

Rural Vista USD 481 Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
White City, Kansas
7:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Renae Hickert (Superintendent), Brad Kempf (WC Principal), Michael Teeter (Hope Principal), Joann Kahnt (The Prairie Post), Mike Buse, Kim Buse, Gayle Larson, Michael Jarvis, Andrea Timm, Krystle Griem, Beverly Boller, Joan Anderson (Board Clerk)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Jim Barten.

Superintendent Hickert, informed the board that Representative Tom Moxley will be stopping in at approximately 8:00 p.m. to address the board concerning governmental issues. President Barten suggested that the board recess when Representative Moxley arrives.

Consent Agenda

Larry Goracke moved, Casey Riedy seconded, to approve the consent agenda with the understanding that when Representative Moxley arrives, the board would recess.

Motion Carried 7-0

Superintendent Hickert, presented the following additions to the agenda:

Old Business: 4.4 Eligibility discussion

New Business: 5.3 Grant Acceptance, 5.4 Technology Team Member

Vicki Gruber moved, Larry Goracke seconded, to accept the additions to the consent agenda.

Motion Carried 7-0

Public Presentation

Mike and Kim Buse addressed the board concerning the moving of White City's graduation from Saturday, May 12, 2012, to Sunday, May 13, 2012. Gayle Larson also addressed the board in favor of moving the graduation. President Barten will have the board address that issue in old business.

Principal Kempf introduced the following new White City teachers:
Beverly Boller (FACS), Michael Jarvis (HS Science), and Krystle Griem (HS English)

Superintendent Hickert introduced the new board clerk, Joan Anderson.

There was no correspondence.

In governmental relations, Duane Blythe reported that tax revenues were up. He also spoke on KPERS and charter schools and vouchers.

Old Business

Superintendent Hickert distributed the Efficiency School Review to the board members. Discussion was held. The board will discuss this further at the November meeting along with two other reviews that will be presented.

Duane Blythe moved, Vicki Gruber seconded, to accept the presented job descriptions for the Board Clerk and the District Secretary/Treasurer. Discussion was held.

Motion Carried 7-0

Superintendent Hickert informed the board concerning the following issues:

The Board Member boundary information was not available yet.

There have been no bids on the surplus busses since it was listed.

The district was still receiving the liquidated damages.

The engineering firm that inquired on renting the old district office rented the senior center instead. (Superintendent Hickert was reminded to winterize the old office.)

The Education Summit meetings are listed in the board packet. If any board member is interested in going, they need to let the Superintendent or the Board Clerk know so they can be registered. Duane Blythe voiced interest in the Topeka meeting, but will give a definite answer later.

Discussion was held concerning new eligibility requirements. The Principals and Superintendent informed the board that the teachers were overwhelmingly for keeping the requirements as is or strengthening them. Larry Goracke moved and Theresa McCreath seconded to allow the principals discretion in the first 3 weeks, but to keep everything else the same.

Motion Carried 7-0

Discussion was held concerning White City's graduation date. Duane Blythe moved, Casey Riedy seconded, to move White City's graduation from Saturday, May 12, 2012 p.m. to Sunday, May 13, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

At 7:40 p.m., Casey Riedy moved, Duane Blythe seconded, to take a 10 minute break.

Motion Passed 7-0

Representative Moxley arrived during the break, so the board went into recess at 7:48 p.m.

The board returned from recess at 8:32 p.m.

New Business

Principal Kempf and Principal Teeter shared items of interest with the board concerning their respective schools.

The White City library received a grant from C. G. Area Foundation fund for \$2795.00. Duane Blythe moved, Vicki Gruber seconded, to accept the grant from C. G. Area Foundation Fund for \$2795.00.

Motion Passed 7-0

Superintendent Hickert informed the board that it was time to select a new Technology Team Member. Duane Blythe moved, Theresa McCreath seconded, to have Larry Goracke as the new technology team member.

Motion Passed 7-0

Casey moved, Vicki Gruber seconded, that the Board of Education, Superintendent, and Principals go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters concerning a student; and that the board will return to the open meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Esther Dillon moved, Larry Goracke seconded, to accept the following out-of-district students conditionally:

Amber Campuzano – White City

Ace Ellsasser – Hope

Cheyenne Tracy – Hope

Motion Carried 7-0

Jim Barten moved, Larry Goracke seconded, to take a 5 minute break and return to open meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Casey Riedy moved, Duane Blythe seconded, that the Board of Education, Superintendent, and Principals go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board will return to the open meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Casey Riedy moved, Duane Blythe seconded, that the Board of Education, Superintendent, and Principals go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board will return to the open meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Esther Dillon Moved, Duane Blythe seconded, to accept the following appointments:

Para-Substitutes - Juanita Nittler, Jordon Polston, Lynette Dejmal

Substitutes - Lynette Dejmal, Crystal Carson, Brenna Zimmer

Substitute Cooks - Shannon Harris

and to accept the resignation of Kristi Olson.

Motion Carried 7-0

General Discussion

Superintendent Hickert reported that the district may be able to republish the budget later in the school year, but she will wait until after the audit from KSDE.

Duane Blythe asked Superintendent Hickert to place the Nepotism policy on the agenda for the next meeting. Discussion was held concerning personnel hired during the time the Nepotism policy was in force.

Adjournment

Esther Dillon moved, Vicki Gruber seconded, to adjourn.

Motion Carried 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Jim Barten – President

Joan Anderson – Board Clerk

Approved: