



Unified School District 232

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USD 232 BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICIAL MINUTES -- REGULAR MEETING

Administrative Office (35200 West 91st Street, De Soto, KS)

October 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Board President, Danielle Heikes. A quorum of the Board was present. Attendance was as follows:

Board Members Present: Bill Fletcher
John Gagnat
Angela Handy
Danielle Heikes
Kevin Makalous
Rachele Zade

Absent: Mitch Powers

Others Present: Debbie Atwell, Facilities Coordinator
Kelley Begley-McCall, Principal, Clear Creek Elementary
Jolyn Baldner, Director of Student Nutrition
Alvie Cater, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative & Educational Services
Steve Deghand, Director of Facilities
Wendy Denham, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Carrie Handy, Director of Human Resources/Elementary
Lee Hanson, Director of Special Services
Clark McCracken, Principal, Lexington Trails Middle School
Dr. Frank Harwood, Superintendent
Michelle Hite, Director of School Improvement
Dr. Joe Kelly, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ken Larsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations
Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology
Sam Ruff, Principal, De Soto High School
Brian Schwanz, Director of Human Resources/Secondary
Ceresa Schaffer, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator

Alvie Cater led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He then briefly explained how the meeting will progress from one agenda item to the next.

President Heikes asked if there were any changes to the Agenda or Consent Agenda.

Bill Fletcher asked to remove check number 49205 from Consent Agenda item "C. Approve payment of bills and transfer of funds (if appropriate)" for approval separately.

Mrs. Angela Handy moved to adopt the Agenda and approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Mr. Kevin Makalous seconded.

Carried 6/0.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Minutes of the September 9th regular meeting.
2. Payment of bills and issuance of checks numbered 49178 – 49204, 49206 – 49229, 49231 - 49305 and 49315 – 49498.
3. Transfer of funds as follows:
 - a. \$430,000.00 from General (Fund 06) to Special Education (Fund 30)
 - b. \$2,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to Preschool At-Risk (Fund 11)
 - c. \$210,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to At-Risk K-12 (Fund 13)
 - d. \$5,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to Bi-Lingual (Fund 14)
 - e. \$86,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to Vocational Education (Fund 34)
4. Employment recommendations as follows:

Resignations – Classified
Jane Bledsoe, Student Nutrition Assistant, MVHS
Amanda Bradshaw, Center Based Paraprofessional, MCMS
Andrea Campbell, Paraprofessional, MTMS
Mallory Garrett, Center Based Paraprofessional, DHS
Rhonda Nesselrode, Center Based Paraprofessional, The Bridge
Trinette Reno, Center Based Paraprofessional, The Bridge
Mariela Sanchez, Evening Custodian, DHS
Melissa Shinkle, Paraprofessional, HE
Lisa Stewart, Center Based Paraprofessional, MVHS

Employment – Classified
Debby Atkinson, 0.6 FTE Center Based Paraprofessional, The Bridge
Jennifer Bennett, Custodian Substitute, District Wide
Robert Clark, Evening Custodian, SE
Monay Cormier, Paraprofessional, HE
Brook Henke, Student Nutrition Assistant Substitute, District Wide
Melissa Jackson, Building Secretary, PRE
Chelsea Rasmussen, 0.5 FTE Paraprofessional, ME
Bryan Wise, Center Based Paraprofessional, The Bridge
5. Acceptance of the following donations:
 - \$500.00 from Matthew and Sarah Fandre to the De Soto High School Cross Country Program.
 - \$630.00 from Don Reith Chiropractic to De Soto High School athletic programs.
6. Start-up of the Chemistry Honors Society Club for students at Mill Valley High School.

7. The following extended day trip:

- Mill Valley High School Journalism, seven students in Grades 10-12, attend the NSPA/JEA National High School Journalism Convention, Washington Wardman Park Marriott, Washington, DC, November 19-24, 2019.

Bill Fletcher declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Mrs. Rachele Zade moved to approve payment to Kansas Land Management, LLC in the amount of \$31,477.50 with check number 49205.

Mr. John Gagnat seconded.

Carried 5/0.

Bill Fletcher returned to the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

GOOD NEWS.

Student Recognition. Art teachers from each school annually select artwork from among their students to become part of the permanent collection on display at the USD 232 Administrative Office. The following students' designs were presented to the board and each student received a Certificate of Achievement:

1. Belmont Elementary – Olivia Thompson
2. Clear Creek Elementary – Chloe Koppa
3. Horizon Elementary – Alli Fandre
4. Mize Elementary – Ava Toepfer
5. Prairie Ridge Elementary – Addison Moeller
6. Riverview Elementary – Annie Bohon
7. Starside Elementary – Daria Morozov
8. Lexington Trails Middle School – Ryan Lange
9. Mill Creek Middle School – Gracie Smith
10. Monticello Trails Middle School – Madison Koester
11. De Soto High School – Olivia Mills
12. Mill Valley High School – Avery Sheltra

Staff Member Recognition.

