

Board of Education

Northeast Kansas Education Service Center

Minutes

Date: Wed., Aug. 21, 2002

Location: USD #341 Oskaloosa Board Office

Time: 7:30 pm - Call Meeting to Order

At 7:30 p.m. President, Tom Holroyd called the meeting to order. Members present: Keith Ostrander, Carol Meneley, Leonard Lange, Roy Artman, Tom Holroyd, Mike Miller and Doug Walbridge (arriving at 7:35 p.m.); Jim Wheeler, Executive Director; Patty Hart, Director of Special Education; Shelia Clark, Assistant Director; Susan Aspinwall, Business Manager/Clerk; Dona Higgins, Accts. Payable; Steve Johnston, Superintendent; and Julie Frisbie, Sharon Branson, and Ed Lindsay, SETA Representatives.

Consent Agenda

Lange moved to approve the consent agenda with no changes. Meneley seconded and motion carried 6-0.

Action - Approval of Minutes

Action - Approval of Agenda

Action - Approval of Bills and Claims

Receive - Communications from Visitors Present

Julie Frisbie introduced herself as president of SETA and requested discussion on a personnel matter. This item was listed at the end of the agenda, but members agreed to go into executive session earlier. At 7:35 p.m. Lange moved to go into executive session for five minutes until 7:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Meneley seconded and motion carried 6-0. Everyone left open session with the exception of board members and Julie Frisbie. Doug Walbridge arrived at the meeting.

At 7:40 p.m. Lange moved to continue executive session for 15 minutes until 7: 55 p.m. Meneley seconded and motion carried 7-0. At 7: 45 p.m. Julie Frisbie left executive session. At 7: 50 p.m. Susan Aspinwall was asked to join executive session. At 7: 55 p.m. open session resumed.

Receive – Communications

Copies of the treasurer's report were provided to members.

Special Education

Action - Personnel Update

Patty reviewed the list of contracts, resignations and terminations for approval. Miller moved to approve as listed. Walbridge seconded and motion carried 7-0.

Information/Discussion - Staff Assignments

Patty provided copies of the latest certified staff assignments for each district.

Information/Discussion - Federal LEA Application for Special Education Funds

Patty explained that the FY 2003 application for IDEA funds under part B is available. This application now must be done online and completed by October 31, 2002. Local BOEs must make assurances that they are in compliance with all of the legal mandates of IDEA (as amended in 1997) and have made the application available to the public for review upon request. Jim demonstrated how the required local USD budget figures could be entered via the Internet.

Information/Discussion - Staff Development for Special Educators

Certified staff new to the NEKESC participated in a full day orientation on Thursday, Aug. 8th. All certified staff reported on Friday, August 9th. Paraeducators received specific training in small groups the morning of Tuesday, August 13th, with a full group session taking place in the afternoon. A variety of trainings will take place as part of our Continuous Improvement Monitoring process. Patty provided a list of the meetings currently scheduled.

Regional Service Center

Action - Increase in Budget for Fund #13 SIT

Copies of the revised budget for Fund #13, SIT were provided to members. This fund has increased to \$158,492 since it was originally approved in June in an amount of \$152,514. Lange moved to approve the revised budget as presented. Miller seconded and motion carried 7-0.

Action - Solid Waste Management Competitive Plan Implementation Grants

The Northeast Kansas Education Service Center received a grant of \$20,000 to be used for the purchase of items included in the approved grant application. NEKESC was one of 64 applications received from public and private sector parties and reviewed by the Governor's Grants Advisory Committee. Requests totaling \$6.6 million were received and \$1,550,247.25 were funded. NEKESC will provide \$17,383 local match in the form of teacher salaries for a total budget of \$37,383 for Fund #4. Ostrander moved to approve as presented. Walbridge seconded and motion carried 7-0.

Information/Discussion - Update on NEKESC Staff Development

Jim presented lists of participants in some of the staff development sponsored by NEKESC grants and projects over the summer including Carl Perkins, School to Careers, Mini Society/KU, Marco Polo (Internet), Sub Training. These participants were not only from the seven NEKESC schools, but also from Shawnee Heights, Lawrence, Piper, Bonner

Springs, Blue Valley, Tonganoxie, Baldwin, Silver Lake, Hiawatha, DeSoto, Pittsburg, Waconda, Wamego, Onaga, etc.

Information/Discussion - Internet Based IEPS – DEMO

Jim demonstrated the on line (internet) based IEP software developed by the KIDSS consortium (an NEKESC project). This statewide program is being used in a majority of schools across the state. New revisions allow for more access to outcome data for summary and analysis.

Information/Discussion - Test Item Bank –DEMO

Jim demonstrated an on-line test item bank program that allows teachers to construct tests and assessments (multiple choice and performance) based on Kansas state standards. This program appears to have the potential to assist teachers in the integration of assessment and instruction. NEKESC has purchased a license for the use of this software for the 2002-03 school year. Teachers attending the board meeting showed a definite interest and wondered how soon they would be able to schedule training for it's use. Based on the resulting test data, teachers can see the areas of learning that need additional emphasis, and use the test results to formulate their instruction. If a student has the hardware, they can actually practice taking the tests at home. The test bank was developed by Mcrel and is aligned with the state standards for Kansas.

Information/Discussion- US Department of Education Review of Afterschool Program

We have correspondence from the U.S. Office of Education as a follow-up to their recent on-site visitation to NEKESC. (Copy enclosed for Board Members.)

Information/Discussion- Not For Profit - The Kansas Families and Schools Together (KFAST)

Jim explained that NEKESC has applied for a not-for-profit organization in order to be eligible for a national grant competition for the Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC). If fully funded this grant could provide over \$1,500,000 over a three year period. We should know something next month.

Executive Session

Personnel Issue

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

At 8:50 p.m. Meneley moved to adjourn the meeting. Miller seconded and motion carried 7-0.