

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

Abilene, Kansas

November 14, 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, November 14, 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
Mark Wilson

Dr. Kari Porter-Murray
Debby Barbur

Gregg Noel

Board member Jeff Bathurst arrived at 8:03 p.m. Others attending all or part of the meeting were: Superintendent - Dr. Denise Guy, Assistant Superintendent - Chris Cooper, Board Clerk - Angie Schneider, Payroll Clerk - Joan Anderson, Building Administrators - Ben Smith, Will Burton, Ethan Gruen, Tom Schwartz and Dr. Twyla Sprouse, Abilene Reflector Chronicle representative - Kathy Hageman, AHS Family and Consumer Science teacher - Debora Farr, Deb's husband Stoney, AHS FFA Sponsor - Amanda West, AHS FFA member - Riley Sleichter and six AHS government class students.

Barb Brittan took a moment to summarize the time spent at board meetings by out-going board clerk Angie Schnieder. A framed print of the Garfield building was presented to Angie as that is where she spent seven of her years at the school district. Appreciation for her time was expressed. Angie thanked the board for their support and leadership through the years.

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Mark Wilson to approve the agenda. Gregg Noel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Denise summarized the consent agenda noting that Payroll Clerk Joan Anderson has been recommended to transfer to the Board Clerk position.

Randy Gassman moved to approve the consent agenda.

Approval of minutes for the October 10, 2016 regular meeting and the October 31, 2016 special meeting
Approval of District Office, High School and Middle School Finance Reports
Approval of Personnel Update (attached)
Approval of Out of District and Transportation Requests (none)
Approval of four Early Graduation Requests
Approval to Sell Surplus Equipment

The motion was seconded by Gregg Noel 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.

Presentations

FFA National Trip Presentation

AHS FFA member Riley Sleichter was in attendance to visit with board members regarding the FFA National Convention trip to Indianapolis, Indiana earlier this year. Riley first thanked them for approving the out of state travel for this convention. According to Riley, fourteen members of the Abilene chapter were able to make the journey. Attendance is based on the number of points that members received the previous year. The most influential experiences of the trip for Riley were: the ability to connect with other chapters, team building for the Abilene chapter and attending two sessions while there. All fifty states and Puerto Rico were represented for an approximate attendance of 65,000. Board members had a few questions for Riley and thanked him for his excellent presentation.

Doin' It Right Spotlight

Denise summarized the Doin' It Right process and announced that the November Doin' It Right Spotlight goes to Debora Farr. Deb is the Family and Consumer Science teacher at the high school, has been with the district for 14 years and has supplied lots of food for different meetings and events. Denise said that anytime requests are made of Deb, the answer is always yes with a smile. A short video containing praises for Deb by AHS staff and students was shared. Board members thanked Deb and presented a certificate to her.

Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB)

Board members Barb Brittan, Mark Wilson and Gregg Noel were presented with certificates from the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB). The certificates represent achieving the Honor Roll status for 2015-2016 KASB Leadership Academy Training Program.

Individual Plans of Study

Chris Cooper gave a presentation regarding Individual Plans of Study (IPS) for middle school and high school students. According to Chris, an IPS is not a one-time activity, but an ongoing process by which students define, explore and then refine their interests and goals. The IPS is digital and can be modified as students learn more about themselves. The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is spurring this as they will begin tracking post-secondary education. Career Cruising is the program that the district has chosen to use for the IPS'. Cost of the program is \$2,400.00. Board members will hear more about this on Thursday November 17, 2016 at their scheduled goal setting retreat with KASB's Dr. Brian Jordan. Much discussion ensued.

Facilities & Technology

Tour of the AHS Auditorium

Board members and meeting attendees boarded a district bus to tour the newly completed auditorium at the high school. According to AHS principal Ben Smith, training continues on the lighting portion of the auditorium. The seating area, stage and orchestra pit were toured. Next was the performance gym. Several of the state championship shingles have been installed.

Garfield Request for Proposal (RFP) Update

Denise informed board members that no official RFPs were received for the Garfield building. There has been some local interest as well as some interest by a couple of companies. Denise requested that board members extend the time frame for the RFP until January 1, 2017. General consensus was to approve the request.

Review Capital Project Requests

Board members received their first look at possible capital projects. According to Denise, this list has been shared and had input from the building administrators and support staff. The list was summarized and board members were invited to add their ideas. Some questions and discussion followed. This list will be refined and presented at future meetings.

Learning Partnerships

Approval of Kennedy Site Council Membership

The Kennedy Site Council Membership list was shared with board members. Randy Gassman moved to approve the list with a second from Mark Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

Site Council Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Site Council meeting agendas and minutes were provided by several schools for board review and information.

Board-Administrator Communications

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Building administrators report building happenings to board members.

Tom Schwartz shared some of the items received from McKinley's National Blue Ribbon School trip to Washington DC. Making the trip for the ceremony were: Tom, Kristine Barrett, Denise and Barb Brittan. Three hundred schools were represented at the ceremony. Tom will work on planning a celebration to share with the public.

American Education Week

November 14-18, 2016 is designated as American Education week. Several things are planned to celebrate this week.

Board Goal Setting Retreat Meeting

Board members were reminded of their goal setting retreat scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Thursday November 17, 2016 at the Brookville Hotel. Dr. Brian Jordan from KASB will be in attendance to aid with the goal setting process.

Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) Convention/Delegate Assembly

This convention will be December 2-4, 2016 in Wichita. Those attending are: Barb Brittan, Gregg Noel, Mark Wilson, Denise Guy and Chris Cooper.

Other

Board members discussed planning an open house for the completed bond project construction at the high school. Possible dates are November 22, 2016 or November 30, 2016.

Personnel Update
Action for December 12, 2016

Resignations and Retirements

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Classified	Kari Beetch	AHS cook	Resigned

***Employment, Transfers and Other Action**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Classified	Megan Rikoric	Payroll Clerk
Classified	Diane Howser	Substitute Cook
Classified	Margo Rulton	Substitute Cook

Employment – Substitute Teachers

<u>Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Certified	Rebecca Gallion	Substitute teacher

Current positions open – December 12, 2016

AHS cook
AHS baker
AHS assistant baseball 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.