

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 466,
704 S. College Street, Scott City, Kansas, Monday, October 12, 2015, 7:00 PM

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The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 466 met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Meeting Room, 704 S. College Street, Scott City, KS, with the following members present:

Mark Davis, Eric Erven, Ben Taylor, Chris Price, Lynnette Robinson, Leann Wiechman and Christine Cupp.

Others present were: Mr. Jamie Rumford, Superintendent; Brad McCormick, and Shawn Roberts, building administrators; Nancy Green, students along with parents from the After School Kids Choir and Susan Carter, Board Clerk.

Presentations

Principal Shawn Roberts introduced the students from the After School Kids Choir and their instructor Nancy Green. The After School Kids Choir has 48 members and meets once a week. It is sponsored by SCORE and the Scott County Arts Council. Mrs. Green is helped by Chelsea Rose and Jynnette Rains. The choir performs several times a year throughout the community. Mrs. Roberts and the students demonstrated the steps of the morning routine at the elementary school consisting of the quiet signal; repeating good morning in a nice voice; stand up with hands on heart; repeating the pledge of allegiance; singing the national anthem. The students opened the meeting with the board by repeating the pledge of allegiance and singing the national anthem.

Motion to Adopt Agenda

Eric Erven made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented with additions to Section 7. Consent Agenda, Item B. Approve GCCC Cooperative Agreement and to Section 9. Board Matters, Item B. Approve Kitchen Surplus Equipment. Ben Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

HEPC Report

Eric Erven reported that the HPEC Director, Mrs. Gail Gillepsie had passed away. The next monthly meeting for HPEC will be Thursday, October 14, 2015. Mr. Erven will report back to the board next month about the plan of HPEC upon the death of Mrs. Gillepsie.

NWKTC Report

No report was given.

Administrative Reports

SCES

Shawn Roberts, SCES Principal, reported that the SCES students were enlightened with two assemblies given by the Scott County Fire Department and a Storyteller sponsored by the Scott County Arts Council.

The Title Staff have teamed up with Rod Haxton to start an elementary school newspaper and TEAM will have the first dance for the elementary school toward the end of October which is Halloween themed and will be a “Mummy&Me” (mother-son) dance. A Father-Daughter dance is being planned for February.

The Scott Community Foundation awarded grants to the SCES in the amount of \$2000.00 for Library e-books and \$300.00 for musical play script.

Board member Mark Davis came to meeting at this time

The Kansas Reading Initiative confirmed that SCES will lose Lexia funding for this year. The cost to continue the program for the remainder of the year is \$3750.00. The MTSS team met to discuss and look at other software options but felt that Lexia supported the SCES student needs the best. Creative ways are being discussed to fund the program for the remainder of the year.

SCHS

Brad McCormick, SCHS Principal, reported on 3A Regional and Sub-State Assignments; Parent/Teacher Conferences Oct. 21 and 22; Concerns for Algebra II’s failing grades and what can be done in the future to better fit the needs of the students in regards to the math program.

Mr. McCormick praised the FFA Officer Team that took first place in the Southwest District Par Law/Leadership contest and the five SCHS students recognized at Garden City High School on October 7th for being at the top ten percent of their class. FFA Officer Team members were Abe Wiebe, Cooper Griffith, Trace Mulligan, Reid Flower, Asher Huck, and Chance Jones who was also named as the Southwest District Master Sentinel. Those being recognized for the top ten percent of their class were Madison Braun, Nicole Latta, Alma Martinez, Addison Price and Christina Tilton.

Mr. McCormick also informed the board that SCHS received \$1500 from their credit card usage from the First National Bank to go towards SCHS athletics. The Scott County Foundation awarded grants to six teachers at the high school.

SCMS and SCHS AD Reports

Superintendent Rumford reviewed a few things from the SCMS Principal and SCHS AD reports in their absence. SCHS Football will have a new schedule for the next two year playing our league schools along with Hays High, Cimarron, Wellington and Concordia in district play.

SCMS Staff was given a stack of “Bluejay Bucks” to reinforce positive behavior they see from the SCMS students in the areas of leadership, kindness and academic effort. When a student receives Bluejay Bucks they turn them in to the office and are kept until the end of each month to be rewarded for their effort. A total of 22 were given out in September.

