



Unified School District 232

De Soto – Shawnee – Lenexa – Olathe
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USD 232 BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICIAL MINUTES --REGULAR MEETING

Administrative Office (35200 West 91st Street, De Soto, KS) January 8, 2018

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

Board Members Present: Bill Fletcher
John Gaignat
Danielle Heikes
Kevin Makalous
Mitch Powers
Rachele Zade

Absent: Angela Handy

Others Present: Debbie Atwell, Facilities Coordinator
Alvie Cater, Assistant Superintendent of Administration & Educational Services
Steve Deghand, Director of Facilities
Wendy Denham, Board Clerk
Carrie Handy, Director of Human Resources/Elementary
Lee Hanson, Director of Special Services
Frank Harwood, Superintendent of Schools
Michelle Hite, Director of School Improvement
Joe Kelly, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ken Larsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations
Jolyn Mortenson, Director of Student Nutrition
Brandon Riffel, Director of Technology
Brian Schwanz, Director of Human Resources/Secondary
Cindy Swartz, Technology Integration Coordinator

Alvie Cater led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He then noted that January was Board Member Appreciation Month and read a brief statement about the crucial role an elected board of education plays in our communities and schools. The USD 232 school board members were thanked and recognized by the audience with a round of applause. Mr. Cater then briefly explained how the meeting will progress from one agenda item to the next.

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

Bill Fletcher asked for removal of check number 42907 from Consent Agenda item "C. Approve payment of bills and transfer of funds (if appropriate)" for approval separately.

Mrs. Danielle Heikes moved to adopt the Agenda and approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Mrs. Rachele Zade seconded.

Carried 6/0.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Minutes of the December 4th regular meeting.
2. Payment of bills and issuance of checks numbered 42805 – 42864, 42871 – 42906, 42908 – 42941, 42964 – 43022 and 43032 - 43103.
3. Transfer of funds as follows:
 - a. \$300,000.00 from General (Fund 06) to Special Education (Fund 30)
 - b. \$5,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to St. Pre-School (Fund 11)
 - c. \$123,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to At-Risk K-12 (Fund 13)
 - d. \$30,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to Bi-Lingual (Fund 14)
 - e. \$1,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to Parents as Teachers (Fund 28)
 - f. \$186,000.00 from LOB (Fund 08) to Vocational Education (Fund 34)
4. Personnel recommendations as follows:
 - Resignations – Classified
Sandra Larson, Paraprofessional, MCMS
Bertha Del Real, Student Nutrition Assistant, MVHS
 - Retirement – Classified
William (Bill) Wood, Lead Custodian, HE
 - Termination – Classified
Tamaree Jones, Lead Custodian, SE
 - Employment – Classified
Allison Flinn, Center Based Paraprofessional, HE
Jo Lynn Kissinger, Student Nutrition Assistant, CCE
Nichole Mann, Student Nutrition Assistant, MCMS
Kelly Seela, Paraprofessional, MTMS
Carly Jo Spano, Center Based Paraprofessional, HE
Ashlyn Thibault, 0.5 FTE Paraprofessional, MCMS
Warren Wingo, Lead Custodian, SE
 - Resignation – Certified (Effective at the conclusion of the 2017-18 school year.)
Lisa Boxberger, 4th Grade Teacher, RE
 - Resignation – Certified Administration (Effective at the conclusion of the 2017-18 school year.)
Dustin Mortenson, Principal, DHS
 - Retirement – Certified (Effective at the conclusion of the 2017-18 school year.)
Jerald Schenk, Engineering Technology Teacher, LTMS
Monica Wooten, School Counselor, BE

Employment – Certified

Rose Nemchik, Special Education Resource Teacher, DHS (*Hired for 2nd semester.*)

