

Board of Education
Northeast Kansas Education Service Center
Minutes

Date: June 15th, 2005

Location: USD #341 Oskaloosa Central Office

Time: 7:00 p.m. Call Meeting to Order

At 7:00 p.m., President, Tom Holroyd called the meeting to order. Members present: Julie Zule, Carol Meneley, Tom Holroyd, Rhonda Schuler (replacing Dave Tenpenny), Todd Gigstad (arriving at 7:02 p.m.), and Keith Ostrander (arriving at 7:04 p.m.); Jim Wheeler, Ph.D., Executive Director; Shelia Smith, Assistant Director; Susan Aspinwall, Business Manager/Clerk; Dona Higgins, Accounts Payable; David Tenpenny, former Board Member; and the following SETA Representatives: Janet Davis, Denise Selbee-Koch, Barb Colwell, David Paden, Karen Willits, Terri Coughlin, Chris Hotchkiss, Beth Steinkamp, Alana Kasparek, Sharon Laverentz, Joyce Reece, and Allen Reinke.

• Board Member Recognition

Holroyd asked David Tenpenny to step forward and thanked him for serving on the NEKESC board of education. He presented him with a plaque from the service center. David resigned his board position at Oskaloosa to accept a teaching position in that district. Tenpenny thanked the Board and left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Gigstad and Ostrander arrived at the meeting during this time.

1. David Tenpenny has resigned his position as Board member for USD #341.

• Communications from Visitors Present

There were no comments from visitors present.

• Communications

1. Treasurer's Report

Susan provided copies of the treasurer's report for the month of June.

• Special Education

1. Action - Personnel Update

Shelia reviewed the list of contracts for approval. Gigstad moved to approve the contracts and resignations. Meneley seconded and motion carried 6-0.

2. Information/Discussion - Update on Recruiting

Shelia provided an update on staffing assignments and recruitment. She reported that we still have four positions to fill, but have offered a contract for one of them. Some "shuffling" of staff was done to cover some of the students' needs.

• Regional Service Center

1. Action - Special Education Budgets 05-06

Jim presented the following budgets for board action, based on the most current school finance information:

#01 - General Fund in the amount of \$5,306,976 - Local Assessment
\$1,608,139

#02 - Vocational Ed in the amount of \$92,442 - Local Assessment \$48,544

#06 - ECSE Preschool in the amount of \$401,079 - Local Assessment
\$100,430

#12 - Vision Impaired in the amount of \$23,816 - Local Assessment \$11,034

#15 - Hearing Impaired in the amount of \$69,085 - Local Assessment \$12,784.

Ostrander moved to approve as presented. Meneley seconded and motion carried 6-0.

2. Action - Regional Service Center Budgets 05-06

The following budgets for the regional service center were then presented for action:

#05 - Network Consortium in the amount of \$61,000

#07 - Capital Outlay in the amount of \$16,000

#09 - NEKESC Inservice Plan in the amount of \$14,200

#10 - Regional Service Center in the amount of \$339,489

#11 - Technology Support Services in the amount of \$116,385

#17 - Parents as Teachers in the amount of \$672,740

- #18 - Kansas Instructional Support Network
- #24 - John Dewey Learning Academy in the amount of \$516,098
- #26 - Marshall County Tiny-K in the amount of \$150,734
- #30 - Statewide IEP Support - KIDSS in the amount of \$84,082
- #31 - Continuous Improvement Budget in the amount of \$34,236
- #33 - Medicaid in the amount of \$727,218
- #36 - NEKITS in the amount of \$457,198

Gigstad moved to approve as presented. Meneley seconded and motion carried 6-0.

3. Information/Discussion - Long Range Planning

It has been a number of years since NEKESC has attempted any formal long range planning. Educational priorities, an evolving context for regionalization of services in Kansas, and the pending changes in leadership seem to provide an excellent rationale for re-assessing local USD needs, developing an updated mission with goals and strategies and refocusing human and fiscal resources Jim will present a strategic planning proposal with a timeline for your discussion.

4. Action - Increase Budget Authority in Fund #22 - Career Clusters.

We have received an additional \$2,000 for our Career Clusters Program which brings the new total to \$42,000. Zule moved to approve this increase for Fund #22. Gigstad seconded and motion carried 6-0

• Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m., Zule moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes, until 7:50 p.m. to discuss Personnel and negotiations. Gigstad seconded and motion carried 6-0. Everyone left the meeting except Board members and the Executive Director.

At 7:50 p.m. Meneley moved to continue executive session for 20 minutes, until 8:10 p.m. Zule seconded and motion carried 6-0.

At 8:10 p.m., open session resumed. Gigstad moved to pay Judy Denton a supplemental contract in the amount of \$1,200 for Acting Director during the month of July. Meneley seconded and motion carried 6-0.

• Adjournment

At 8:15 p.m., Meneley moved to adjourn the meeting. Gigstad seconded and motion carried 6-0.

Thomas Holroyd
President

Susan Aspinwall,
CPS Business Manager/Clerk