

**Minutes of the Board of Education
Unified School District No. 435
Dickinson County**

Abilene, Kansas

September 12, 2016

The Board of Education of Abilene Unified School District No. 435 met for their regular monthly meeting in the boardroom of the district office at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016.

Opening of the Meeting

Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Barb Brittan with the following board members in attendance:

Randy Gassman
Jeff Bathurst

Debby Barbur
Gregg Noel

Dr. Kari Porter-Murray

Board member Mark Wilson was unable to be in attendance. Others attending all or part of the meeting were: Superintendent - Dr. Denise Guy, Assistant Superintendent - Chris Cooper, Board Clerk - Angie Schneider, Building Administrators - Ben Smith, Will Burton, Ron Wilson, Ethan Gruen, Tom Schwartz and Dr. Twyla Sprouse, new teachers - Sarah McElroy, Mitchell Burkett, Mitchell Green, Blair Waite and Karen Cooper, Varney & Associates representative - April Swartz, Abilene Reflector Chronicle representative - Kathy Hageman and 4 high school government class students.

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Gregg Noel to approve the agenda. Kari Porter-Murray seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

New Teacher Introductions

New administrators Ethan Gruen and Dr. Twyla Sprouse were introduced to board members by Denise. Ben Smith and Ethan Gruen then introduced their new teachers.

Consent Agenda

Denise summarized the consent agenda noting that Deb Taylor has resigned after being secretary at McKinley for 23 years.

Gregg Noel moved to approve the consent agenda.

Approval of minutes for the August 8, 2016 regular meeting and the August 16, 2016 and August 23, 2016 special meetings

Approval of district and high school finance reports

Approval of Personnel Update (attached)

Approval of Out of District and Transportation Requests

Approval of Individual Development Plans for Certified Staff

The motion was seconded by Randy Gassman and it carried unanimously.

Discussion of any item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda

None

Audience With Patrons

No one from the audience addressed the board during the audience with patrons section.

Action/Discussion Items

Varney & Associates 2015-2016 Audit Report

April Swartz of Varney & Associates was in attendance to present the June 30, 2016 audit findings to board members. A summary of the communications letter and financial statements was given. It was noted that bond coupon interest was erroneously recorded and that corrections have been made. Board members were informed that the district received an unmodified opinion which is the highest available. No questions or discussion followed. Randy Gassman moved to approve the June 30, 2016 audit as presented. Kari Porter-Murray seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Student Development

AHS Requests for Out of State Travel

Will Burton explained to board members that he is handling high school out of state travel requests a little differently this year. Instead of asking as trips come up, Will is presenting all requests, that are currently known, for consideration/approval this evening. Board members received a list of the trips which included: national conventions/contests for FFA (Indiana) and FBLA (Texas), high school marching band Thanksgiving Day Parade (Illinois), wrestling tournament (Missouri), AHS singers (New York), FCCLA/FACS/Culinary Arts (Florida) and Cycle of Life tour (Missouri) for some science classes. A motion was made by Jeff Bathurst and seconded by Randy Gassman to approve this list of out of state travel requests as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Board members asked Will if students from each trip can attend a future board meeting to share their experiences. Will said that he would make that happen.

Board-Administrator Communications

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Building administrators report building happenings to board members.

Update on New Accreditation Model

Chris Cooper summarized the changes that will be taking place in our accreditation system. Board members received a handout with this information. Discussion followed.

Legislative Update

Denise briefed board members on legislative information including ideas for a new finance framework for public schools. Some discussion followed.

Schedule Board Retreat

Board members came up with a couple of dates to conduct a board retreat for some training. October 5, 2016 was their first choice with October 3, 2016 as their second. Details will be provided as soon as this meeting is scheduled.

Other

Nothing was discussed during this section of the meeting.

Facilities & Technology

Garfield Request for Proposal (RFP)

According to Denise, the Garfield RFP has been received from Hampton and Royce and if approved, will be mailed out to potential interested buyers. The list of interested buyers was provided by HTK Architects. The deadline submit a bid in is November 1, 2016. Once received, the board has until December 31, 2016 to consider the bids. Some discussion followed. Gregg Noel moved to accept the Garfield RFP on the purchase of a historic school building. A second was received from Jeff Bathurst and the motion carried unanimously.

Garfield Mobile Classrooms

Board members were informed that the Garfield mobile classroom, which has been purchased, will not be moved until early November. This company is also interested in the other mobile classroom.

AHS Tour

At 8:30 p.m. a district bus was boarded by meeting attendees and board members to take a tour of the high school bond project construction. The tour began at the new secure entrance of the high school. Areas toured include: the administrative area, performance gym, practice gym, locker rooms, restrooms, auditorium, multi-purpose area, kitchen, cafeteria, band room, weight room, vocal room and stage craft area. Discussion ensued along the way. The bus arrived back at the district office at 9:15 p.m.

A 5 minute break was requested at 9:15 p.m. There were no objections and the meeting reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Policy

Amended Policy Approval

The Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) sends policy updates out on a bi-annual basis. Some of the changes are mandated by state statute as is the case with policy JCDBB - Weapons and policy GAAF - Emergency Safety Interventions. Denise summarized the changes. Debby Barbur moved to approve these policies as presented with a second from Randy Gassman. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

At 9:25 p.m., Debby Barbur made a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual; and matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student to protect the privacy rights of a student who is identifiable; and to return to open session in this room at 10:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Gregg Noel and the motion carried unanimously. Denise was invited to join the executive session.

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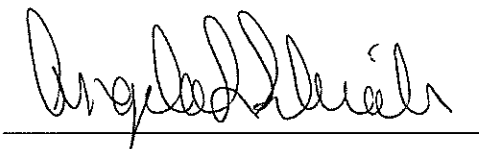
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The meeting reconvened at 10:40 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Gregg Noel to adjourn the meeting. Randy Gassman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.



Clerk



President

Personnel Update
Action for September 12, 2016

Resignations and Retirements

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Classified	Debora Taylor	McKinley secretary	Resigned

***Employment, Transfers and Other Action**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Classified	Tim Klein	Fall season supervisory position
Classified	Tray Green	Assistant debate/forensics sponsor
Classified	Terry Payne	Substitute bus driver
Classified	Betsy Connell	Substitute paraprofessional
Classified	Pam Fay	Substitute paraprofessional
Classified	Sandra Howard	Substitute paraprofessional
Classified	Gina Tholen	Substitute paraprofessional
Classified	Crystal Wendland	Substitute paraprofessional

Employment – Substitute Teachers

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Certified	Angela Casteel	Substitute teacher
Certified	Larry Divel	Substitute teacher
Certified	Lisa Divel	Substitute teacher
Certified	Debbie Elliott	Substitute teacher
Certified	Natalie Frische	Substitute teacher
Certified	Ben Ines	Substitute teacher
Certified	Katie Keener	Substitute teacher
Certified	Mike Padgett	Substitute teacher
Certified	Shari Smith	Substitute teacher
Certified	Michael Turkovic	Substitute teacher
Certified	Tyndol Turkovic	Substitute teacher

Current positions open – September 12 2016

AHS assistant softball coach
ABC afterschool program subs
Substitute bus drivers
Substitute food service
Substitute custodians
Substitute teachers

*Upon receipt of signed contracts, the Board of Education President is authorized to sign.