



BOARD REPORT

April 12, 2010

5:00 p.m.

Board Members: Wade Babcock; Joyce Carter; Jean Cavanaugh; David Holste; Dr. Larry Kutina; Kevin Mauler; and Dwight Young.

Messages from Patrons: Bruce Boehmer, Sara Williams, Dr. Ryan Williams, and Tammy Strobel each briefly addressed the BOE regarding the previously presented request for students with dual enrollment (virtual school plus one class at GB High School) to participate in GB High School activities and athletics. Each was supportive of virtual schools as education choices in certain circumstances, and participation of the dual-enrolled students in GBHS activities was encouraged.

Recognitions / Communications:

- R.O.S.E. Award

In the Board of Education's continuing efforts to recognize individuals or groups for their services to the school district, the R.O.S.E. (**R**ecognizing **O**utstanding **S**upport of **E**ducation) Award was created. The recipient of this month's R.O.S.E. award was *Tatum Vogel*.

A student was scheduled for necessary surgery at a time when the family faced a financial challenge which could have disallowed the medical procedure. Mrs. Vogel stepped forward and, with the help of family, friends, and peers, organized fund raisers and accepted contributions for gas money for travel to and from the surgery site and also for some basic living necessities for the family. The student, whose surgery was successful, is now happily back in the classroom. Tatum as well as the student and mother were present at the meeting. The BOE extended thanks to Tatum for her generous efforts which made a difference in the life of a student!

- Special Recognition – Teacher of the Year Candidates

Following final selection by the Kansas Teacher of the Year Nominating Committee, **Toni Rice and Susan Stambaugh will represent USD 428 in the 2010-2011 Kansas Teacher of the Year program!** Toni and Susan were present at the meeting, and the Board extended appreciation to them for their achievements in the teaching profession.

- Board Member Comments.

Jean Cavanaugh noted that the Great Bend Recreation Commission's winter soccer session was a good program. Barton Community College's Oliver Twelvetimes will again host a week-long summer soccer camp for students. Jean encouraged the high school staff to help all students plan toward post-secondary education and career planning. She hopes there will be continued information provided that will deter bullying.

Dwight Young noted that GBHS Assistant Principal Randy Wetzel recently refereed a Baylor vs. Missouri basketball game. Mr. Young's favorite team won!

- **USD 428 Education Foundation.** The Education Foundation trustees will host a reception for 2010-2011 mini-grant recipients at 3:45 p.m., on April 19, 2010, at the DEC. The foundation's annual golf tournament is scheduled for April 30, 2010, at StoneRidge.
- **Correspondence.** The BOE received a *thank you* message from past and present Kansas Teacher of the Year designees for supporting their attendance at KSDE's Kansas Exemplary Educators Network Conference.

Student Participation in Activities: At the BOE meeting of 3/8/10 Bruce Boehmer, parent of two sons currently being home schooled, addressed the BOE requesting permission for the boys to participate in GBHS activities in 2010-2011. At that time the boys would have dual enrollment (four classes in the Leavenworth Virtual School and one class in GB High School). The KSHSAA recently approved activities participation for students having enrollment in an accredited virtual school in combination with public school enrollment; however, the USD 428 Board has no policy addressing such participation. Superintendent Vernon, as requested by the BOE, polled other school districts regarding their handling of such requests, and he shared the responses with the BOE at their meeting of 3/25/10.

One Board member wholly supported the students' inclusion in activities and athletics. Another referred to multiple facets of the decision, including long-term effects, identified classes that would allow eligibility, potential enrollment increases or decreases, related AYP details, and the impact on state aid. There were questions about whether there would eventually be a virtual school within USD 428. One Board member referred to full-time students' true *school spirit* and *school ownership*, and another stressed that the Board would need time to study the topic and learn more prior to making a decision on a policy for student participation. There was some concern noted for try-out sports in which full-time GBHS students could be displaced by students who attend only one class at the site.

The BOE and administration will begin studying the topic and will subsequently develop a comprehensive policy for activities and athletics participation of dual-enrolled students (i.e., the number of GBHS courses required for such participation, eligibility reporting, etc.). This acquired knowledge and written document would then provide BOE members a sound basis to determine if they do or do not wish to pursue the topic.

