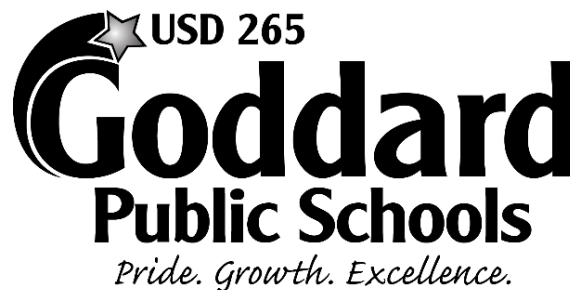


Goddard USD No. 265 Board of Education
Central Administration Center, BOE Room
201 S. Main Street
Goddard, Kansas 67052

Monday, April 11th, 2016
7:00 pm



Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 265, Sedgwick County, Goddard, Kansas, met at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, April 11th, 2016, for a regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting in the Board of Education Room of the USD 265 Central Administration Center. BOE members present in the Board of Education Room: President Kevin McWhorter, Vice-President Ruth Wood, Ms. Sara McDonald, Mrs. Nicole Hawkins, Mr. Mark Richards, Mr. Bob Merritt, and Mr. Jamey Blubaugh. Also present in the Board of Education Room: Dr. Justin B. Henry, Superintendent; Dr. Julie Cannizzo, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Jeff Hersh, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Doug Maxwell, Finance Director; Mr. John Robb, Board Attorney; and Mr. Dane Baxa, Clerk of the Board.

1. Call to Order

President Kevin McWhorter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.1 Flag Salute

Students from Apollo Elementary School led the flag salute.

1.2 The Mission of USD 265

President McWhorter read the mission statement of USD 265, "the mission of Goddard School District, USD 265 is to educate all students for lifelong success."

1.3 Award Presentation

Dr. Henry was presented with The Runner-up for the Kansas Association of Superintendents, Superintendent of Year for 2015. He was awarded a \$500.00 scholarship that will be gifted to a graduating senior from Goddard Public Schools.

1.4 District Attitude Awards

Attitude Awards were presented to the following individuals:

Susan Smith, Central Administration Office, was nominated by Jeannette Nixon. Her nominator wrote, "Recently, I had to switch my insurance to the school's plan. With this came a ton of questions, what ifs, and frustration. Throughout this process, Susan Smith has answered the many questions I have had, sent me temporary cards, and quite simply went above and beyond the call of duty! She always did it with a smile and quickly! We are lucky to have her here in Goddard!"

Christine Maxwell, Nutrition Services, was nominated by Maryann Thompson. Her nominator wrote, “I would like to nominate Christine Maxwell for the Attitude Award. She is ALWAYS SO KIND! I have asked her some of the same questions over and over, requested lists and forms from her, and even if she’s already answered the same question multiple times, Christine just remains calm, sweet, and never has a tone to her voice, never sounds busy, hurried, irritated, or tired. I don’t know how she does it. I’m sure she has to deal with a variety of people, all day, every day. Every time I get off the phone with her, I am able to just...exhale.”

Jessica Clark, Technology, was nominated by Mitch Krueger. Her nominator wrote, “I would like to nominate Jessi Clark for the Attitude Award. Jessi goes above and beyond in the service she provides. The following is just one example of the positive impact she has on the staff and students in our district. The Business Professionals of America group from Goddard High School went to a competition at West High on February 18 and 19. Marcy Cross emailed Jessi with a problem that her students were having which did not allow them to log into the computers they took to the competition at West High. Jessi went above what was expected of her, kept the students’ success in mind, and made arrangements to meet Marcy Cross, the BPA Coach at GHS, in Wichita. She accomplished this task before she was assigned to be at work. The group was supposed to present at the competition using the computers at 8:00 a.m., and due to Jessi’s commitment to the students in our district, the students were able to compete. We really appreciate all that she does!”

Bryce Walter, Athletic Trainer for Mid-America Orthopedics, was nominated by Eric Burr, parent of an Arkansas City Student-Athlete. His nominator wrote, “Good Morning Principal Bridwell. I wanted to drop you an email and let you know how much I appreciated the care my daughter received by one of your sports trainers during the basketball season. Unfortunately, I do not recall his name, but during the C Team Ark City vs. Goddard girls basketball game about a month ago, my daughter was injured on the floor. The Ark City trainer was not at the site and your trainer stepped up and provided excellent care. I could tell that he is truly a professional due to the level of concern he showed for a player from an opposing bench. He also took the time to explain about the injury and a course of action moving forward. Please extend my appreciation to your trainer.”

