

Board of Education

Northeast Kansas Education Service Center

Minutes

Date: April 20th, 2005

Location: USD #341 Oskaloosa Central Office

Time: 7:00 p.m. Call Meeting to Order

At 7:00 p.m., President, Tom Holroyd called the meeting to order. Members present: Tom Holroyd, Dave Jolly (for Carol Meneley), David Tenpenny and Todd Gigstad; Jim Wheeler, Ph.D., Executive Director; Shelia Smith, Assistant Director; Susan Aspinwall, Business Manager/Clerk; Linda Kilgore, Administrative Secretary/Grant Coordinator; Dave Grove, Superintendent; and Sharon Branson, SETA Representative.

• Action - Consent Agenda

Jolly moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Gigstad seconded and motion carried 4-0.

1. Approval of Agenda

Under RSC: Table #2 Action - Approve Increase in Fund #17 - Parents as Teachers; Add #5 Action - Non Renewal of Contracts; Delete Executive Session.

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Approval of Bills and Claims

• Communications from Visitors Present

There were no communications from visitors present.

• Communications

1. Treasurer's Report

Susan provided copies of the treasurer's report for the month of April.

• Special Education

1. Action - Personnel Update

Shelia reviewed the list of contracts, resignations, and terminations for approval. Gigstad moved to approve as listed. Jolly seconded and motion carried 4-0.

2. Information/Discussion - Update on State Special Education Finance

The latest plan includes a \$26 million increase for at-risk students, an \$11 million increase for bilingual students and an increase in special education spending by \$17.7 million. This would convert the bottom line for State Categorical Aid to \$19,400 per teacher FTE. To date we have been using \$18,000 for budget calculations.

3. Information/Discussion - Staffing Needs

Judy and Shelia have analyzed the student projections for the upcoming school year and how those needs affect staff assignments. Shelia discussed some of their plans, including the need for an additional MS level functional skills classroom. There is also a need for another elementary teacher at USD #377, no additional certified teachers will be needed in the budget to meet student needs.

• Regional Service Center

1. Action - KASB Dues and Legal Assistance Fees

It is time to renew our membership with KASB as well as renew our participation in their Legal Services Department. The annual membership fees are the same as billed last year, \$1,375.

However, the legal assistance fee has increased by \$200 annually to a new amount of \$1,100. Tenpenny moved to approve the fees as presented. Gigstad seconded and motion carried 4-0.

2. Action - Approve Increase in Fund #17 - Parents as Teachers

This item was tabled.

3. Action - Approve Contract With USD #409 Atchison

NEKESC has been asked to provide Adaptive PE Services for the Atchison School District at a net cost (after Cat. Aid) of \$13.80 per hour plus mileage. The services will be for 2 hours per week for 22 weeks. Jolly moved to approve the contract with USD #409 as presented. Tenpenny seconded and motion carried 4-0.

4. Information/Discussion - Update on PE Grant

Jim reported on the PE grant. He provide a copy of the handout “Physical Education Efficacy Scale” which is being provided to students to determine how they feel about their abilities in a variety of skills and activities in their physical education classes. He discussed plans to test students in order to show progress on the State PE Standards. He described curriculum mapping being done along with the plans to achieve specific benchmarks. A workshop will be held on Monday for further training of staff on the equipment that has been provided through the grant.

5. Action - Non Renewal Resolutions

Jim reviewed that every year we non-renew grant staff who are also certified teachers in order to comply with the Kansas cash basis and continuing contract laws. Holroyd read resolutions for non renewal of contracts for the following tenured teachers: Janet Tyler, Linda Wilkerson, Cindy Swarner, Dawn Miller, Lee Stickle, and Linda Shively-Bowell. Jolly moved to adopt the resolutions as presented. Tenpenny seconded and motion carried 4-0.

• Adjournment

At 7:20 p.m., Gigstad moved to adjourn the meeting. Tenpenny seconded and motion carried 4-0

Thomas Holroyd
President

Susan Aspinwall, CPS
Business Manager/Clerk