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

Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, for a regularly scheduled meeting in the Board of Education Room of the USD 265 Central Administration Center. BOE members present in the Board of Education Room: President Ruth Wood, Vice-President Bob Merritt, Mrs. Nicole Hawkins, Ms. Sara McDonald, Mr. Jamey Blubaugh, Mr. Mark Richards, and Mr. Kevin McWhorter. 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 Ruth Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### 1.1 Flag Salute

The Flag Salute was led by students from Discovery Intermediate School.

## 1.2 USD 265 Mission Statement

President Ruth Wood read the USD 265 Mission Statement, "The mission of Goddard School District, USD 265 is to educate all students for lifelong success."

#### 1.3 Attitude Awards

Mr. Jeff Hersh presented District Attitude Awards to the following individuals.

Mrs. Mindy Barr, Goddard Middle School Teacher, was nominated by Mrs. Lisa Hogarth, Principal of Goddard Middle School. Her nominator wrote "I would like to nominate Mindy Barr for the district's Positive Attitude Award. She has been instrumental in the addition of PLTW classes at GMS and she has shown such initiative and leadership in the adoption and implementation of Capturing Kids Hearts at GMS! This year she is the teacher of the Teen Leadership class and she is doing a fantastic job. I asked her with just two days' notice if a couple of the Teen Leadership students could come to our Site council meeting and talk about the class. Mindy brought several students to the meeting and each of them spoke. It was a powerful testament to what she is accomplishing with that class. The parents were very impressed with the students and Mindy's efforts and excited to have the class at GMS. Mindy received an email from a parent of a student who is currently enrolled in Teen Leadership. It speaks for itself! Mindy is an invaluable asset to the GMS Team and I have tremendous respect for her and all she has

accomplished these past several years not only to challenge herself but because she recognizes the benefits to our students."

The parent email read "I just wanted to let you know what an impact you and the Leadership class is having on Brooke. She talks about the class a lot and yesterday she shared about how she is working on her relationship with her brother. You gave her some great advice that I have tried giving her over the years, but fell on deaf ears. She looks up to you and the words you share. Thank you for what you are doing! She also told me she volunteered to share about what the class has done for her. Totally shocking! She is not someone who would volunteer for standing in front of others to talk. We talked about what she had written and she totally hoped she would get picked! I just felt I needed to share the changes you are making in Brooke and how she is carrying over what she has learned into her personal life. Thank you for your time you given to her."

Mr. Jerry Quick, USD 265 Police Department, was nominated by Dee Byerley, EHS Food Service Manager. His nominator wrote, "I would like to give Police Officer Jerry Quick some recognition for his service here at EHS. From his very first day here he has shown an amount of caring and respect to the students that shows all through the day. All of the students feel more at ease being able to come talk to him about any problem or question they might have. He will pick a group of students during each of our 3 lunches and eat with them. He makes them feel important, which every child needs. We have had him put money on a student's account so that child would eat. Not once do you hear or see a complaint, regardless of the tasks at hand. The law students love his stories and experience he shares with them. EHS is beyond lucky to have him as an employee."

## 1.4 Adopt Agenda

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

## 2. Information from the Superintendent

## 2.1 Dr. Justin B. Henry, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Henry discussed the upcoming KASB conference. He also invited all BOE members to tour the district on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:15 a.m.. They will be meeting at Eisenhower Middle School and will then be visiting Amelia Earhart Elementary School.

Dr. Henry summarized the Board of Education workshop, immediately prior to this BOE Meeting, provided an overview of the progress of the capital planning initiative. The Steering committee and evaluation teams have been meeting to develop information and are planning to present a plan to the Board of Education to consider at the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 BOE meeting.

Dr. Henry stated the Sedgwick County Special Education Cooperative purchased the former Mount Hope Elementary School building from the Haven School District.

Mr. John Robb provided a legislative update.

#### 3. Minutes

## 3.1 Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Bob Meeritt, second by Mrs. Nicole Hawkins, to approve the minutes from the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 BOE Meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

## 4. Information/Reports/Presentations

#### 4.1 Insurance Renewal Presentation

Mr. Doug Maxwell, Director of Finance, provided an overview of the district's property and casualty insurance. He then introduced Chock Chapple of CIG, who provide an overview of an insurance renewal proposal. The proposal represents a savings of just over \$55,000 from the prior year actual premium and possibly a greater savings over what the district's 2017 renewal may have been without the recommended program changes. The final proposal will be available in the next few weeks, and the BOE may be able to take action at the December BOE Meeting.

## 4.2 Big Cat Conference Summary

Dr. Julie Cannizzo provided an update on the Big Cat Conference, which was held on November 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a district-wide professional development day at Eisenhower High School. During the morning general session, school counselors provided a suicide prevention presentation to every staff member in the district in the auditorium. After the general session, all certified staff members could then choose several different presentations throughout the day from the over 100 presenters. Positive staff survey responses suggested this day was a success in meeting the professional development goals of teachers throughout the district.

## 5. Consent Agenda

## 5.1 Terminations, Resignations, and Retirements

The following resignations have been received and are recommended for acceptance: Acacia Jameson, nutrition services para; Leanne Keith, nutrition services; Steven Davis, transportation.

# 5.2 Contracts and Letters of Employment

Contracts will be presented for the following: Diamond Gulick, EHS QPA co-chair; Robert Rehse, GHS head bowling.

Letters of Employment will be presented for the following:

Virgina Brownell, OAK nurse; Steffenie Smith, EXP nuse para; Andrew Duncan, Eiland Wildman, Rickey Lawless and Alfred Causey, transportation; Shelby Mayfield, nutrition services para.

## 5.3 Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Gift: Kroger/Dillons - APO received \$684.48 through a fundraiser to be used as they see fit.

Gift: APO PTO - APO received \$874.00 to purchase Mimio Boards.

Gift: OAK PTO - OAK received 2 checks to total \$6,058.98 to purchase 23 mini lpads.

Fall 2016 Book Fair: Each library hosted a book fair during parent teacher conferences. Attached are the results from each library; in total the proceeds were \$22,385.29 which is just over a \$1,000 increase from the prior year. Proceeds remain with each library to be used to purchase books or fund other library projects/programs.

Grant: Rockwell Collins - PLTW received \$1,000.00 which helps pay part of the cost to implement Launch Computer Science at our elementary schools.

#### 5.4 Surplus Items

The proposed list of books were recently weeded from the CDS library. All of the proposed books are at least 10 years old. They have been offered to teachers for classroom use and to the parochial schools in our district.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Richards, second by Ms. Sara McDonald, 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 Mr. Kevin McWhorter, second by Mrs. Nicole Hawkins, to approve the monthly bills and transfers in the amount of \$2,075,505.75. The motion carried 7-0.

## 6.2 2016 Fiscal Audit Update

Mr. Maxwell provided an overview of the timeline and process for the 2016 Fiscal Audit. The majority of the work on the audit will be done remotely, whereas before they would be physically in the building for a couple of weeks. All business staff and building staff have been very collaboratively and transparently providing the requested information.

## 7. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Bob Merritt, second by Mr. Kevin McWhorter, to enter into executive session at 7:51 p.m. in the Board of Education room for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed and that the board return to the open meeting at 7:56 p.m. in the Board of Education room, and include Dr. Justin B. Henry, Superintendent of Schools. The motion carried 7-0.

The board resumed open session at 7:56 p.m.

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Dane Baxa, Clerk of the Board, USD 265 BOE
APPROVED:
Ruth Wood, President, USD 265 BOE