Scott County Foundation grants were given to SCMS for FACS – purchase of new knife sets; Band – addressing repair issues in the percussion section; Library – purchase of e-books; Athletics – funds towards uniforms; and Science – purchase of equipment to teach to the Next Generation Science Standards.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rumford reported on the following:

- Stadium 50 Year Anniversary – Mr. Rumford requested input from the board to finalize a brochure to insert in the programs for next football game.
- Enrollment Numbers
- Public Square Meeting - reviewed the printout of the Scott County Development Committee findings of Public Square Process Results
- Extraordinary Needs Fund – Enrollment numbers were up by 23 FTE on September 21. Will apply for \$278,000.
- Fall Summit – reviewed handouts
- KASB Annual Convention – Dec. 4-6. Board members need to let Mr. Rumford know if they plan to attend.
- Goals and Priorities Planning Meeting
- Architects – Mr. Rumford requested feedback from the board about contacting an architect to evaluate facilities and how they support growing numbers; repairs to buildings; updates to facilities; and the need for space. It was a consensus of the board to allow Mr. Rumford to contact an architect.
- BOE Tours – Eric Erven will tour the facilities in October and Leann Wiechman in November. Ben Taylor toured the facilities in September and was impressed with what he saw. Every school is doing amazing this. Staff is doing good with full classroom situations and other things. Mr. Taylor is proud of administrators and teachers.

Eric Erven presented additional information about the Public Square Meeting:

- 60 people were interviewed throughout the community
- On the interview question results – remarks made above the dotted lines were ones that everyone agreed and the remarks made below the dotted lines were individual comments.
- Scott City was the only community that did not have one person with a negative comment
- 80% of the interviews recognized Superintendent Rumford as the 1st place Bridge Builder in the Education Section of the survey and Suzette Price in 2nd place.

Financials

The bill transmittal and financial reports were reviewed and discussed. Superintendent Rumford appraised the board that check number 32785 needed to be pulled from the listing for approval due to it being voided. Eric Erven made a motion to approve the bills as presented, with the exception of check # 32785 to The Garland Co., check numbers 32689-32791 in the amount of \$274,579.45 and check numbers 32792-32858 in the amount of \$201,813.42. Lynnette Robinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There were no transfers.

Superintendent Rumford gave an overview of the audit by ABBB. The auditors will give a full report in November.

Member Lynnette Robinson would like to see better lighting of the flag pole at the Football Field.

Board Member Christine Cupp came to the meeting at this time

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from the September 14, 2015, regular meeting
- B. Approval of GCCC Cooperative Agreement

Eric Erven made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as listed. Ben Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning Meeting Date

Ben Taylor made a motion to have a special meeting, October 26th in the SCHS Commons Area at 6:00 p.m. for Strategic Planning. Christine Cupp seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kitchen Equipment Surplus

Ben Taylor made a motion to approve the Kitchen Equipment Surplus list as presented. Leann Wiechman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Non-elected Personnel

Christine Cupp made a motion at 8:25 p.m. that the board, including Superintendent Rumford, go into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed. The meeting will resume in open session at 8:40 p.m. Eric Erven seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:40 p.m. with the same members and other parties present.

Resignations/Hires

Ben Taylor made a motion to approve Gil Lewis as the 8th Grade Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2015-16 School Year. Mark Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Executive Session – Acquisition of Real Property

Christine Cupp made a motion at 8:42 p.m. that the board, including Superintendent Rumford, go into executive session for ten minutes to discuss the acquisition of real property. The session is required to protect the public interest in obtaining the property at a fair price. The meeting shall resume in open session at 8:52 p.m. Leann Wiechman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:52 p.m. with the same members and other parties present.

Christine Cupp made a motion at 8:52 p.m. that the board, including Superintendent Rumford, go into executive session for five minutes to discuss the acquisition of real property. The session is required to protect the public interest in obtaining the property at a fair price. The meeting shall resume in open session at 8:57 p.m. Leann Wiechman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. No action was taken.

Eric Erven made a motion to adjourn. Ben Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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