Lexington Trails Middle School staff members Susan Slater, Physical Education Teacher/Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, and Connie Euler, Lead Secretary, along with Clear Creek Elementary School staff members Kimi Wong, Paraprofessional, and Loralie Koca, 4th Grade Teacher, were recognized for outstanding service in their district roles and presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

Carrie Handy, Director of Human Resources/Elementary, announced that Clear Creek Elementary has been named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Clear Creek is one of three-hundred sixty-two schools to receive the honor this year.

ACTION ITEMS.

Bond Advisory Services. Ken Larsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, informed the Board that the district's bond adviser, George K. Baum, has entered into a sales agreement with a

Missouri firm by the name of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc.; with the transaction receiving regulatory approval on September 27, 2019. Mr. Larsen noted that as of September 27th Stifel assumed, is bound by, and will perform George K. Baum's obligations under the Engagement Agreement with USD 232. He also said that the district's new primary contact will be Mr. David Arteberry, who was an employee of George K. Baum and is familiar with the district and future bond plans due to having worked closely with Mr. Roger Edgar, the previous primary contact, who will be retiring. Mr. Larsen asked the Board to officially declare Stifel, Nicolaus & Company as the USD 232 Bond Advisor through the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Mr. Kevin Makalous moved to name Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. as the USD 232 bond advisor for the remainder of the current fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2020.

Mrs. Rachele Zade seconded.

Carried 6/0.

Consideration of Litigation regarding E-Cigarettes & Vaping Devices. Superintendent Harwood gave the Board background on the lawsuit that the Olathe School District has initiated against JUUL, an electronic cigarette (E-Cigarette) manufacturer, and noted that all six Johnson County school districts were invited to consider filing lawsuits. He said that this is a Mass Tort case, not Class Action. The proposed Agreement for Legal Services states that USD 232 will not pay any up front expenses. The law firms involved will pay all required expenses and only receive reimbursement if a monetary award is given. It can also be terminated by the district or attorneys at any time. He then presented the Board with slides showing how e-cigarettes have become a public health crisis, pictures of electronic nicotine delivery systems and E-Liquids used in them, how e-cigarettes lead to nicotine addiction, and graphs showing an increase in e-cigarette sales in the U.S. from 2011-2017, a surge in current e-cigarette use by youth, high teen exposure to e-cigarette advertising and impact on schools. Below are some key points made in the presentation:

- E-Cigarettes are the most popular tobacco product used by adolescents.
- Rate of use increased by 78% from 2017 to 2018, corresponding to an increase in JUUL sales.
- Nicotine intake from one JUUL pod is equivalent to two packs of cigarettes.
- Of JUUL users, 63% do not know that the product always contains nicotine.
- Impact on Schools: 1. Negatively impacts the educational process, 2. Major distraction for students, teachers and administrators, 3. Drain of Resources (teachers and administrators spend a significant amount of time monitoring and policing vaping in schools), 4. Policing – Requires an increase in monitoring of halls and bathrooms, purchase of monitoring devices and test kits to test contents of confiscated devices, and involvement of local police.
- Discipline – Stiff punishments necessary to deter student use. Suspensions in USD 232 have skyrocketed with a 2,700% increase in two years due to E-Cigarette use.

Superintendent Harwood concluded his presentation by sharing reasons why USD 232 should be involved with this litigation and cited sources used for facts shared. Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions before considering approval of the Resolution authorizing pursuit of litigation against JUUL.

Mrs. Angela Handy moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing pursuit of litigation against the manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of Juul, E-Cigarettes, and Vaping Devices.

Mr. Kevin Makalous seconded.

Carried 6/0.

President Heikes declared a five minute break at 7:11 p.m.

The Board returned to open session and President Heikes called the meeting back to order at 7:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS.

Bond Issue/Summer Projects Update. Steve Deghand, Director of Facilities, shared pictures and costs to date of Phase 1 bond projects that are currently underway or have been completed including projects at Mill Valley High School (performing arts theater, competition gymnasium, south fieldhouse addition) and new playgrounds at Clear Creek, Mize and Starside elementary schools. Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology, also shared pictures and costs to date of Phase 1 bond projects that are currently underway or have been completed across the district including classroom audio/visual upgrades, IP Clocks/Mass Notification Systems, security camera replacement/addition, Two-Way Radio System – new radios, Door Access System and front office doors/security upgrades.

Enrollment Report. Superintendent Harwood gave an overview of enrollment from September 20th, which is the official enrollment count date used by the state to determine school funding. He pointed out that the total headcount was 7,595 students, and the full-time equivalency (FTE) count was 7,320.6. He shared more in-depth enrollment data on early childhood/elementary/middle school/high school populations and district programs including Virtual Education students, adult age students in The Bridge Program and students that live in USD 232 boundaries, but are served outside of the district in schools such as the State School for the Deaf. In closing Superintendent Harwood reported that current student enrollment is well within the district's total functional capacity with student demographics remaining consistent.

PATRON INPUT. No comments were made so President Heikes moved onto the next agenda item.

FYI REPORT. The following informational report was included in the packet for this board meeting: 1. USD 232 Special Services Advisory Committee Update.

President Heikes adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

November 4, 2019
Date Approved

Wendy S. Denham
Clerk, Board of Education

David Heikes
President, Board of Education