

REGULAR MEETING U.S.D. # 261
BOARD ROOM - CENTRAL OFFICE - 1745 WEST GRAND
HAYSVILLE, KANSAS
September 17, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

Subject to Board Approval

The meeting of the Board of Education of Haysville School District # 261, Haysville, Kansas was called to order in the Board Room, 1745 W. Grand, Haysville, Kansas, at 7:00 p.m., by Board President, Mike Alexander. Six Board members were present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Alexander
Seth Konkel
Glenn Crum
Susan Walston
Phil Harris
Barb Walters

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. John Burke, Superintendent
Dr. Perry McCabe, Assistant Superintendent of Finance
Diane Gross, Assistant Supt. of Curriculum and Instruction
Debbie Coleman, Clerk of the Board
Dan Stiffler, Personnel Director
Becky Cezar, Director of Special Services
Sandy Bradshaw, Community Relations Coordinator
Jerry Brown, Campus High School Assistant Principal
Dr. Mike Maurer, Haysville Middle School Principal
Mike Mitchener, Nelson Elementary School Principal
Carla Heintz, Early Childhood Center Coordinator
Others

1.0 MEETING OPENING

1.1 Call to Order

Mike Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with six members present.

1.2 Flag Salute

1.3 President's Announcements

None

1.4 Approve / Amend Agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda as presented including the Executive Session for discussion of the possible acquisition of real property.

(Walston / Crum) Motion carried 6-0.

2.0 DISTRICT PATRON/PERSONNEL TIME

2.1 Hearing of Scheduled District Patrons/District Personnel

None

2.2 Remarks/Comments from District Visitors

Johnna Crawford of the Haysville Sun-Times addressed the Board regarding broadcasting of the Board meetings.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Previous Minutes

3.2 Treasurer's Report / Bills

3.3 Routine Personnel

3.4 Gifts and Grants

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

(Walston / Crum) Motion carried 6-0.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Summer School Report - Elementary School

Mike Mitchener presented information to the Board regarding the Elementary School Summer School report.

5.0 FIRST READINGS

5.1 Additional Pre-K Classroom

Carla Heintz presented information to the Board and requested an additional .5 teacher and a .5 paraprofessional for the addition of an at-risk / regular education Pre-K classroom at Ruth Clark Elementary School.

MOTION to approve the request for an additional .5 teacher and a .5 paraprofessional for the addition of an at-risk / regular education Pre-K classroom at Ruth Clark Elementary School as presented.

(Walston / Crum) Motion carried 6-0.

5.2 Additional Position

David Herbert presented information to the Board and requested the additional position of a Network Analyst for the Technology Department.

This was a first reading with no action requested from the Board.

The Board requested a job description for this position be presented at the next Board meeting.

5.3 Property and Casualty Insurance Bid

Dr. Perry McCabe introduced Mike Engelmann and Judy Winter from the Insurance Center who presented information to the Board regarding bids received for Property and Casualty Insurance for USD 261. Bids were requested from Madrigal and Welch, and the Insurance Center. The Insurance Center submitted a bid from our current provider, EMC, and a bid from Continental Western.

Administration's recommendation was to retain EMC with the base bid of \$184,051.

Madrigal and Welch did not submit a bid.

MOTION to approve the bid from EMC as presented.

(Crum / Konkel) Motion carried 4 – 2. Mike Alexander and Barb Walters voting no.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Flexible Benefit Plan – Section 125

Dr. Perry McCabe presented information to the Board regarding the Flexible Benefit Plan – Section 125.

MOTION to approve Flexible Benefit Plan – Section 125 as presented.

(Konkel / Walston) Motion carried 6-0.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A team has been put together to establish a district marketing plan which will be used to recruit teachers and improve the district's image.

8.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

8.1 Future Agenda Items

- School Improvement Initiatives – A report on the enrichment classes
- KASB Policy Review – October 1, 2007 meeting
- Additional Position for the Technology Department with a job description
- Broadcasting BOE meetings
- Preliminary District Count
- Review the district crisis plan – report
- An update regarding cameras on buses – October
- Maize school district drug policy

Seth Konkel requested to add a line item to the Board agenda under 8.0 regarding Board Discussion Items.
MOTION to add Board Report to the agenda under 8.0 as discussed.
(Konkel / Alexander) Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Walston requested administration contact other area school district to get their opinions on broadcasting their board meetings.

8.2 Board Task List

Seth Konkel inquired about a future Board Retreat and setting Board goals.

Dr. Burke stated that the Board had set three goals at the July 30, 2007 Special Board Meeting. One goal was to use the Learning Center for Board training.

Dr. Burke will provide the Board with KASB training sessions to review and rank their importance, and schedule those training topics to be held at the Learning Center and open the training to other districts.

A second goal was to review Board policy. Dr. Burke reminded the Board that they would be reviewing 5-6 policies during Board meetings.

(Per minutes of the July 30th Special Board Meeting the third goal was to “Support Completion of the District’s Strategic Plan.”)

8.3 New and Good

Barb Walters:

- Ms. Walters attended the Kansas Teacher of the Year awards. USD 261 had two teachers competing Paula Green represented the secondary level and Carla Wulf represented the elementary level. Carla Wulf was selected as a regional semi-finalist for the elementary level.

Dr. Burke:

- Campus High School’s Leadership Class Pennies for Pasta fund raiser was very successful. Campus raised the most Pennies for Pasta dollars in the State.
- Prairie Elementary School’s closed circuit video program, Live From the Dog Pound, aired for the first time today.
- Students from the Alternative school painted the parking lot at Grandlane.
- The meeting for parents of gifted students was held at the Learning Center. There was a good turnout. National Honor Society students provided childcare for the meeting.

Phil Harris:

- Friday, students from the Alternative High School worked in the Historic District gardens and did a good job.
- Mr. Harris received a call from a concerned district patron regarding street parking from the students at the Alternative High School.

Susan Walston:

- Ribbon cuttings for the completion of the construction projects our elementary schools will be: Nelson – September 27th, Freeman – September 28th, Rex – October 11th, and Oatville – 18th.
- Ms. Walston sat on the District Leadership Team and reviewed the District Plan of Improvement. Everyone is working very hard on this.

- 9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – to discuss the possible acquisition of real property
MOTION to go into executive session at 8:10 p.m. for 10 -minutes, to return at 8:20 p.m. for the discussion of the possible acquisition of real property.
(Konkel / Harris) Motion carried 6-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:20 p.m. with four members present: Mike Alexander, Seth Konkel, Susan Walston, and Phil Harris.

MOTION to return to executive session for 10-minutes to return at 8:30 p.m.
(Alexander / Walston) Motion carried 4-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:30 p.m. with six members present.

- 10.0 ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Debra M. Coleman, Board of Education Clerk

Michael Alexander, Board of Education President