

Rural Vista U.S.D. 481 Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

Hope, Kansas

July 13, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Present: Duane Blythe, Esther Dillon, Larry Goracke, Casey Riedy, Vicki Gruber, Theresa McCreath and Jim Barten.

Others present: Renae Hickert, Ashley Tokoi, Lawanna Kohman, Stephanie Berry, and Joann Kahnt.

Proceedings: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Duane Blythe, School Board President.

Election of Officers: Larry Goracke moved and Vicki Gruber seconded the nomination of Jim Barten for President.

Esther Dillon moved and Duane Blythe seconded the nomination of Casey Riedy for school board President.

Voting for Jim Barten passed with Larry Goracke, Vicki Gruber, Theresa McCreath and Jim Barten yay.

Voting for Casey Riedy failed with Duane Blythe, Esther Dillon, and Casey Riedy voting yay.

Jim Barten is the new school board President.

Jim Barten called for vice president nominations. Esther Dillon moved and Duane Blythe seconded the nomination of Casey Riedy for school board Vice President.

Vicki Gruber moved and Theresa McCreath seconded the nomination of Larry Goracke for school board Vice President.

Voting for Casey Riedy passed with Duane Blythe, Esther Dillon, Jim Barten and Casey Riedy voting yay.

Voting for Larry Goracke failed with Larry Goracke, Vicki Gruber, and Theresa McCreath yay.

Casey Riedy was re-elected is the school board Vice President.

Duane Blythe moved and Esther Dillon seconded to appoint Ashley Tokoi School Board Clerk and Barbara Stroda Treasurer.

Passed 7-0

Esther Dillon moved and Vicki Gruber seconded the appointment of Vic Jacobson as the District attorney.

Passed 6-1 Larry Goracke voting no

The meeting was again called to order at 7:04 pm by President Jim Barten.

Duane Blythe moved, Larry Goracke seconded the approval of the agenda, the treasures report, and approval of warrants.

Passed 7-0

Citizens Open Forum: Lawanna Kohlman addressed the board regarding the appearance of the minutes in the paper/website. The district office will have Mr. Joel Kahnt demonstrate to them how to upload the same onto the website during the summer.

There was no correspondence.

Mr. Barten shared several governmental relations with the board including a commission has been convened to study KPERS, the state fiscal year ended above estimates, and the State BOE is recommending restoring state aid per pupil to the prior levels.

Old Business:

Faculty/Classified Handbook Changes

Duane Blythe moved and Casey Riedy seconded to accept the following proposed language change to the handbook:

“When 24 hours of compensatory time has been accrued, the employee must either use the time earned (i.e. days off) or be paid for the time.”

Passed 6-1 Larry Goracke voting nay

Esther Dillon moved and Theresa McCreath seconded to accept the following proposed language change to the handbook:

“The School Board discourages school district staff from socializing with students outside of school in person or on social networking websites, including, but not limited to, MySpace and Facebook.

All school district employees, faculty, and staff who participate in social networking websites, shall not post any school district data, documents, photographs, or other district owned or created information on any website. Further, the posting of any private or confidential school district material on such websites is strictly prohibited.

School district employees are prohibited from engaging in any conduct on social networking websites that violates the law, school board policies, or other standard of conduct. Employees who violate this policy may face discipline and/or termination, in line

with other school board policies and/or collective bargaining agreements, if applicable.

Nothing in this policy prohibits employees, faculty, staff or students from the use of educational websites if such sites are used solely for educational purposes.

Access of social networking websites for individual use during school hours is prohibited.”

Passed 6-1 Larry Goracke voting nay

Former District Office Building

Larry Goracke moved to purchase the former district office building back at the same amount paid for the same if Terrance Waugh is interesting in selling it back to the school district. Vicki Gruber seconded said motion.

Passed 4-3

Esther Dillon, Duane Blythe, and Casey Riedy voting nay.

New Business:

Leadership Dickinson County

Jim Barten moved to sponsor Mr. Teeter for the Leadership Conference hosted by Dickinson County should Mr. Teeter so desire attending the same. Esther Dillon seconded.

Passed 7-0

Approval of the Budget

Superintendent Hickert presented the Board with two options for the upcoming 2011-12 budget. The main difference includes a mill levy in capital outlay. Duane Blythe moved, and Casey Riedy seconded the approval of the budget wherein no mills would be levied for capital outlay and a total mill levy of 51.695.

Passed 6-1 Theresa McCreath voting nay.

GAAP Waiver Resolution

Duane Blythe moved to adopt the following GAAP waiver resolution:

WHEREAS the Unified School District No. 481, Dickinson County, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended June 30, 2011 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the Board of Education, or the members of the general public of the Unified School District No. 481 and

WHEREAS there are not revenue bond ordinances of resolutions, or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) for the year ended 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 481, Dickinson County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 13th day of July, 2011, that the Board of Education waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) as they apply to the Unified School District for the year ended 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of Unified School District No. 481 to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

Esther Dillon seconded said motion.

