

SABETHA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 441
1619 S. OLD HIGHWAY 75
SABETHA, KS 66534
BOE OFFICE
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING, Monday, August 3, 2009 7:00 PM.

President Roger Brockhoff called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. He opened the budget hearing. He stated that the hearing would be open for a minimum of 30 minutes to allow the public to comment. Roger Brockhoff, Klinton Beyer, Cheryl Wenger, Steve Plattner, Ken Stallbaumer, and Ed Reznicek were present; also present were Superintendent, Dennis Stones, Board Clerk, Dr. Volora Hanzlicek and others who are listed on the attached sheet that becomes a part of these minutes. Absent: Sandy Aberle.

Cheryl Wenger made a correction to the July 14 meeting minutes. Motion approval should only be 6-0, not 7-0. She was absent. A motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2nd by Ken Stallbaumer to approve opening business and the consent agenda as amended (Addition: 5a Schneider Electric (TAC) and 7a. Approval of the Title I Schoolwide for both Elementaries). Mr. Stones brought attention to the bill that would approve the purchase of a handicap bus. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve minutes July 13, 2009 regular meeting.
- B. Approve minutes July 14, 2009 special meeting with changes in the motions.
- C. Approve minutes July 16, 2009 special meeting.
- D. Hear Clerk's report. Approve it.
- E. Approve payment of bills for the amount of \$230,492.13.
- F. Payment of July payroll in the amount of \$321,411.22.
- G. Approve resignation from Nate Bauman – SMS Football coach

Mr. Evans updated the board of education on summer projects and then he shared statistics pertaining to the cuts that have been made in the high school since 2000.

Mr. Schmitz updated the board of education on summer projects at Wetmore. He then shared information pertaining to the proposed industrial arts courses for next year. Mr. Stones explained to the board that USD #441 might be contracting with USD #335 Jackson Heights High School to have their Industrial Arts teacher come to Wetmore and teach two courses for the cost of \$12,000 plus some mileage. This arrangement will be confirmed if after enrollment there are enough students enrolled in the course. A motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2nd by Cheryl Wenger to contract with JHHS for services if adequate interest is confirmed during enrollment. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Palmer and Mr. Garber then shared updated information pertaining to their buildings.

Facilities Update

- As part of the building project, Mr. Stones explained that we have four trees that can be moved to the front of the building and be saved. One is a memorial tree. All four trees can be moved for the cost of \$880. A motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2nd by Steve Plattner to move the trees as discussed. Motion carried 6-0.

- AHRS has received bids from two companies for safety fencing for the bond construction. Kansas Fencing was the low bid for \$11,746. A motion was made by Steve Plattner and 2nd by Klinton Beyer to approve the contract with Kansas Fencing. Motion carried 6-0.
- Mr. Stones provided the Board with two types of flooring for the Sabetha High School gym floor. Mr. Evans will be investigating flooring as they move forward and start thinking about what the Board would like. Mr. Stones stated that the two other items that the Board needs to begin thinking about is the score clocks and the volleyball standards. A decision will have to be made in the near future.
- The new 60-passenger bus has been delivered. Mr. Stones asked the Board what they would like to do with the old bus it is replacing. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Ken Stallbaumer and 2nd by Cheryl Wenger to advertise the old bus for silent bids. Motion carried 6-0.
- Ken Stallbaumer asked if there had been any discussion yet on the playground equipment at Wetmore. Discussion followed. The goal is to move the equipment so that it is only moved once and is moved to a permanent location.

At 7:58 PM a motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2nd by Cheryl Wenger to approve the budget as presented and close the budget hearing. Motion carried 6-0.

- Paige Ralston with TAC, now known as Schneider Electric was present again to discuss energy saving programs determined by the audit for the district. This project started in May of 08. There are three options on the table at this time: 1.) Improvements that pay for themselves (electrical and lighting) 2.) Improvements including mechanical work at SES or 3.) Stop the process and owe Schneider Electric \$13,000 for the audit that was conducted. Discussion followed. The decision was tabled for the September meeting.

A motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2nd by Steve Plattner to go on the annual facility tour meeting at Sabetha Elementary on September 4 at 10:30 AM. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Hanzlicek explained to the Board that Sabetha Middle School would no longer be teaching the course STAR, which is a researched based curriculum that is a defined curriculum that already encompasses some of the Physical Education, Human Sexuality, and Counseling standards. Since the program is a defined program and is no longer available without upgrading, she stated that the course name needed to change, so the curriculum that was being taught was matched to course title from the state. This course title will also match the license that the teacher holds to teach the course. So the content has not changed, just the title of the course, which will now be Character Education.

USD #441 has received notice from KSDE that the applications for Title I Schoolwide for Wetmore Elementary and Sabetha Elementary have been approved. The schoolwide program allows the building to unify the school improvement program and Title services. In a Title I schoolwide building, the job responsibilities of the paras are different from the responsibilities of a targeted assisted building. Approval of the schoolwide allows the building to be more flexible in how paras are utilized to support instruction explained Hanzlicek. Mr. Stones explained that we are in the process of hiring some new paras. It is important that our community realizes that the new paras are only hired for one year and are

paid for with AARA (stimulus monies). With the cuts in staff, Stones explained that he felt paras would provide some assistance to teachers that have larger class sizes.

Dr. Hanzlicek shared with the Board that they would not be participating in Reading Recovery this year. However, we would be participating in the Northwest Reading Consortium. Costs associated with the program will decline from \$3000-\$4000 per reading teacher to \$250-\$500 per reading teacher. Both programs have similar delivery strategies.

A motion was made by Klinton Beyer and 2nd by Cheryl Wenger to approve the resolution authorizing the destruction of records as recorded in the resolution by the Clerk of the Board. Motion carried 6 –0.

At 9:15 PM a motion was made by Ken Stallbaumer and 2nd by Ed Reznicek to go into executive session for 10 minutes to protect the rights of a student. Motion carried 6 –0.

At 9:25 PM a motion was made by Cheryl Wenger and 2nd by Klinton Beyer to go back into regular session. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Brockhoff shared that school starts on the 20th and the first day of inservice is the 17th. He also shared information to Board members about KASB offices that are currently open and how to get involved if they are interested.

At 9:30 PM a motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2nd by Cheryl Wenger to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Board President

Board Clerk