

Rural Vista USD 481
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
November 14, 2016
White City, KS
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Jim Barten, Theresa McCreath, Tracy Schmidt, Mike Jacobson and David Whitehair.

Others Present

Superintendent Ralph Blevins, Mike Teeter (Hope), Joel Kahnt (White City), Joann Kahnt (The Prairie Post), Annetta Flax (Board Clerk), JR Sparke (The Abilene Reflector-Chronicle), Melissa Schrader, Trace Hostetter, Amy Allen, Kari Hinkle and Carol Stilwell.

Call to Order

President Jim Barten called the USD 481 Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Consent Agenda Approval

Mike Jacobson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

Adoption of November Meeting Agenda

Tracy Schmidt moved to approve the November meeting agenda with the additions:

Add Jeff Hostetter to the list of resignations; add item B Executive Session for Personnel and all other items will follow.

Chad Johnson entered the meeting at 7:02pm.

David Whitehair seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

Public Presentation

Citizen's Open Forum

Kari Hinkle and Carol Stilwell addressed the board regarding White City's graduation conflict.

Correspondence

A thank you letter was read from the family of Verna Edwards.

Governmental Relations

Jim Barten discussed recent elections and the topics discussed at the recent legislation luncheon he attended.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Financial Audit

Amy Allen from Aldrich and Company, LLC presented the 2015-16 school year financial audit.

Discussed was held.

Tracy Schmidt moved to approve the financial audit as presented.

Chad Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

Executive Session for Personnel

At 7:35pm, Mike Jacobson moved that the board go into executive session with Mr. Blevins for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and the board will return to open session in 10 minutes.

Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

The board went into executive session at 7:36.

The board returned to open session at 7:46pm.

At 7:46pm, Theresa McCreath moved that the board go into executive session with Mr. Blevins for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and the board will return to open session in 10 minutes.

Mike Jacobson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

The board went into executive session at 7:46pm.

The board returned to open session at 7:56pm.

At 7:56pm, Theresa McCreath moved that the board go into executive session with Mr. Blevins for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and the board will return to open session in 5 minutes.

Mike Jacobson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

The board went into executive session at 7:57pm.

The board returned to open session at 8:02pm.

At 8:02pm, Chad Johnson moved that the board go into executive session with Mr. Blevins for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and the board will return to open session in 10 minutes.

Mike Jacobson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

The board went into executive session at 8:02pm.

The board returned to open session at 8:12pm.

No action was taken by the board.

Resignations

Tracy Schmidt moved to approve the resignations as presented.

(Steve Riedy: JHFB, Jessica Painter: HS Business and Jeff Hostetter: HSFB)

Mike Jacobson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

Discussion was held.

Hope Senior Class Trip

Trace Hostetter and Melissa Schrader addressed the board regarding Hope's Senior Class Trip to Missouri. The board tabled the topic until December's meeting.

Substitute Teacher

The board tabled approving Stephen Kraus until December's meeting.

Negotiated Agreement

Discussion was held.

Theresa McCreath moved to approve the 2016-17 Negotiated Agreement as presented.

David Whitehair seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

Board Elections

Theresa McCreath moved to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution to Extend Term of Office

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 481, Dickinson County, Kansas hereby extends the term of office for any elected board member whose term would expire at any time in 2017 until the second Monday in January of 2018, when newly elected members of the governing body and other newly elected officials shall take office pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 25-21a01.

Tracy Schmidt seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-1 (Mike Jacobson opposing)

Transportation Bids

Discussion was held concerning the condition of the transportation fleet.

Theresa McCreath moved to approve the purchase of a 9 passenger suburban from Don Hattan for \$38,642.25 and a 35 passenger Thomas Bus from Midwest Bus Sales for \$73,248.00 with capital outlay funds as budgeted for.

David Whitehair seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

Administrative Reports

Joel Kahnt reported the White City graduation scheduling issue as it interferes with college graduation. Maps, sports, Veteran's Day assembly and the KU Honor Students were also reported.

Mike Teeter discussed teacher evaluations, Veteran's Day assembly, KESA and the mentoring program.

Carol Stilwell and Kari Hinkle addressed the board again about White City graduation.

It was stated that a petition was signed by all of the Senior parents, agreeing to move graduation to Sunday May 14th at 2:00pm.

Discussion was held concerning this matter.

It was mentioned to table this until December's meeting.

Mike Jacobson moved to approve changing White City's High School graduation to Sunday May 14th at 2:00pm.
Chad Johnson seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-1 (Jim Barten opposing)

Ralph Blevins discussed some issues concerning the recent financial audit regarding internal controls.
He recommended that Kendra Mein be trained in the district office.
Discussion was held.

Theresa McCreath moved to have the district office staff train Kendra Mein in some district office duties for segregation.
Tracy Schmidt seconded the motion.
Motion carried 6-0

Ralph Blevins also commented about Hope Bus Barn's door and the air conditioning in the Hope Schools kitchen.

Adjournment

Mike Jacobson moved to adjourn the board meeting.
Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.
Motion carried 6-0

The board meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

Approved:

Jim Barten: Board President

Annetta Flax: Board Clerk