

Board of Education



Minutes

Supers Scheduled to Attend Board Meeting

Jon Pfau, Regular

Jean Rush, Alternate

Date: October 17, 2007

Location: NEKESC Business Office, 1220 Walnut Street, Oskaloosa

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

At 7:00 p.m., Todd Gigstad, president called the meeting to order. Members present: Todd Gigstad, LaVerne Clark, Dave Jolly, Gary Willits, Mike Tullis (replacing Dan Evans), Jenny Morgison and Karen Edmonds (replacing Bill Perry).

Others Present: Linda Aldridge, Executive Director; Shelia Smith, Assistant Director of Special Education; Terri Coughlin, JDLA Principal; Rhonda Denning, Special Education Coordinator; Kent Jackson, Teacher; Lily Kober, UniServ Director; Sharon Branson, SETA Representative; Jon Pfau, Superintendent; Larry Mears, Attorney; Jeanette Souther, Special Education Coordinator; and Krystal Porter, Clerk of the Board.

Monthly Action Items

1. Approval of Agenda
Jolly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Clark seconded and the motion carried 7-0.
2. Approval of Minutes
Jolly made a motion to approve the September minutes as mailed to members. Clark seconded and the motion carried 7-0.
3. Approval of Bill & Claims
Jolly made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims as presented. Morgison seconded and the motion carried 7-0.
4. Approval of Personnel Update

Rhonda reviewed the Personnel Update for approval. Clark made a motion to approve the Personnel Update as presented. Jolly seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Monthly Communications

1. Receive Communications from Visitors Present
Sharon Branson, Vocational /Education Coordinator shared with the BOE that she took students to Mentoring Day and that the students enjoyed themselves.

Sharon shared with the members that Joyce Reece, Interrelated Teacher at Perry Elementary School, passed away due to complications after a double knee replacement surgery and will be missed by all.

Terri distributed National Learn & Serve Challenge handout that highlighted JDLA. Clark Davis has been contacted to write an article for the local paper.

2. Receive General Communications
There were no general communications.
3. Receive Letter from Charlene Knapp
Letter from Charlene Knapp thanking the Board for insurance coverage until March 31, 2008 was mailed to members.
4. Receive Treasurer's Report
Copies of the Treasures Report for the month of October were provided.
5. Receive Cash Summary Report
Cash Summary Report will be mailed to members.

Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m., Clark made a motion to go into Executive Session in the Boardroom for five minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, reconvening in this room at 7:20 p.m. The Executive Session included Linda Aldridge. Jolly seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 7:20 p.m., open session resumed and Clark made a motion to go into Executive Session in the Boardroom for five minutes to continue discussion of personnel matters of non-elected personnel, reconvening in this room at 7:25 p.m. The Executive Session included Linda Aldridge. Jolly seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 7:25 p.m., open session resumed and Clark made a motion to go into Executive Session in the Boardroom for fifteen minutes to continue discussion of personnel matters of non-elected personnel, reconvening in this room at 7:40 p.m. The Executive Session included Linda Aldridge, Lily Kober, Larry Mears, and Kent Jackson.

Kober and Jackson left Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

At 7:40 p.m., open session resumed.

Jolly made a motion to accept Kent Jackson's resignation letter dated October 17, 2007. Edmonds seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Kober, Jackson and Mears left at 7:43 p.m.

Action Items – Old Business

1. Personnel Policies

Terri reviewed the Personnel Policies with changes. Clark made a motion to approve the Personnel Policies with changes made. Morgison seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Discussion Items – Old Business

1. NEKESC Goals

Linda, Shelia, Rhonda and Jeanette presented an updated goal handout identifying activities and measurable outcomes associated with goals approved by the Board earlier this school year.

Rhonda distributed a KEEB handout and discussed NEKESC involvement with KEEB, a teacher recruitment tool.

Shelia distributed and reviewed a Cost Fact Sheet for 07-08 Teachers under Licensure Waivers. Shelia gave proposals for reimbursing new teachers on teaching waivers. The board suggested to review available scholarships, per credit reimbursement, and also suggested having teachers agree to work for NEKESC after fully licensed the same amount of years it took to recertify.

Jeanette distributed and discussed the Statewide Assessments for Students with Disabilities guidelines and Percent Proficient Graph.

The members approved the activities and outcomes discussed.

2. NEKESC Services

Shelia distributed and reviewed NEKESC Teacher/ Para Ratio and NEKESC Special Classrooms Legend.

3. JDLA Student Population

Terri distributed and reviewed a breakdown of the JDLA student population by district.

Discussion Item – New Business

1. NEKESC Interlocal Agreement

The NEKESC Interlocal agreement expires in June 2008. Linda recommended that members review the interlocal agreement with their home district board.

2. Negotiation Policies

Edmonds made a motion to approve the Negotiation Policies as presented. Clark seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session

At 9:25 p.m., Edmonds made a motion to go into Executive Session in the conference room for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, reconvening in this room at 9:50 p.m. The Executive Session included Linda Aldridge. Clark seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 9:50 p.m., open session resumed.

Adjournment

At 9:50 p.m., Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Morgison seconded and the motion carried 7-0.