

STANTON COUNTY SCHOOL
Unified School District #452
Johnson, Kansas 67855
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Monday April 11, 2016
7:00 p.m. BOE Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Board President Chris Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chris Floyd, Wade Tucker, Brian Peterson, Daren Ruth, Marcia Halderman, Tyce McMillan, and Sheila Walker.

Administrators present: Superintendent, Mrs. Kim Novack; Principals: Mr. Jansonius and Mr. Homer

Board Clerk present: Rachelle Siebert

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Daren made a motion to approve the agenda. Sheila seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

III. AWARDS/CELEBRATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

A. Jeremy Peterson with American Implement

Jeremy Peterson and Keith Wood on behalf of American Implement presented a check to the Stanton County High School FFA Chapter in the amount of \$1,500. Accepting the donation on behalf of FFA was Caleb Sipes, Taylor Jones, and Mrs. Sipes.

B. State Power Lifting Medalists

Coach Schnable recognized Jeff Gum, Boone Steimel, and Zac Johnson for their accomplishments at the State Power Lifting meet. Jeff placed 2nd in bench press, squats, and 3rd overall in his weight class. Boone placed 2nd in bench and 4th overall in his weight class. Zac placed 1st in bench press, 2nd in squat, and 1st overall in his weight class.

C. Scholastic Art Award Recipients'

Ms. Chenoweth recognized Kylor Yohn for his digital media project "Spaced Out" which received a Silver Medal at the National Level. She also recognized Rylie Cook's clay project "Spanish Moss" which received a National Gold Medal. They have been invited to a reception at Carnegie Hall in New York City in June.

D. FBLA Qualification

Mrs. Lott recognized Cort Peterson for making it into the State finals for FBLA in public speaking. She also recognized Hannah Wenman for her election as FBLA District VIII Vice-President. Hannah shared with the board the process she went through to be elected. With her election she has been invited to attend the FBLA National Conference June 27th-July 2nd in Atlanta, Georgia.

E. National Catholic Forensic League Qualification

Mrs. Lott recognized Cort Peterson for his recent performances. Cort was one point shy of qualifying for Nationals, however, he met his goal of becoming league champion in informative speech. Jackie Chavez was recognized for her serious solo act which placed 3rd and qualified her for the National Forensic tournament in Sacramento, California.

F. Melany Jacome

Melany performed her bass clarinet solo for the board. Her solo performance was just below a I rating at contest.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. Mr. Yust – Jr/Sr High Music Instructor

Mr. Yust presented the board with a bid for a new bass clarinet. He researched four models from three different brands. He explained the need for a new instrument due to the current one showing age and requiring expensive repairs. He believes a new clarinet taken care of well can last up to 50 years.

B. Ms. Chenoweth for Scholastic Art

Ms. Chenoweth reviewed the agenda for the Scholastic Art Award Reception at Carnegie Hall in New York. She provided estimated costs for airfare, hotel, and meals. She asked the board to consider providing funds for airfare and hotel accommodations to take Rylie Cook, Kylor Yohn, Kyla Cook (as an additional sponsor), and herself. The students and sponsors would cover the cost of meals or additional educational activities.

C. Mrs. Lott for National FBLA

Mrs. Lott reviewed an agenda for the National FBLA event. She reviewed costs for airfare and hotel. She asked the board to consider providing funds for airfare and hotel for student Hannah Wenmen and herself as sponsor to Atlanta, Georgia.

D. Mrs. Lott for National Catholic Forensic League

Mrs. Lott first explained if approved she would not be able to sponsor this event due to a conflict in her schedule. Mrs Sipes will be sponsoring in her place. She asked the board to consider providing funds to cover airfare and hotel costs in Sacramento, California, for Jackie Chavez and Mrs. Sipes. She reviewed estimated costs and an itinerary of when Jackie would perform.

E. Cody Morris – Update on Safe Defend System

Sheriff Morris has been researching the Safe Defend System since Mrs. Novack enlisted his expertise in the safety area. He has been researching with Mr. Dan Cole, who presented last month, and he plans to attend the Haskall County training since they are getting ready to implement the Safe Defend system. He would like to come back and visit with the board after that training to give them pros and cons and his overall opinion of the system following that training. Mrs. Novack thanked him for his time, research, and willingness to learn more about the system from a law enforcement point of view.

The Board took a five minute break, from 8:10 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

Open Session at 8:15 p.m.

V. REPORTS:

A. Counselor Report:

Mrs. Howard-Rodriguez spoke to the board about new software she has been researching to offer the students more elective classes next year. She explained that Odyssey Ware has test prep options, AP classes, elective classes for 7-12 grade students, and credit recovery classes, if needed. She also explained that she has been working on the master schedule for next year and she and the administration are looking at a seven hour day rather than block schedule. She visited with each teacher one on one and nearly

all staff was in favor of the seven hour schedule for the fact they will see the students each day rather than every other day.

B. Superintendent Report:

Mrs. Novack first reviewed updated information on current bills in the legislative session. She attended the county simulation drill last week. She also reviewed financial reports and explained the district remains in good financial standing.

