

# Board of Education

## Northeast Kansas Education Service Center

### Minutes

**Date:** Dec. 17th, 2003

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. Call Meeting to Order - USD #341 Central Office - Oskaloosa

At 7:30 p.m. President, Tom Holroyd called the meeting to order. Members present: Dean Newell, Julie Zule, Leonard Lange, Tom Holroyd, Mike Miller and Dave Jolly for Carol Meneley; Jim Wheeler, Ph.D., Executive Director; Patty Hart, Director of Special Education; Shelia Clark, Assistant Director; Susan Aspinwall, Business Manager/Clerk; Dona Higgins, Accounting; Rob Little, Superintendent; and Sharon Branson, SETA Representative.

- **Consent Agenda**

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

1. Action - Approval of Agenda
2. Action - Approval of Minutes
3. Action - Approval of Bills and Claims

- **Receive - Communications from Visitors Present**

There were no communications from visitors present.

- **Receive - Communications**

1. Treasurer's Report  
Susan provided copies of the treasurer's report for the month of December.

- **Special Education**

1. **Action - Personnel Update**

Shelia reviewed the list of contracts and resignations for approval. Lange moved to approve as listed. Zule seconded and motion carried 6-0.

2. **Information/Discussion - Placement Options for Students With Very Severe Needs**

Patty explained that occasionally we have a student we are not able to handle and meet their educational needs. She informed Board members that we have now placed three students who are being served in facilities outside our seven district area. One student is being served at the Jackson County Training Center in Holton at a cost of over \$22,000 a year, one in a partial hospitalization special program at a cost of \$10,000 per year and we have recently placed another student at Project Plus on the campus of KNI in Topeka at a cost of \$6,000 per year. It may be necessary in the future to consider out of district placement for other students. Patty discussed the situations that cause us to consider out of district placements and options available to us.

- **Regional Service Center**

1. **Action - Approve Increase in Budget Authority for Fund #17 Parents as Teachers**

Additional participation in the PAT program has brought the budget for **Fund #17** to a new total of \$695,913. Of this amount \$421,765 is State match for the \$274,148 local funds. Jolly moved to approve the new budget amount of **\$695,913** as presented. Newell seconded and motion carried 6-0.

2. **Information/Discussion - Facilities Committee**

Jim reported that at the direction of the NEKESC BOE last month, he presented a proposal to the Jeff West BOE on Dec. 1st to lease their facility for \$500 per month. The proposal was not very well received. He also presented a petition for a charter school, however this did not get submitted, and so the JDLA would return to the way it was before a charter was issued with regard to student counts and test score reporting. Little said the Jeff West BOE is waiting for a cost summary for moving the Ozawkie students to the Meriden location and everything is basically on hold until after the first of January.

3. **Information/Discussion - Update on KPIRC Project**

The Kansas Parent Information Resource Center project hosted a state-wide conference in Wichita December 5th & 6th with over 350 attendees. It was co-hosted by the Kansas Department of Education and plans are to make it an annual conference.

- **Executive Session**

1. Negotiations

It was the consensus of the board to table discussion on negotiations until next month.

- **Adjournment**

At 7:55 p.m. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Lange seconded and motion carried 6-0.

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Tom Holroyd  
President

Susan Aspinwall, CPS  
Business Manager/Clerk