Rhonda Arlt, Classroom Teacher at Explorer, was nominated anonymously. Her nominator wrote, “I would like to recommend Rhonda Arlt for the attitude award. Rhonda is a problem solver, a team player, and is always available to help others. When we first opened our building Rhonda was our tech person, and everyone relied heavily on her to help them solve technology problems and find solutions to technology issues. She continues to serve in that capacity in our building even though she no longer has the title. When Rhonda discovered that there wouldn’t be enough iPads in her classroom to support the activities that she wanted to implement, she went out and sought grant money. By doing so she added enough iPads to her room to meet her planning needs for her students. In addition to writing grants she reached out to individuals and companies in order to add hardware and software to her classroom in an effort to further enhance the delivery of instruction.

A couple of years ago Rhonda had a group of challenging boys in her classroom. At first it was a bit frustrating, but then she began researching ways to reach students who have difficulty focusing during instructional and independent practice time. In doing her research she ran across Whole Brain Teaching. If you’ve not had the opportunity to observe a teacher who incorporates Whole Brain Teaching, I would encourage you to visit her classroom in order to see how this approach keeps kids focused and on task in a fun way. It is also research based to help students make connections with what they are learning. Mrs. Arlt is recognized by the Whole Brain Teaching Company as an outstanding

teacher and mentor for this actively involved approach to learning. The president of the company has even contacted her and shared his enthusiasm about her success. Rhonda has also begun sharing with other teachers in our building and helping them to learn more about Whole Brain Teaching and how to incorporate it into their classrooms. We're very fortunate to have Rhonda Arlt as a valued member of our Explorer School Family and our district."

Stover Restoration, was nominated by Craig Phelps and Ryan Jilka. Their nominators wrote, "we'd like to nominate Phil and Trace Stover and the crew of Stover's Restoration for the District Attitude Award. In March, Discovery had a sewer pipe break under our north pod, causing a less than pleasant odor. Craig Phelps called Stover out to our facility, due to the nature of the clean-up. The Stover's Restoration crew responded immediately, were very cognizant of the fact that school was in session, and did a wonderful job of taking care of our issue. When asked about the estimated cost of this project, we were told that we wouldn't be charged. Because of their extraordinary generosity, we would like to nominate The Stover's' and their crew of Cori, Logan, Preston, and Drake for the Great Attitude award. We appreciate all that they have done for Discovery Intermediate School and the Goddard Public Schools."

1.5 Adopt Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Richard, second by Mr. Bob Merritt, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

2. Information from the Superintendent

Dr. Henry recognized Member, Mrs. Nicole Hawkins for becoming the newest member of the Kansas Association of School Boards Leadership Class.

Dr. Henry introduced Mrs. Shannon Wedge, recommended candidate for the Executive Director of the Goddard Education Foundation.

Dr. Henry invited BOE members to attend the Governor's Achievement Award recognition ceremonies at Discovery Intermediate School beginning at 2:30 p.m. and then transitioning to a school-wide assembly at Apollo Elementary School beginning at 3:15 on Thursday, April 14th, 2016. The Governor's Achievement Award honors schools performing in the top 5 percent of the state. Only 36 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, and 11 high schools in Kansas achieve this award. Goddard Public Schools is proud to have 2 schools, Apollo Elementary School and Discovery Intermediate School achieve this significant honor.

Dr. Henry provided the Board of Education the 2016 Graduation Ceremony schedule. The Goddard Academy will be holding Graduation beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12th in the Goddard High School Auditorium. The Goddard High School graduation is at 1:00 p.m. and the Eisenhower High School graduation is at 5:00 p.m., both EHS and GHS are on Saturday, May 14th at Hartman Arena.

Dr. Henry invited Board of Education members to attend the End of the Year Staff Meeting beginning at 7:45 a.m. on Friday, May 20th in Eisenhower High School Auditorium.