Passed 7-0

Resolution to Establish Home Rule:

Vicki Gruber moved to adopt the following resolution which established Home Rule by the board:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 481, Dickinson County, Kansas, has determined that the exercise of powers granted by the legislature is of benefit to the board and local patrons; and WHEREAS, Kansas law authorizes the board to transact all school district business; and

WHEREAS, the board intends to adopt policies that the board deems appropriate to perform its constitutional duty to maintain, develop and operate local public schools; and

WHEREAS, the board acknowledges that the power granted by law shall not be construed to relieve the board from any obligations to comply with state law; and

WHEREAS, the board acknowledges that the powers granted by law and this resolution shall not be construed to relieve any other unit of government of its duties and responsibilities prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the board acknowledges that the powers granted by law do not create any responsibility on the part of the district to assume the duties or responsibilities that are required of another unit of government;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 481, Dickinson County, Kansas, that the board shall exercise the power granted by law and by this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Unified School District 481, Dickinson County, Kansas, this 13th day of July, 2011.

Theresa McCreath seconded said motion.

Passed 7-0

Resolution to Rescind and Adopt Policies:

Esther Dillon moved to adopt the following resolution to rescind and adopt policies:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Unified School District 481, Dickinson County, Kansas, in a regular meeting duly assembled this 13th day of July, 2011, the Board of Education rescind all policies established during the previous year and adopt all current written policies as those that will govern the district for the 2011-12 school year.

Vicki Gruber seconded said motion.

Passed 7-0

Activities Fund Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 481, Rural Vista, Dickinson County, Kansas, has determined the creation of any activity fund is an efficient method to pay expenses for student activities; and

WHEREAS, Kansas law authorizes the establishment of school activity funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 481, Rural Vista, Dickinson County, Kansas, that an activity fund designated as the Hope/White City Activities Fund is created for the purpose of receiving and expending funds for student activities, including athletics, music, forensics, dramatics and other board-approved student extra-curricular activities.

The fund shall be administered by Mike Teeter, Hope Principal, for the Hope Schools Activity Fund and Brad Kempf, White City Principal, for the White City Schools Activity Fund. The Principals shall keep a record of all receipts and expenditures and balance at the end of each month and at the end of the school year. Any person authorized to administer an activity fund shall be bonded by the school district.

Funds in the activity fund shall remain district funds but shall not be considered school money for the purposes of K.S.A. 72-8202d, and the provisions of K.S.A. 12-105b shall not apply.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Unified School District 481, Dickinson County, Kansas, this 13th day of July, 2011.

Vicki Gruber seconded said motion.

Passed 7-0

Duane Blythe moved, Larry Goarcke seconded, to approve and adopt the following:

Governmental Relations Representative: Duane Blythe

PDC Representative: Vicki Gruber

School Auditor: Aldrich and Company CPA's and Consultants, LLC

Truancy Officers: Mike Teeter, Hope Principal, and Brad Kempf, White City Principal.

Activity Fund Supervisor: Mike Teeter, Hope Principal, and Brad Kempf, White City Principal.

KPERS Representative: Ashley Tokoi

Designate Asbestos Coordinator, Food Service Representative, Freedom of Information Officer: Renae Hickert.

Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator, hearing officer for school lunch program (free/reduced), Title I, VI, PL874 Representative: Renae Hickert.

Smokey Hill Alternate: Jim Barten

Passed 7-0

Duane Blythe moved, Larry Goarcke seconded, to approve and adopt the following:

Adopt early payment plan.

Adopt section 125 benefits plan effective 10-1-10.

Petty Cash limits: school entry fees-\$3500; principals-\$150; each secretary-\$500; superintendent/clerk-\$300

Credit Card Limits: district office-\$1000; principals-\$500

Mileage rate reimbursement: \$.30 per mile

Passed 7-0

Vicki Gruber moved, Esther Dillon seconded, to approve and adopt the following:

Set school year at 1116 hours.

Depositories for district: First National Bank of Hope, Central National Bank of White City, Citizens State Bank & Trust Company of Woodbine

Official Newspaper: Abilene Reflector, with items being submitted to the Prairie Post and the Herington Times

Passed 7-0

Duane Blythe moved and Esther Dillon seconded to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing student matters commencing at 8:16 p.m. and returning to open session at 8:21 p.m with Superintendent Hickert.

Passed 7-0

The board returned to open session at 8:21 p.m.

Vicki Gruber moved and Duane Blythe seconded the approval of the following out-of-district students, conditionally:

Christopher Bourland;

Joseph Bourland;

Reece Bourland; and

Loretta Lazerith

Passed 7-0

Larry Goracke moved and Vicki Gruber seconded to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel commencing at 8:22 p.m. and returning to open session at 8:40 p.m.

Passed 7-0

The board returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

Casey Riedy moved to return to executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel with Superintendent Hickert commencing at 8:41 p.m. to 8:51 p.m. Duane Blythe seconded.

Passed 7-0

The board returned to open session at 8:51 p.m.

Vicki Gruber moved to rehire all classified staff. Classified staff will receive a \$0.20 raise this year. Classified staff will also receive a additional \$0.20 raise if they were employed with the school district during the year no wage increases were given.

Mrs. Gruber further moved to accept the resignation of Ms. Megan Shook with a \$3,200 liquidated damages assessment and to accept the appointment of Amy Coup for district preschool, Susan McConnell for Hope 1st grade, and Mike Jarvis for White City Science.

Casey Riedy seconded

Passed 7-0

Superintendent Hickert informed the board several coaching positions remain available including WC JH Football and Volleyball and Hope High School Girls Basketball.

Adjournment: Esther Dillon moved to adjourn. Duane Blythe seconded.

Passed 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Board President---Jim Barten

Board Clerk---Ashley Tokoi

Date Approved: