

**Rural Vista USD 481 Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 12, 2011  
White City, Kansas  
7:00 p.m.**

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

**Others Present:** Renae Hickert (Superintendent), Brad Kempf (WC Principal), Michael Teeter (Hope Principal), Joan Anderson (Board Clerk), Joann Kahnt (The Prairie Post), Stephanie Berry (The Herington Times)

**Call to Order**

The USD 481 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jim Barten.

**Consent Agenda**

Larry Goracke moved, Vicki Gruber seconded, to approve the November minutes with the following corrections: Under general discussion, the last paragraph, the last sentence, omit the word other and omit "Pre" in front of PreK.

Motion Carried 7-0

Casey Riedy moved, Larry Goracke seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Report and Warrants.

Motion Carried 7-0

**Adoption of the December Agenda**

Duane Blythe moved, Esther Dillon seconded, to accept the December agenda with the following additions: Under New Business: E. Healthy Habits for life grant; Under Old Business: C. Busses, D. Board Member Boundaries; Under General Discussion: B. Facebook, C. Potential Date Change

Motion Carried 7-0

**Public Presentation**

Joann Kahnt reported that she received a letter from the Governor concerning education and it will be put in The Prairie Post for patrons to read.

Duane Blythe, governmental relations representative for the board, reported that the government is saying education will be held harmless concerning cuts.

**New Business**

Principal Kempf and Principal Teeter informed the board of current events at their respective schools.

Duane Blythe moved, Vicki Gruber seconded, to approve the 3-year Technology Plan presented to the board.

Motion Carried 7-0

Superintendent Hickert presented the enrollment projections for the 2012-13 school year to the board. She also included the present year unaudited and last year's audited FTE figures.

Discussion was held concerning which avenue to take for the superintendent search. Duane Blythe moved to hire KASB to help with the search.

Motion died due to lack of second.

Larry Goracke moved, Jim Barten seconded, to hire a full time superintendent.

Motion failed 2-5(opposed Duane Blythe, Esther Dillon, Vicki Gruber, Theresa McCreath, Casey Riedy)

Casey Riedy moved, Vicki Gruber seconded, to have the district post a part time superintendent position on some websites with a closing date of the Friday before the next board meeting.

Motion Carried 5-2 (opposed Jim Barten, Larry Goracke)

President Barten will contact neighboring districts to see if they are interested in helping out. Joan Anderson, Board Clerk, will contact Little River to find out the process they went through to share a superintendent with Otis-Bison.

The White City School and Hope School each received a \$1000 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield for Healthy Habits for Life. Larry Goracke moved, Theresa McCreath seconded, to accept these grants.

Motion Carried 7-0

The White City School received three grants from KSDE Kansas Team Nutrition for \$350, \$270, and \$495. Larry Goracke moved, Theresa McCreath seconded, to accept these grants.

Motion Carried 7-0

### **Old Business**

To follow up on the board's requests, Superintendent Hickert informed the board that the expense of the After School Program to the district is \$10,120 and the revenue is only \$1700. In regards to the \$11,000 savings the Efficiency Review Team came up with concerning the White City school lunches, they took the 80 second entrees and multiplied it by 170 days and multiplied it by \$.87 per entrée. Superintendent Hickert informed the board that this was deceiving considering the cooks at White City will serve a smaller portion to the students and allow them to go back for seconds so food is not wasted. At the next board meeting, the board would like to know how many lunches are served every month at the schools.

Staying in open session, the board took a tour of the White City School at 7:44 p.m. They went to the second floor and then on to the IDL room to look at possible repairs. After their return to the library at 7:55 p.m., it was noted that the efficiency review committee recommended that the concrete at the south entryway be repaired, especially the step.

The review committee also recommended having a yearly evaluation of the classified staff. Superintendent Hickert informed the board that the classified staff has yearly evaluations, but it was not noted in the handbook. The handbook will be updated to include yearly evaluations. She also informed the board that the job descriptions need updating and that the board clerk is working on those. The wording for compensatory time will also be updated in the handbook.

Discussion was held concerning fundraising by outside organizations. Esther Dillon moved, Jim Barten seconded, that all fundraising efforts must be related to a school or class group or effort, and school-wide functions are at the discretion of the building Principals and will have Administrative approval.  
Motion Carried 7-0

The school district was unable to sell the busses on "Craig's list", so Joel Kahnt, the business teacher at White City, at the request of Superintendent Hickert, will list it on "Purplewave" for the district.

The board member boundaries have been updated. Superintendent Hickert will review the census site. If there is great than a 5% difference of population in any district, the boundaries have to be changed.

#### **Executive Session**

At 8:16 p.m., Theresa McCreath moved 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 8:30 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Vicki Gruber moved, Duane Blythe seconded, to approve conditionally out of district students Nevaeh Ash and Noah Ash.

Motion Carried 7-0

Duane Blythe left the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Casey Riedy moved, Vicki Gruber seconded, to accept Michelle Reneau and Patrick Thibodeau as district substitutes.

Motion Carried 6-0

Vicki Gruber moved, Esther Dillon seconded, to accept the substitute list from the August meeting which consisted of the following names:

Ardeth Sherwood  
Bonnie Birzer  
Christina West  
David Allison  
Debbie Blythe  
Emilee Morgan  
Joyce Rock  
Ken Riffel  
Matt Ross  
Meghan Wells  
Missy Smies  
Stephanie Anderson  
Stephen Ash  
Steve Riedy  
Tracey Oltmanns  
Tracey Campuzano  
Trent Sanchez  
Tristan Utech  
Jodi Reeves

Motion Carried 5-1(opposed Larry Goracke)

Duane Blythe returned to the open meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Casey Riedy moved, Theresa McCreath seconded, to accept the following supplemental list from the August board meeting:

Marlene Teeter: Hope High School Assistant Volleyball Coach and Hope High School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach

Kyle Lorson: Hope High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Mike Jarvis: White City Assistant Volleyball Coach

Steve Riedy: Hope Athletic Director, Rural Vista JH Football Coach

Motion Carried 6-1(opposed Larry Goracke)

At 8:37 p.m., Theresa McCreath moved, Casey Riedy seconded, that the Board of Education 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 8:47 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 8:47 p.m.

At 8:47 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 9:00 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

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

At 9:00 p.m., Theresa McCreath moved, Casey Riedy 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 9:10 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 9:10 p.m.

### **General Discussion**

Superintendent Hickert informed the board that the White City 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion, which the board is involved in, is the same night, May 14<sup>th</sup>, as the school board meeting. She asked the board to consider an alternate night for the board meeting since May 15<sup>th</sup> is Kindergarten promotion and May 16<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school.

Superintendent Hickert suggested that the board consider setting up a "Facebook" page to promote the district. She pointed out that military families utilize "Facebook" to find out about the schools in the surrounding areas. The board instructed Superintendent Hickert to gather more information for next month's meeting.

Some staff members asked the administration about changing the date of resuming school after the Christmas break from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup> and to move the last day of school to May 17<sup>th</sup>. After some discussion, Vicki Gruber moved, Larry Goracke seconded, to change the date for resuming school after the Christmas break from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion Failed 2-5(opposed Jim Barten, Duane Blythe, Esther Dillon, Theresa McCreath, Casey Riedy)

Casey Riedy moved, Theresa McCreath seconded, to adjourn.

Motion Carried 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Jim Barten, President

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Joan Anderson, Board Clerk

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