Mr. John Robb provided a legislative update.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Ruth Wood, second by Mrs. Nicole Hawkins, to approve the March 7th BOE Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

4. Information, Reports, and Presentations

4.1 Bond Results

During the February BOE meeting, the board authorized the district's bond advisor George K Baum & Company to bid the refunding of both the 2008 Series and 2009-2 Series GO Debt. Previously the board approved the 2016-A Series which refunded the callable debt remaining on the 2008 Series.

Director Maxwell recommended approval of the bond refunding 2016-B Series presented by George K Baum. The 2016-B bonds will refund the callable balance of the 2009-2 Series Taxable GO "Build America" Bonds; such bonds were priced on March 23 for a total present value savings of \$1,667,709.09 and total cash savings through lower payments of **\$2,046,365.50**. Pending board approval of the attached bond purchase agreement (BPA) and all related documents the bonds will close on April 27, 2016.

The total cash value savings for the 2015, 2016-A and 2016-B Series refunding bonds combined based on the lower annual debt service – will be **\$4,307,810.37**. Kansas also shares in this savings due to reduced state aid payments on the new lower annual debt service.

A motion was made by Mr. Bob Merritt, second by Mr. Mark Richards , to approve a resolution authorizing and providing for the sale issuance and delivery of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2016-B, of Unified School District No. 265, Sedgwick County, Kansas (Goddard), for the purpose of providing funds to refund a portion of the issuer's outstanding general obligation bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof and authorizing certain other documents and actions connected therewith. The motion carried 7-0.

4.2 Board Policy Section J

Dr. Henry provided a first read on recommendations for BOE Policy Section J.

4.3 Student Handbooks

Mr. Hersh provided a first read of the proposed student handbooks with the exception of Eisenhower High School. The first read of the handbooks presented tonight do not include the proposed recommendations for Policy Section J, as the recommended policies are under consideration for approval at the regular May BOE meeting.

4.4 Special Education Update

Dr. Henry provided an update as identified in the 2015-16 goal 1.2 "Monitor the changes implemented by the Sedgwick County Special Education Cooperative and analyze the impact to our district."

Mrs. Stacie Morris, Assistant Director of the Sedgwick County Area Educational Services Interlocal Cooperative #618, provided an update to the BOE, including an update on the 'Day School.'

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Terminations, Resignations, and Retirements

The following terminations are recommended for acceptance:

Kelly Larcom and Angie Weaver, transportation.

The following resignations have been received and are recommended for acceptance:

Tiffany Freund, OAK kindergarten; Anne Heskett, EHS language arts teacher & scholars bowl coach; Brett Jensen, ACA social studies teacher, GHS head tennis & assistant basketball; Natalie Rust, EAR principal; Brandon Phillips & Cary Dinkel, EMS assistant football; Maggie Holder, GHS assistant basketball & assistant track; Amber Garcia, EHS junior class sponsor; Theresa Randle, EXP 3rd grade teacher; Jessie Valle, GMS Spanish teacher & newspaper/yearbook sponsor; Matt Spencer, EHS assistant tennis; Tammy Riesgo, EHS secretary; Harriet Hickman & Joyce Priess, GHS vocal music accompanist; Kimberly Highfield, Angela Steele & Irina Carter, nutrition services; Christi Luther & Greg Ott, transportation; Rodney Beach, maintenance.

The following retirements have been received and are recommended for acceptance:

Brad Friesen, EAR counselor.

5.2 Contracts and Letters of Employment

Contracts will be presented for the following:

Mary Januea Walters, GHS science teacher; Jordan Funk, DIS 5th grade teacher; Shannon Wedge, Executive Director to GEF; Corey Flax, GMS science teacher; Christopher Shaw, GHS vocal music teacher; Jessica Keys, GHS math teacher & head volleyball; Bethany Hopson, EHS art teacher; Meghan Alexander, EHS science teacher; Heather Potter, GMS Spanish/computer apps teacher; Jessica Conner, EHS junior class sponsor; Pat Easum, EMS yearbook/newspaper.

Letters of Employment will be presented for the following:

Amanda Condray, Title I para; Fraley Smith & Daniel Haley, transportation.

5.3 Principals and Assistant Principals

Renew contracts for building principals and assistant principals for the 16-17 school year (no compensation considerations at this time).

