

Board of Education



Minutes

Supers Scheduled to Attend Board Meeting

Denis Yoder, Regular

Steve Wiseman, Alternate

Date: November 14, 2007

Location: NEKESC Business Office, 1220 Walnut Street, Oskaloosa

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

At 7:00 p.m., Todd Gigstad, called the meeting to order. Members present: Todd Gigstad, William Perry, LaVerne Clark, Dave Jolly, Gary Willits, Dan Evans and Jenny Morgison.

Others present: Linda Aldridge, Executive Director; Debra May, Business Manager; Shelia Smith, Assistant Director of Special Education; Terri Coughlin, JDLA Principal; Jeanette Souther, Special Education Coordinator, Myra Mohr, NEKESC School Social Worker; Denis Yoder, Superintendent.

Monthly Action Items

1. Approval of Agenda

Perry made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of moving Discussion Items – Old Business #2 Carl Perkins, to Action Item – Old Business #2. Jolly seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

2. Approval of Minutes

Jolly made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting as mailed to members. Clark seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

3. Approval of Bill & Claims

Jolly made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims as presented. Perry seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

4. Approval of Personnel Update

Jeanette reviewed the list of Contracts and Resignations for approval. Evans made a motion to approve the Contracts and Resignations as listed. Morgison seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Monthly Communications

1. Receive Communications from Visitors Present

Myra Mohr introduced herself to the Board. Myra is a NEKESC School Social Worker who provides services for the Valley Falls, Oskaloosa and Atchison County Community Schools.

2. Receive General Communications

Jeanette distributed the University of Kansas School of Education Highlights and shared with the Board her experience at the KU Educational Career Fair. Jeanette highlighted that out of 1300 graduate students enrolled in the KU School of Education, 4 of those student will graduate with special education endorsements this year.

Terri distributed information regarding the Archery in the Schools Program. JDLA will be participating in training and teaching of the archery program and will become certified trainers. JDLA is excited about utilizing this program as part of an extra curricular activity/physical education program.

Linda distributed TBI Training information and informed the Board that this is a service provided by Janet Tyler who is employed through our KISN grant.

Linda invited the Board to her home on December 8th for a holiday gathering.

Todd shared with the members that Atchison County Community School had an 11 year old girls pass away this past week and asked members to keep the family in their thoughts. NEKESC provided four staff members to the district for grief support.

3. Receive Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Treasure's Report for the month of November were provided.

4. Receive Cash Summary Report

Copies of the Cash Summary report for the month of November were provided and reviewed.

Action Items – Old Business

1. Tuition Reimbursement

Shelia and Linda presented the Waiver/Provisional Teacher Tuition Reimbursement Proposal handout and reviewed with the Board.

Jolly made a motion to accept the Waiver/Provisional Teacher Tuition Reimbursement starting in January 2008 for second semester with a support letter from Sharon Branson as the SETA Representative, and sending agreement to Larry Mears for contract development. Perry seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

2. Carl Perkins

Perry made a motion to repay \$13,830.68 to KSDE for disallowed expenses from the 04-05 Carl Perkins Grant. Willits seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Action Items – New Business

1. 403(b) Plan

Jolly made a motion to hire Baybridge, in conjunction with Security Benefit to administrate the NEKESC 403(b) plan. Evans seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Discussion Items – Old Business

1. Interlocal Agreement

The NEKESC Interlocal agreement expires in June 2008. Linda requested that superintendent review the interlocal agreement with their home district boards and have recommended changes at the December 19th Superintendents Advisory Council Meeting. Corrections will be made and available to each district before March. Each district is required to make a resolution for adoption of the Interlocal Agreement.

Discussion Items – New Business

1. Lecompton Facility Study

Linda presented information regarding maintenance needs at the Lecompton site. This is an old building, requiring on going maintenance to prevent development of larger, more expensive problems. The 08-09 budget will reflect realistic maintenance needs.

2. Negotiations

Linda shared with the Board that it is time to start thinking about negotiations. The members designated Dave Jolly as head negotiator for the Board.

3. Staffing Patterns

Shelia presented a handout and power point presentation overviewing the manner in which we determine student services and resultant staffing patterns

4. LEA Application

The LEA Application was provided and is available for public review.

5. General Public Relations Policies

General Public Relations, Facility Expansion Program, Interorganizational Relations, and Relations with Other Education Agencies policies were reviewed.

Executive Session

At 8:55 p.m., Perry made a motion to go into Executive Session in the conference room for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matter of non-elected personnel, reconvening in this room at 9:05 p.m. Clark seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 9:05 p.m., open session resumed and Perry made a motion to go into Executive Session in the conference room for 5 minutes to continue discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, reconvening in this room at 9:10 p.m. Clark seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

At 9:10 p.m., open session resumed.

Adjournment

At 9:10 p.m., Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clark seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Todd Gigstad
President

Krystal Porter
Clerk of the Board