Approval of K-6 Science Resources Adoption: On 2/8/10 and 3/8/10, the Board heard readings for the proposed K-6 science resources adoption. The recommendation had been presented to and approved by the District Science Department and the Curriculum Steering Committee. Vendor presentations have been held, and district teachers have used the materials in their classrooms. The BOE approved the K-6 Science Resources adoption, at a cost of \$94,111.10.

K-6 Science Resources

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Approval of 7-12 Science Resources Adoption: On 3/8/10 the Board heard a first reading for the proposed 7-12 science resources adoption for 2010-2011. The administration recommended a delay in BOE action for approval of the science adoption for grades 7 and 8 until final details are compiled.

The recommendation for grades 9-12 had been presented to and approved by the District Science Department and the Curriculum Steering Committee, and district teachers have used the materials in their classrooms. The 9-12 Science Resources, which will cost \$76,436.93, received BOE approval.

<i>Miller & Levin Biology-Fnd Series</i>	Pearson/Prentice Hall	C: 2010	Biology I
<i>Essentials of Human Anatomy & P</i>	Pearson/Prentice Hall	C: 2009	A & P I and II
<i>Conceptual Physics</i>	Pearson/Prentice Hall	C: 2009	Conceptual Physics
<i>Chemistry Concepts / Applications</i>	Glencoe Sci/McGraw-Hill	C: 2009	Conceptual Chemistry
<i>Biology</i>	Glencoe Sci/McGraw-Hill	C: 2009	Biology II and III
<i>Science Spectrum Earth/Space</i>	Holt	C: 2008	General Science
<i>Physics</i>	Holt	C: 2009	Physics I
<i>Chemistry</i>	Pearson/Prentice Hall	C: 2008	Adv. Chemistry I and II

Approval of 2010-2011 Handbooks: On 3/8/10 the Board of Education heard first readings on the 2010-2011 handbooks noted below, and Superintendent Vernon explained proposed changes. At this second reading, the Board approved the 2010-2011 handbooks.

- Student Handbooks (elementary, middle school, and high school)
- Teacher Handbooks (elementary, middle school, and high school)
- Activities Handbook
- Athletics Handbook

Approval of KASB Membership for 2010-2011: The BOE has utilized the services of the Kansas Association of School Boards during the past year, receiving assistance in such areas as policy development, personnel, negotiations, school improvement, and legal services. The cost of 2010-2011 membership is \$10,839, an increase of \$14 over the previous year's rate of \$10,825. Next year's budget includes dollars for this expenditure. Additionally, the administration recommended approval of membership in the Legal Assistant Fund @ \$1,400 (\$300 increase from prior year). The BOE approved the 2010-2011 KASB membership as well as Legal Assistance Fund membership, for a total cost of \$12,239.

Approval of Food Service Equipment and Software Purchase: As noted at the BOE meeting of 3/8/10, School Food Service point-of-sale equipment is outdated and undependable. Director Karl Sprague secured quotes for *hardware, set-up, and software* from two vendors. Following a review of the quotes, the BOE approved the purchase from *Harris/eTritionware*.

- Skyward (district's current student management program source). Does not include hardware. \$29,840 plus annual fees noted below.
Year 1: \$29,840. Year 2: \$4,769. Year 3: \$4,950. Year 4: \$5,138. Year 5: \$5,333. Total: \$50,030.
- Harris/eTritionware (vendor of brand currently in use):
\$12,789 with additional costs only when upgrades are made.

Authorize Representation for Hazard Mitigation Plan Development: Barton County's Emergency / Risk Management has approval to develop a FEMA hazard mitigation plan through which pre-filed local agencies could apply for FEMA assistance following severe emergencies; and the district wishes inclusion. The Board approved a resolution authorizing E-Fm Consulting, LLC, to represent the district during analysis and development of a hazard mitigation plan. Dan Brungardt will be the district's liaison, and BOE Member Joyce Carter will participate as well. Following FEMA's subsequent approval of a final plan, the Board will review and act on its adoption.

Curriculum and Instruction Report:

- USD 428 Curriculum Day on 4/5/10: Ruth Heinrichs reported that USD 428's Curriculum Day was beneficial to teachers. There were grade-level and department meetings, learning sessions facilitated by USD 428 teachers, a Kan-Ed session, and time for principals to work with staff. Many

elementary teachers spent time organizing and analyzing current science resources. Plans are already underway for the next Curriculum Day, which will be held in October of 2010.