Principals (2 Year Roll Over - As approved for Asst. Supts):

Doug Bridwell, Jess Herbig, Lisa Hogarth, Sean Hollas, Don Howell, Ryan Jilka, Jerry Longabaugh, Scott May, Ashley Miller and Mitzi Smith - 1 Year Christie Meyer (new to position).

Assistant Principals (1 Year Contracts):

Eric Armstrong (new), Matt Cavanaugh, Tracy Giddens, Susan Perkins, Travis Rink (new) and Erik Semrad.

5.4 Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Grant: Chick-fil-A - EHS received \$1,500.00 and GHS received \$1,000.00 for spirit week promotion.

Gift: Mobile Telcom - EHS received a \$500.00 donation for the EHS BPA trip from Mobile Telcom (Casey Laubach, owner) on behalf of Jordan Greene. I'm pretty sure MobileTelcom is his Dad's employer. The payment was made electronically so there is no check to attach.

Gift: Target-Take-Charge - APO received \$815.27 through the Target program.

Grant: Delta Kappa Gamma - CHA received \$2,865.52 from their educational foundation for a project completed.

Grant: Tell Us Your Recycling Story - Denise Scribner and Students at EHS qualified - Their submission to Recycle Rally's Tell Us Your Recycling Story contest has been chosen as the 4th place winner. EHS will receive a check valued at \$500 and will use part of it to purchase mulch for the OWLS gardens in May.

Book Fair Results: Spring Conferences

Presented in the BOE packets, were the results from the spring book fairs held by various buildings for the benefit of their libraries. The libraries traditionally host book fairs the week of parent-teacher conferences both in the fall and spring. Total combined value (cash, vouchers and donated products) of all book fairs this spring was \$19,627.52

5.5 Busby, Ford & Reimer Engagement Letter

Approve Finance Director Maxwell to engage the firm of Busby, Ford and Reimer, LLC to again prepare the district's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

5.6 2016-17 Capital Outlay Plan

Approve the 2016 Capital Outlay Proposal as presented for the total amount of \$1,204,076.00.

5.7 2016-17 Fee Schedule

Approve the 2016-17 Student Fee Schedule as presented.

5.8 E-Rate Internet Service

Approve the response from CDWG for \$18,420 for two internet routers to support faster internet service on the Goddard and Eisenhower Campus' from the E-Rate bid process.

5.9 Novel Proposal

Approve Wonder to the list of approved novels for 6th grade.

5.10 Board Policy Section G

Approve the proposed recommendations for Policy Section G, Personnel, as presented for a first read at the March BOE meeting without changes.

5.11 Goddard Education Foundation Agreement

Approve the Goddard Education Foundation Agreement created by John Robb, outlining the employee sharing agreement with the foundation and the reimbursement of up to \$84,000 from the Foundation to the District. This should cover the \$70,000 salary, FICA, health insurance stipend if chosen, and KPERS.

5.12 Summer Camps

Approve the summer camps as presented.

5.13 Equipment Surplus

Approve Technology to remove from inventory and recycle the equipment list as presented. The equipment from the proposal has already been removed from service because they no longer are in working condition.

5.14 Homebound Services

Approve homebound services for one Goddard High School student.

A motion was made by Ms. Ruth Wood, second by Mr. Mark Richards, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

6. Monthly Business Report

6.1 Approve Bills and Transfers

A motion was made by Mrs. Nicole Hawkins, second by Mr. Jamey Blubaugh, to pay the bills and transfers in the amount of \$1,424,721.34. The motion carried 7-0.

6.2 Activity and Special Education Bus Bids

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Richards, second by Mrs. Nicole Hawkins, to give Mr. Maxwell the authority to purchase up to 2 activity buses (\$130,781 each, total of \$261,562) and 3 specially equipped buses (\$69,713.00 each, total of \$209,139) for a grand total of \$470,701 from the lowest bid presented from Kansas Truck funded from capital outlay via lease/purchase financing. The motion carried 7-0.

6.3 Bus Lease Financing Bids

Director Maxwell informed the BOE he will seek financing for the purchase price of the 20 buses already approved previously by the BOE to lease/purchase, by sending out a request for proposal (RFP) for financing in time for the board to approve the selected finance company prior to the delivery of the first buses.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Dane Baxa, Clerk of the Board, USD 265 BOE

APPROVED:

Kevin McWhorter, President, USD 265 BOE