5. Independent Auditor Contract with Karlin & Long, LLC for fiscal year 2018 at a rate of \$11,175.00.
6. Purchase of two (2) 2018 Dodge Caravan mini-vans from Victory Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep in the amount of \$44,886.00 (\$22,443.00 each).
7. Purchase and installation of a sound system upgrade for the Monticello Trails Middle School auditorium from Progressive Electronics, Inc. in the amount of \$29,946.00.
8. Purchase of a Kubota Tractor for the Grounds Department from McConnell Machinery in the amount of \$52,998.00.
9. Purchase of the following elementary English Language Arts materials: Benchmark Advance Intervention package in the amount of \$33,432.00 (total for eight years) and Benchmark ALL Set B for Special Education in the amount of \$26,687.50 (total for eight years).
10. Acceptance of the following donations:
 - \$868.00 from Interstate Studios to Prairie Ridge Elementary School.
 - \$500.00 from Paula Henderson to the Starside Elementary School Art Class.
 - One (1) Buffet E-11 Clarinet from the family of Ava Goldsby to the De Soto High School band program.
11. Declared Frontier League Banners and Shield Emblems within the De Soto High School main and auxiliary gymnasiums as surplus.

Bill Fletcher declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Mrs. Rachele Zade moved to approve payment to Kansas Land Management, LLC in the amount of \$10,492.50 with check number 42907.

Mrs. Danielle Heikes seconded.

Carried 5/0.

Bill Fletcher returned to the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

GOOD NEWS.

Staff Member Recognition. Prairie Ridge Elementary School staff members Denise Porras, Technology Teacher, and Erica Minton, 5th Grade Teacher; along with The Bridge staff members Jill Walton, Teacher, and Cindy Pike, Paraprofessional, were recognized for outstanding service in their district roles and presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

DISCUSSION ITEM.

Bond Update. Superintendent Harwood presented board members with a list of project recommendations from the Facilities Focus Group that were broken down into three sections (1. Priority Projects projected to cost \$75,875,007, 2. Planned Projects projected to bring the total to \$85,406,397 depending on funding; and, 3. Projects to Consider if funding is available). He noted that the board does not need to take formal action on the list of projects as they will be approving

them as they are bid and presented for payment; however, he pointed out that they could acknowledge support of the list of projects with a motion. After discussion, board members chose to wait to make a formal motion until February, when it would be known if the State Board of Education approved the district's request to move forward with the bond proposal. Mr. Harwood said it would be on the the State Board's agenda for approval tomorrow. He added that there are two things for them to approve: 1. The request from USD 232 to go 14% over current assessed evaluation with a bond election; and, 2. The request from USD 232 for capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid.

Superintendent Harwood noted that the Request for Proposals for architectural services are due January 11th. He explained that part of the selection process was for the firms to present to the Board. He suggested that time could be arranged in the next regular board meeting for the presentations, the Board could schedule a special meeting for them, or the Board could appoint up to three members to serve on a committee to interview the firms. Board members chose Bill Fletcher, John Gagnat and Kevin Makalous to participate with the committee in the interview process. The architectural firm interview committee will then bring a recommendation back to the Board for approval.

Superintendent Harwood also informed the Board that the remaining state cap for bonds is \$27 million. He said that the Leavenworth School District is planning to submit a request for approval of a \$38 million bond proposal and had hoped to get their request in prior to Winter Break, but weren't able to get it done in time to go before the State Board in January. He said that it was unknown how the State Board would have handled requests from both USD 232 and Leavenworth since combined they exceed the state cap and noted it may have caused the State Board to choose between USD 232's request and theirs.

PATRON INPUT. With no requests to speak to the board submitted to the Clerk, President Zade moved onto the next agenda item.

ALERTS. The following reports were included in the packet for this board meeting with notice that they will require future action by the Board of Education: 1. Fee Schedule and 2. RFP for Architectural Services.

FYI REPORTS. The following informational reports were included in the board packet for this meeting: 1. District Goals Update and 2. Kansas Educational Systems Accreditation (KESA) Update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Negotiations.

Mr. Kevin Makalous moved to go into executive session at 6:30 p.m. for a period of twenty minutes with Frank Harwood, Alvie Cater, Ken Larsen, Carrie Handy & Brian Schwanz to discuss the latest proposal for increasing the base pay rate from the teachers pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to open session at 6:50 p.m. at this location.

Mr. Mitch Powers seconded.

Carried 6/0.

The Board returned to open session and the meeting was called back to order at 6:52 p.m.

President Zade adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

February 5, 2018
Date Approved

Wendy S. Anham
Clerk, Board of Education

Paul M. Zade
President, Board of Education