



Board of Education Minutes

Supers Scheduled to Attend Board Meeting

Jean Rush, Regular

Steve Johnston, Alternate

Date: December 20, 2006

Location: USD #341 Oskaloosa Central Office

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

At 7:02, in the absence of the President, Gary Willits called the meeting to order. Members present: Gary Willits, Beryl Darrah, Dave Jolly, Dan Evans, Linda Aldridge, Executive Director, Judy Denton, Special Education Director, Tiera Caley-Kronshage, Special Education Coordinator, Cindy Kelly, KASB Attorney, the Gifted Facilitators; Julie Frisbie, Alana Kasperek, Kathy Saving, Chris Twenhafel, Emily Happer; Sharon Laverentz, Teacher/SETA Representative, Sharon Branson, Vocational Education Instructor/SETA Representative, Terri Coughlin, JDLA Principal and Dona Higgins.

Consent Agenda

Jolly moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Darrah seconded and motion carried 4-0.

At 7:03 p.m. Sharon Porter arrived at the meeting.

At 7:04 p.m. Tom Holroyd arrived at the meeting and resumed the President's role.

Receive – Communications from Visitors Present

Chris Twenhafel and Alana Kasperek presented information on the robotics curriculum, demonstrating a particular component of robotics. The group discussed the importance of the component, and how the robots have enhanced teamwork, modifications skills and problem solving. Kathy Saving, Gifted Facilitator, also made a presentation about working with the Confucius Institute and gifted students to study Chinese language.

Julie Frisbie introduced Emily Happer as her replacement for Jefferson West and Atchison County Community Schools, beginning January 2, 2007.

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Sharon Branson, Vocational/Transition Coordinator/SETA Representative and Sharon Laverentz, Teacher/SETA Representative, presented a retirement gift to Julie Frisbie and will be adding her name to the SETA plaque for exceptional service to students.

At 7:20 p.m. Jean Rush, Superintendent, arrived at the meeting.

Receive – Communications

- 1. Treasurer's Report** – Linda provided copies of the treasurer's report for the month of December.

Action Items

1. Action – Personnel Update

Judy reviewed the list of contracts, resignations and terminations for approval. Gigstad moved to approve as listed. Evans seconded and motion carried 7-0.

2. Action – Carl Perkins Budget

The Carl Perkins Budget was presented for approval in the amount of \$92,843. Jolly moved to approve the budget as presented. Darrah seconded and motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session

At 7:27 p.m. Willits made a motion to go in to Executive Session for 30 minutes until 7:57 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel matters to protect the privacy interest of individuals and consult with our attorney on a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege. The Executive Session meeting included Cindy Kelly, KASB Attorney. Jolly seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 8:27 p.m. open session resumed and Gigstad moved to go in to Executive Session for 30 minutes until 8:57 p.m. to continue discussing personnel matters to protect the privacy interest of individuals. Evans seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 8:57 p.m. open session resumed and Gigstad moved to go in to Executive Session for 5 minutes until 9:02 p.m. to continue discussing personnel matters to protect the privacy interest of individuals. Jolly seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 9:02 p.m. open session resumed and Gigstad moved to go in to Executive Session for 5 minutes until 9:07 p.m. to continue discussing personnel matters to protect the privacy interest of individuals. Jolly seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 9:07 p.m. the Board resumed open session.

Gigstad moved to approve the settlement agreement with Kansas Families & Schools Together, Inc. and authorized Thomas Holroyd, Board President, to sign the document. Jolly seconded and the motion carried 6-1.

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Information/Discussion Items

1. Information/Discussion - Policy Review

Linda presented a packet of policies and procedures for the Board to review and/or adopt.

Eric Bowser, Treasurer, reviewed the Investment of Idle Funds policy we obtained from KASB. The policy suggests districts bid out investments of idle funds to maximize investment income.

The Board recommended no action at this time and requested Linda review the Investment of Idle Funds policy and modify the language for review at a later time.

The review of the other policies and procedures were tabled until the January Board meeting.

2. Information/Discussion - Knights of Columbus Donation for EC

As in previous years, Knights of Columbus Council #2885 donated proceeds from their annual Tootsie Roll Drive to the early childhood program of NEKESC. Judy sent a thank you letter to the organization indicating the donation will be used to purchase materials for our center-based classrooms.