- Approval of All Stars Supplemental Program. The BOE approved implementation of the *All Stars* supplemental program within the *Skills for Adolescents* class at the eighth grade, beginning next school year. The program addresses pertinent topics, such as goal setting, career choices, success for the future, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sexuality, fighting, and delinquency. The instruction is interactive and thought provoking. The activities include small-group discussions, games, art projects, and discussion with parents. The program is sponsored (at no cost to the district) and presented by the Juvenile Justice Authority and will be utilized for thirty minutes a week for nine weeks. The teacher of Skills for Adolescents as well as the middle school counselor and principal have been involved in planning for the implementation; and the program has received approval from the Healthy Living Committee, Curriculum Committee, and administrators.
- Update on Kansas Assessments Update. Kansas Assessments testing is nearing completion, and preliminary reporting of scores seems favorable. To date no KSDE test-monitoring representatives have visited the district, as had been anticipated.

Meeting Minutes. Minutes were provided for the following meetings: Professional Development Council (PDC) on 4/5/10; and Curriculum Steering Committee on 3/2/10 and 4/6/10.

Business / Operations / Clerk / State and Federal Programs Report:

- Projects Update. Mr. Brungardt provided a status report on projects underway in USD 428. Bids are being accepted for demolition of the current stadium / bleachers, with the demolition to be done following the GBHS commencement date. Also, construction has begun on the behind-stage addition at GB High School.
- Insurance Update. On June 7, 2010, Bob Charlesworth of Charlesworth and Associates will facilitate a session relating to the district's insurance bid process; and BOE Members Wade Babcock, Joyce Carter, and David Holste will attend. The two lowest insurance-package vendors will meet to present details of their bid proposals. At that session, various plan components can be questioned to help determine a recommendation of the bid which would fulfill district needs.
- Financial Update. The administration continues to monitor future funding challenges relating to school finance. Cost cutting options for 2010-2011, as approved by the BOE on 2/8/10, are being implemented.

Mr. Brungardt provided a comparison chart of enrollment and funding data (local, state, and ARRA) for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, based on information from the recently completed state audit. There was a slight increase in FTE enrollment; however, total funding for 2009-2010 is down \$1,220,802.48 from the previous year.

Superintendent's Report:

- Schools for Fair Funding Update. Superintendent Vernon provided an update on SFFF. Participating school representatives met in Newton on 4/9/10. In regard to litigation, potential intervening parties are expected. Steps in the SFFF legal process include identifying plaintiffs, recording the causes for action, and moving forward with actual litigation.

Bills and Financial Reports: Dan Brungardt presented the warrants, financial report, travel summary, and health insurance status report to the Board members.

Consent Agenda: Board members, by consent, approved the following details.

- Approval of BOE Meeting Minutes: March 8 and 25, 2010
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.
- Personnel Report:
 - Certified Teacher Resignation*
 - Mrs. Deanna Essmiller, Teacher of Grade 6 at Eisenhower Elementary School.
 - Mrs., Teacher of
 - Certified Teacher Employments*
 - Mr. Brian Bristol, Teacher of Science at GB Middle School.
 - Mr. Kyle Kroeker, Elementary Teacher at Riley Elementary School.
 - Ms. Alyssa Voth, Teacher of Math at GB Middle School.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Board members were reminded of meetings / events.

- **USD 428 Education Foundation Reception for Grant Recipients:** at 3:45 p.m., on April 19, 2010, at the District Education Center.
- **Kansas Teachers of the Year Welcome Breakfast:** at 9:00 a.m., on April 21, 2010, at the District Education Center.
- **KASB Spring Regional Meeting:** on April 21, 2010, at Pratt, KS.
- **BOE Luncheon Meeting:** at noon on April 27, 2010, at Eisenhower Elementary School.
- **GBHS Senior Honor Awards Assembly:** at 7:00 p.m., on April 27, 2010, at the GBHS Commons.
- **USD 428 Education Foundation Golf Tournament:** on April 30, 2010, at StoneRidge.
- **GBHS Commencement:** at 5:00 p.m., on May 16, 2010, at GBHS Memorial Stadium.
- **Retirees' Reception:** at 6:30 p.m., on May 19, 2010, at the Highland Hotel and Convention Center.

Executive Session: The BOE met in executive session, as authorized by KSA 75-4319, paragraph 1, for the discussion of nonelected personnel. There was no action resulting from the executive session.

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Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.