

**Rural Vista USD 481 Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 9, 2012  
Hope, 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), Mike Teeter ( Hope Principal), Joan Anderson (Board Clerk), Shelbie Sizemore, Nicole Sizemore, Stephanie Laudemann, Ken Reitz, Debbie Linder, Lori Meyer

**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**

Duane Blythe moved, Vicki Gruber seconded, to approve the consent agenda with the following change to the minutes: Under Old Business, in the last paragraph which begins with the words “The board member boundaries”, delete “have been updated” and insert “census data was now available and discussed by the board”.

Motion Carried 7-0

**Adoption of the January Agenda**

Casey Riedy moved, Duane Blythe seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 4. (D) Executive session student matters and 4. (E) Executive session Personnel

Motion Carried 7-0

**Public Presentation**

Ken Reitz and Debbie Linder addressed the board concerning the extension of the music program and maybe forming a club. The board instructed Principal Teeter to see if there would be interest in this area.

There was no correspondence.

Duane Blythe shared with the board Governor Brownback’s proposed changes for school finance.

At 7:35 p.m., Esther Dillon moved, Duane Blythe seconded, that the Board of Education, Superintendent, Principals, Nicole Sizemore, and Shelbie Sizemore go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters concerning a student; and that the board will return to the open meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

Nicole and Shelbie Sizemore left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 7:45 p.m.

At 7:45 p.m., Esther Dillon moved, Casey Riedy seconded, that the Board of Education, Superintendent Hickert, and Principal Kempf 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 8:00 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

Superintendent Hickert and Principal Kempf left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., Esther Dillon moved, Theresa McCreath seconded, that the Board of Education and Stephanie Laudemann 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 8:10 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:10 p.m.

At 8:10 p.m., Larry Goracke moved, Duane Blythe seconded, to take a 10 minute recess.

Motion Carried 7-0

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:20 p.m.

### **New Business**

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

An engagement letter was presented from Aldrich and Company LLC to establish a two year contract for their auditing services. Duane Blythe moved, Larry Goracke seconded, to approve the two year contract with Aldrich and Company LLC.

Motion Carried 7-0

### **Old Business**

As a follow up to the efficiency review, the board was given a spreadsheet showing the number of lunches served per day at each school. White City averaged 166.27 lunches per day and Hope averaged 152.99 lunches per day.

At 8:34 p.m., the Board took a tour of the Hope School to look at roof leakage and possible carpet repair. The superintendent also informed the board about the issues with the preschool roof. The board finished the tour at 8:45 p.m. Superintendent Hickert will get quotes for the cost of the repairs.

Superintendent Hickert informed the board that she received the population figures for each township on the board member boundaries; however USD 481 shares most of their townships with other school districts. In order to get an accurate population count, the district would have to take the figure given and determine which households in each township were in the USD 481 district. The legislative research committee can do that, but the district would have to wait until the research committee is finished drawing legislative boundaries. Discussion was held. Superintendent will bring back more information to the next board meeting.

Korby Effland represented a bid of \$900 for the school bus. Discussion was held. Duane Blythe moved, Theresa McCreath seconded, to accept Korby's original offer of \$1,005 and if Korby does not accept this counteroffer, the board will proceed with "Purplewave".  
Motion Carried 5-2 (Jim Barten, Larry Goracke opposed)

### **Executive Session**

At 9:02 p.m., Casey Riedy moved, Vicki Gruber 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 would return to the open meeting at 9:25 p.m.  
Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Vicki Gruber moved, Larry Goracke seconded, to approve Julie Slater as a district emergency substitute and Nicole Coons as a White City substitute cook.  
Motion carried 7-0

The board negotiation team will consist of Jim Barten, Duane Blythe, and Theresa McCreath. Superintendent Hickert will send the negotiation letter to the Teacher's Association.

### **General Discussion**

Discussion was held concerning student enrollment and drop-out numbers.

### **Adjournment**

Esther Dillon moved, Vicki Gruber seconded, to adjourn.  
Motion Carried 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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Jim Barten, President

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Joan Anderson, Board Clerk

Approved:

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