3. Information/Discussion - Medicaid Reimbursement

Judy recently received information about changes occurring in Medicaid reimbursement. Currently, we are being reimbursed using the bundled rate procedure. Beginning 07/01/07, the reimbursement process will be based on a fee for service model.

Another change in Medicaid procedures is the State is requiring physician scripts to be collected for PT, OT and speech services for Medicaid eligible students. We are currently only required to have physician scripts for PT services.

The change in both procedures will create additional work for teachers and could potentially lower Medicaid reimbursements.

4. Action Item - KPERS Designated Agent Changes

Gigstad moved to make Dona Higgins the lead designated agent and Krystal Porter the second designated agent. Porter seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

5. Information/Discussion – Employers Mutual Safety Dividend Check

We received a safety dividend check in the amount of \$1430.00 from Employers Mutual. The reimbursement was placed in Fund 01.

6. Information/Discussion – JDLA

Judy and Terri Coughlin, Principal/JDLA will meet with Highland Community College about potentially using their building in Perry when the bridge closes to house the JDLA. We have heard the closure date for the project will begin 03/12/07. The Board will be kept apprised of any negotiations with HCC.

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7. Information/Discussion – Negotiations

Linda notified the Board that NEKESC will be exchanging letters with SETA regarding potential changes to the Negotiated Agreement. This occurs in February. The Board asked Linda to review the Negotiated Agreement for proposed changes to be discussed at the January board meeting.

8. Information/Discussion – Reorganization

Linda presented a reorganization chart to the Board for review. The Board discussed the new manager positions proposed on the chart. Discussion took place among the Board members regarding the reorganization chart and possible changes.

9. Information/Discussion – Copy Machine Leases

NEKESC currently has several copy machines up for lease. Dona presented bids obtained for new copiers for both the Lecompton and Oskaloosa offices. The Board directed the recommended vendor be contacted and a contract negotiated to be presented at the January meeting as an action item.

10. Information/Discussion - PE Grant

On this year's PE Grant, there is \$158,000 for equipment purchases for the districts. However, there is a possible recoupment issue of \$86,000 for fiscal year 2004-2005 on the PE Grant. We will be holding any equipment purchases until that issue is resolved.

Executive Session

At 9:58 p.m. Jolly moved to go in to Executive Session for 30 minutes until 10:28 p.m. to discuss personnel and student matters to protect the privacy interest of individuals. The session included Judy Denton and Tiera Caley-Kronshage entering the Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. Willits seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 10:28 p.m. open session resumed and Gigstad moved to go in to Executive Session for 20 minutes until 10:48 p.m. to continue discussion of personnel matters to protect the privacy interest of individuals. Jolly seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 10:32 p.m. Judy and Tiera were dismissed from Executive Session.

At 10:48 p.m. open session resumed and Gigstad moved to go in to Executive Session for 10 minutes until 10:58 p.m. to continue discussion of personnel matters to protect the privacy interest of individuals. Jolly seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 10:58 p.m. open session resumed and Jolly moved to go in to Executive Session for 10 minutes until 11:08 p.m. to continue discussion of personnel matters to protect the privacy interest of individuals. Willits seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 11:08 p.m. open session resumed and Jolly moved to go in to Executive Session for 10 minutes until 11:18 p.m. to continue discussion personnel matters to protect the privacy interest of individuals. Gigstad seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

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At 11:18 p.m. open session resumed and Jolly moved to go in to Executive Session for 10 minutes until 11:28 p.m. to continue discussing personnel matters to protect the privacy interest of individuals. Gigstad seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 11:28 p.m. open session resumed.

Evans moved to accept the reorganization plan as presented. Darrah seconded and the motion carried 6-1.

Adjournment

At 11:36 p.m. Gigstad moved to adjourn the meeting. Jolly seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 11:37 p.m. Evans moved to rescind the adjournment motion as requested. Porter seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Evans moved to amend the motion to accept the reorganization plan as presented to reflect a \$4,000 increase for each of the three contracts presented. Darrah seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment

At 11:40 p.m. Gigstad moved to adjourn the meeting. Evans seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Thomas Holroyd
President

Dona Higgins
Assistant Board Clerk

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