

REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2009 at Almena School, Almena, Kansas.

Members Present - 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: Vice President Baird called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with five members present.

Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to adopt the agenda as amended to add 7d. Staffing for 2009-2010. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Rogers seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2009 board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brands arrived at 7:31 p.m.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Schemper moved and Mr. Rogers seconded a motion to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Hearing of Visitors: Visitors Doug Zillinger and Dr. Steve Graf, DVM were welcomed.

Doug Zillinger reported on contests they have attended. He reiterated that it is very important for students to develop sales and interviewing skills. He reviewed the importance of career pathways curriculum.

Dr. Graf voiced his support of the Northern Valley vocational education program.

Fire Marshall's Report: Mr. Griffith reported on issues that need to be addressed.

Budget Update: Mr. Griffith talked about the state funding budget cuts expected.

Dr. Graf departed at 8:00 p.m.

Personnel Review: At 8:00 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 thirty minutes in the same location. Motion carried 6-0. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Mr. Griffith and Mrs. Robertson remained in the room for this executive session. At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Brands moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to extend this executive session for fifteen minutes. Motion carried 6-0. At 8:45 p.m. Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Schemper seconded a motion to extend the executive session again for ten more minutes. Motion carried 6-0. At 8:53 p.m. Mr. Schemper moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to return to open meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Brands moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to accept Emily Lowry's resignation as middle school secretary effective at the end of this school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Negotiations: NVEA has presented their proposals. Action was tabled until the state budget is finalized.

Staffing for 2009-2010: This was tabled until the next meeting.

Board / Administration / Policy Evaluation: At 8:55 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 fifteen minutes in the same location. Motion carried 6-0. This executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. At 9:10 p.m. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Schemper seconded a motion to return to open meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Griffith advised that he needs to republish the 2008-2009 budget for the general fund. Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to approve republishing as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Griffith has submitted records to Trane to be evaluated for energy upgrades. This would allow a lease purchase for building repairs and energy updates. They will do an evaluation and make a presentation to the board. The cost to evaluate is six cents per square foot.

Mrs. Robertson shared information on a Kansas Masons Child ID Program. The Masons would purchase the equipment to implement this program. It would be at the parents discretion to record their child's data.

Mrs. Robertson reported on testing and upcoming events.

Reports of Board Members: Mr. Woodside inquired about grant money for the playground equipment. He has ordered a piece of basketball equipment. The board thanked him for doing this.

The board thanks staff members for completing the Board / Administration / Policy Evaluation.

Adjournment: At 9:32 p.m. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Rogers seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Barb Nelson, Clerk

Date: _____

President

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