Social/Emotional Needs**

Patty reported that we are still in the process of interviewing for a teacher for the MS classroom, but have not hired a teacher to date. We will probably start the year with two to three students and have up to five or six later. The current plan is to locate the classroom in Oskaloosa.

At 8:05 p.m., Tom Holroyd arrived at the meeting.

### **Information/Discussion - Tiny K (Infant/Toddler Program)**

Patty reported that due to the state budget shortfall, the Tiny K program will not have enough funds to provide services at the current level. This program is for birth thru 2 yr.-olds and no local school districts money is going to the program. Current funding sources include state and federal governments, Medicaid, and Jefferson County, through Cottonwood. The state suggested we do fund-raisers to support the program.

## **Regional Service Center**

### **Action - Approve KanRen as Provider for InterNet Consortium**

Jim explained that KanRen has made a bid to provide 3 Megabit bandwidth internal connectivity to our networked schools next school year. Our cost for membership in KanRen and bandwidth will be \$1249 per month before E-rate. This rate is less than current costs through Alltel. The value-added of an affiliation with KanRen will include KanEd network access since they are the primary contractor. Lange moved to approve KanRen for the InterNet Provider. Meneley seconded and motion carried 5-0.

### **Action - NEKESC Local Assessment Budgets**

Jim presented the following SpEd budgets for approval and explained that the supplemental assessment for the MS classroom had been kept separate from the overall assessment for services. If the carryover is sufficient at June 30th year end, the additional assessment would be taken from carryover funds. Meneley moved to approve the Special Ed Budgets as presented, contingent on funding sources for the MS classroom. Miller seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Lange opposed.

1. Fund #01 - General Fund - \$4,599,102
2. Fund #02 - Vocational Special Needs Fund - \$85,409
3. Fund #06 - ECSE Preschool Fund - \$369,814
4. Fund #12 - Vision Impaired Fund - \$21,633
5. Fund #15 - Hearing Impaired Fund - \$50,807

### **Action - NEKESC Regional Service Center Budgets**

Jim presented the following Regional Service Center Budgets for approval. Lange moved to approve as presented. Meneley seconded and motion carried 5-0.

1. Fund #05 Internet Consortium Fund - \$50,000
2. Fund #07 Capital Outlay Fund - \$31,000
3. Fund #10 Regional Service Center Fund - \$167,666
4. Fund #11 Technology Support Services Fund - \$75,000
5. Fund #17 Parents as Teachers - \$646,610
6. Fund #24 JDLA Fund - \$455,050
7. Fund #30 Statewide Computerized IEP Fund - \$84,296
8. Fund #33 Medicaid Fund - \$131,325

9. Fund #34 KVRIC - Regional Inservice Fund - \$5,000

#### **Information/Discussion - KASB Insurance Pool**

KASB will not provide NEKESC with a quote until closer to renewal time.

#### **Information/Discussion - Student Research Interns**

Nancy introduced three students, from NEKESC regional high schools: Kelli Erheart, JCN; Kathryn Keys, McLouth; and MacKenzie Bolz, Valley Falls. These three students along with several others, have served as Youth Research Interns, and presented information on their involvement as researchers of the School-To-Careers program. These students, who received training in research skills with Dr. Nancy Kraft, have been interviewing high school students and teachers this past year concerning perceptions of STC. They shared their experience as researchers, insights into their role, and preliminary findings from their research. Lange thanked them for their presentation and they left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Meeting returned to SpEd Item #3.

#### **Executive Session**

At 8:45 p.m. Lange moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes until 9:00 p.m. to discuss negotiations and administrative contracts. Miller seconded and motion carried 5-0. Sharon Branson and Rob Little left the meeting.

At 9:00 p.m. Miller moved to extend executive session for 30 minutes until 9:30 p.m. to continue discussion of negotiations and administrative contracts. Meneley seconded and motion carried 5-0.

At 9:30 p.m. open session resumed. Ostrander moved to extend Patty, Judy and Shelia's contracts for one more year. Meneley seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Lange opposed. Miller moved to extend Dr. Wheeler's contract for one more year at \$84,192 plus the supplemental contract amount. Meneley seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Lange opposed. Ostrander moved to give Patty, Judy, Shelia and Susan a 1-1/2 % increase plus \$500. Miller seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Lange opposed.

Ostrander moved to approve the negotiated agreement. Miller seconded and motion carried 5-0.

#### **Adjournment**

At 9:35 p.m. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Lange seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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Tom Holroyd Susan Aspinwall, CPS  
President Business Manager/Clerk