

## REGULAR MEETING

April 13, 2009 at Almena School, Almena, Kansas.

Members Present - Gale Hays, President Doyle Baird, Vice President  
Glenn Brands Blaine Marble  
Christopher Rogers Chris Schemper  
Alan Woodside  
George Griffith – Superintendent / 9-12 Principal  
Chris Robertson – PreK-8 Principal  
Barb Nelson, Clerk

Call to Order: President Hays called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with seven members present.

Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Baird seconded a motion to adopt the agenda as amended to add 8b. Wall of Fame. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Schemper seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 and March 31, 2009 board meetings. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Hearing of Visitors: Visitors Glenda Smith, Staci Montgomery, Jeremy Wetter, Chuck Fessenden, Clint Lowry, Curtis Lowry, LeAnn Leidig and Steve Zodrow were welcomed.

Audit Report: Steve Zodrow with Mapes and Miller presented the report. Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Baird seconded a motion to accept the audit report as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Brands seconded a motion to authorize filing the report with various state agencies. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Wetter reported on contest results for both high school and junior high and also upcoming contests and concerts. He demonstrated a fascinating Smart Music computer program which students can use for practice.

Mrs. Leidig reported that in April she and Mrs. Smith do post assessments. She demonstrated some of the assessments used to determine capabilities of early reading.

Mrs. Smith thanked Curtis Lowry and Clint Lowry for running for board positions and also thanked Mr. Brands, Mr. Woodside and Mr. Marble for their years of service as board members. She talked about assessment reporting for the Fast ForWord Program.

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Mr. Fessenden showed those present the new football uniforms which have been purchased. Mr. Fessenden departed at 9:15 p.m.

KASB Legal Assistance Fund: Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to approve payment of the yearly fee. Motion carried 7-0.

KASB Membership: Mr. Schemper moved and Mr. Rogers seconded a motion to approve renewal of membership. Motion carried 7-0.

Four-Year-Old Achievement Grant: Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to allow Mr. Griffith to apply for this Grant. Motion carried 7-0.

Jeremy Wetter departed at 9:20 p.m.

Resignations: At 9:20 p.m. Mr. Brands moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board return to open meeting in ten minutes in the same location. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Griffith and Mrs. Robertson remained in the room for this executive session. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. At 9:25 p.m. Mr. Schemper moved and Mr. Baird seconded a motion to return to open meeting. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to accept the following resignations: Jeremy Wetter as district band instructor; Sandra and Dick Dole as bus drivers for the preschool bus route; Henry Griffiths as junior high assistant boy's basketball coach; Tiffany VanDerVeen as junior high teacher and Robbie Griffiths as National Honor Society sponsor. Motion carried 7-0.

Glenda Smith and LeAnn Leidig departed at 9:26 p.m.

Personnel Review: At 9:30 p.m. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Rogers seconded a motion that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board return to open meeting in twenty minutes in the same location. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Griffith and Mrs. Robertson remained in the room for this executive session. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. At 9:50 p.m. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Baird seconded a motion to return to open meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Negotiations: At 9:50 p.m. Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Schemper seconded a motion that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency; and that the board return to open meeting in fifteen minutes in the same location. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Griffith and Mrs. Robertson remained in the room for this executive session. The executive session is required to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. At 10:05 p.m. Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Baird seconded a motion to return to open meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Gym Floor Replacement: Mr. Griffith shared bids that he had for this project. After much discussion, the consensus of the board was to delay this project until next year due to unexpected expenditures required for roof repairs and boiler replacement.

Wall of Fame: Two nominations have been received. After some discussion, it was determined that one of them does not qualify due to much of the time served was before unification.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Griffith reported that Verlaine Schooler was asking for permission to use a personal leave day on May 15 in order to attend her son-in-law's college graduation. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Rogers seconded a motion to grant permission. Motion carried 7-0. Board approval is required since this is the end of the semester and the last day of school.

Mr. Griffith reported briefly on governmental proceedings.

Mrs. Robertson reported on state assessment testing and scores. She requested a transfer of \$500 from the district general fund to the junior high athletic fund. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Woodside seconded a motion approve this transfer. Motion carried 7-0. She asked for a board member volunteer to hand out diplomas at eight grade graduation. Mr. Hays volunteered for this.

April 21 will be Kansas Mason Child ID Program for any child in the Long Island, Prairie View and Almena communities. We thank the Masonic Lodge of Long Island and Almena for purchasing the equipment to make this program available to our kids.

Thanks to First National Bank and Trust for donating \$1,000 for playground equipment in Long Island.

Thanks to Mr. Tharman for a job well done hosting the Northern Valley Forensics meet. Thanks to all who helped with this event.

Mrs. Robertson reported on upcoming events.

Reports of Board Members: Mr. Hays gives a "thumbs up" for a successful blood drive and thanks to the 4-Hclub for providing canteen food for this event.

Mr. Brands urged that we reduce paper usage by 20% and asked that we reduce paper usage in the board packets sent to members before each meeting. There was a brief discussion about what could be omitted from the packets.

Adjournment: At 11:15 p.m. Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

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Barb Nelson, Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ President

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting of the board.