C. Principal Report:

1. Bob Homer – Elementary Report

State assessments are still going on at the elementary. Site Council meets tomorrow morning. PTO Carnival is his Friday at 5:30 p.m. He shared parent-teacher conference attendance. The modular classes attendance is up from first semester. Pre-K and Kindergarten roundup will be April 29th at the old middle school. Teacher evaluations are complete in his building.

2. Randall Jansonius – Jr/Sr High Report

Mr. Jansonius started with reviewing MTSS data. He explained that the data is showing good progress with improved reading levels for students receiving daily interventions. Site Council will meet next Wednesday. Community Pride Day will be April 20th. He has received positive feedback from prom and believed it went well. There were no student issues the entire night.

D. Board Report:

1. HPEC – Sheila Walker

Sheila attended the HPEC board meeting this month. They reviewed changes in contracts. Funding was also reviewed..

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve minutes from March 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

B. Approve payment of claims

Daren made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Tyce seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

General Fund	\$44,103.71
Supplemental General	\$122,406.93
At Risk Fund (K-12)	\$2,166.95
Special Capital Outlay	\$4,678.15
Food Service	\$12,677.40
Special Education	\$34,109.45
Vocational Education	\$339.16
Recreation Commission	\$2,828.19
Rec.Comm.Employee Benefits	\$698.82
<u>Title II-A Teacher Quality</u>	<u>\$152.62</u>
Total	\$224,161.38

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Track Photo Finish BID

Coach Horton explained to the board that the timing system we have now works, however, each time we host a track meet we have some sort of glitch due to outdated equipment. He presented a bid for the Photo Finish system. He reminded the board the

Emerald Morris Memorial Fund to the cross country and track team in the amount of \$3,800. The board then discussed the pros and cons of the system packages. Daren made a motion to purchase the silver package with the memorial fund money and the district would pay the remaining portion. Brian seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Building Control and Services (BCS) HVAC BID

Mrs. Novack asked Head of Maintenance Josh Tucker to give his recommendation on the HVAC zones. Josh recommended that the board seek other comparable quotes for the projects due to the cost of the HVAC systems.

C. Scholastic Art Trip

D. National FBLA Trip

E. National Forensics Trip

The board discussed the Scholastic Art trip, National FBLA trip, and National Forensics trip. Brian made a motion to provide funds for airfare, hotel, and transportation to and from the airport for the three national trips for the sponsor and students. Tyce seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Band Instrument BID

Marcia made a motion to approve the bid for the Selmer bass clarinet. Wade seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

G. Schultz Squared Architect Discussion

Mrs. Novack explained to the board the architects have been put on hold to prioritize summer projects. The board discussed pros and cons of the previous architect presentations. The board asked Mrs. Novack to consult with different construction companies and also discuss other ideas for the architects that include 5th and 6th grade classrooms.

H. Last Day of School (May 20th, 2016) Dismissal

Mrs. Novack recommended to the board to dismiss school at 11:00 a.m. on the last day of school to accommodate the kitchen staff cleaning kitchens. Marcia made a motion to dismiss at 11:00 a.m. on May 20th, 2016. Sheila seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board took a five minute break, from 10:15 p.m. until 10:20 p.m.

Open Session at 10:20 p.m.

I. Board of Education Self Evaluation

Each board member completed the Board of Education self evaluation. They reviewed everyone's answers and discussed how they can work more efficiently as a team and continue to make informed decisions for Stanton County Schools.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel

Chris made a motion to go into Executive Session for thirty five minutes, from 10:45 p.m. to 11:20 p.m. to discuss personnel and protect the rights of the individuals, with Mrs. Novack joining the board. Daren seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Negotiations

Brian made a motion to go into Executive Session for five minutes, from 11:20 p.m. to 11:25 p.m. to protect the Board's position during negotiations, with Mrs. Novack joining the board. Sheila seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

X. ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS:

- A. Bobbie Seger – Assistant Softball Coach
- B. Stephen McCollum – High School Science Teacher, High School Scholars' Bowl Coach, Freshmen Class Sponsor
- C. Jonathan Schnable – Jr/Sr High School Physical Education Teacher, High School Head Football Coach, Jr High Head Boys' Basketball Coach
- D. Andrea Jones – High School Head Track Coach
- E. Josh Tucker – Head of Maintenance

Daren made a motion to accept the resignations listed under section X. Wade seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

XI. APPROVE CONTRACTS:

- A. Dakota Loader – Assistant Softball Coach
- B. Corey Bixler – Jr/Sr High Science Teacher
- C. Michael Freeman – Jr/Sr High School Physical Education Teacher, Assistant High School Football Coach, and Head High School Track Coach
- D. Aaron David Bowen – Jr High Science Teacher, Head High School Football Coach
- E. Contract Renewals for 2016-2017

Sheila made a motion to approve the contracts listed under section XI, with the change of Michael Freeman assistant track coach. Marcia seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Marcia announced before the board that she will be resigning her position as board member as of June 30th, 2016 due to changing circumstances in her life.

Marcia made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 p.m. Sheila seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Clerk