

U.S.D. 481 Rural Vista

Special Board Meeting

May 18, 2010

White City

7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Kevin Kniebel, Esther Dillon, Steve Whitehair, Casey Riedy, Tanya Coons-Redig, Duane Blythe, Jim Barten

Others present:

Hope:

Greg Berens, Sheila Buller, Chris Johnson, Drew Obermeyer, Kelli Elliott, Larry Goracke

White City:

Andrea Timm, Ilona Rice, Vernetta Hammersmith

Call to order: President Kevin Kniebel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Appoint temporary board clerk: Esther Dillon motioned and Steve Whitehair seconded to approve Ethan Gruen as board clerk.

PASSED: 7-0

School Finance Update: Superintendent Hickert reviewed with the board the following: state aid reductions for school year 2009-2010, strategies utilized to balance the 2009-2010 budget, the strategies in place for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Hickert also discussed the potential for a decline in enrollment as well as the end of the ARRA funding at the close of the 2010-2011 school year.

Special Programming: Mrs. Hickert discussed the future of the PAT (parents as teachers program) with the board. Three options were discussed: hold the program harmless, reduce funding or eliminate the program entirely. After discussion, Tanya Coon-Redig motioned to reduce the program by \$3000. The motion failed to get a second.

Personnel: Esther Dillon motioned and Duane Blythe seconded to go into executive session until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel.

PASSED: 7-0

The board of education returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

Recess: Esther Dillon motioned and Casey Riedy seconded to recess for 5 minutes.

PASSED 7-0

The board meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Esther Dillon motioned and Duane Blythe seconded to go into executive session until 8:30 p.m. with Mrs. Hickert and Mr. Gruen to discuss non-elected personnel.

The board of education returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

Esther Dillon motioned and Steve Whitehair seconded to extend administrators' contracts. Mrs. Hickert will be the U.S.D. 481 superintendent and White City Principal. Mr. Gruen will be taking on additional principal duties in the areas of funding and accountability.

PASSED: 6-1 Jim Barten voted no.

Esther Dillon motioned and Duane Blythe seconded to renew Rural Vista teachers' contract for the 2010-2011 school year.

Passed: 6-1 Steve Whitehair voted no.

Negotiations: Duane Blythe motioned and Casey Riedy seconded to go into executive session until 8:50 p.m. with Mrs. Hickert and Mr. Gruen to discuss negotiations.

PASSED: 7-0

The board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m.

Duane Blythe motioned and Esther Dillon seconded to go into executive session until 9:00 p.m. with Mrs. Hickert and Mr. Gruen to discuss negotiations.

PASSED: 7-0

The board returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

Duane Blythe motioned and Jim Barten seconded to go into executive session until 9:15 p.m. with Mrs. Hickert and Mr. Gruen to discuss negotiations.

PASSED: 7-0

The board returned to open session at 9:15 p.m.

Adjournment: Casey Riedy motioned and Esther Dillon seconded to adjourn the meeting.

PASSED: 7-0

Time: 9:20 p.m.