



BOARD REPORT

August 8, 2011

5:00 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING

Board Members: Wade Babcock (absent); Doug Bender; Joyce Carter (absent); Dr. Larry Kutina (absent); Kevin Mauler; Cheryl Rugan; and Dwight Young.

Budget Hearing: Board members reviewed USD 428's published 2011-2012 budget, showing a total of 44.945 mills, generating \$6,301,392. According to statute, the state pays 20 mills. Bond and Interest is set at 6.610 mills, with the Supplemental General Fund at 18.335 mills.

The 2011-2012 General Fund is set at \$18,506,502.00, which is less than the General Fund of 2010-2011. The \$964,407.00 deficiency of this year's budget can be made up with \$802,991.88 from the Contingency Reserve Fund (meeting guideline requirements) and from improved efficiencies and/or fewer transfers from the General Fund to special funds. The Board approved the 2011-2012 budget, as published.

Adjournment: The Budget Hearing was adjourned.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Board Members: Wade Babcock (absent); Doug Bender; Joyce Carter; Dr. Larry Kutina (absent); Kevin Mauler; Cheryl Rugan; and Dwight Young.

Athletic League Affiliation: Recently the district sent a letter to the Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League requesting membership. League personnel met and subsequently denied the request, noting they had no interest in expanding the league. Superintendent Vernon and Activities Director David Meter individually visited with AVCTL representatives regarding the district's scheduling problems. Though they understand the difficulties, there will be no AVCTL affiliation.

Paperless BOE Meetings: There had been previous discussion regarding implementation of paperless Board of Education meetings. At this meeting Dan Brungardt demonstrated the *IPad2*, showing how, through this technology, the agendas, financial reports, meeting minutes, student and faculty handbooks, BOE policies, and more can be available for BOE members' instant reference at their homes/offices and at Board meetings. The *IPad2* is lightweight and portable; and implementing this technology would eliminate Board document copying time, would save paper, and would end the monthly board-packet delivery route.

Following the demonstration and discussion, the BOE approved implementing paperless board meetings and purchasing the *IPad2* for each board member's use. *IPad2* operating instruction will be provided to board members. The 9/12/11 BOE meeting will be handled both traditionally and with the *IPad2*. Beginning 10/10/11, meetings will be paperless.

Electronic Communication: The administration has asked Public Information Director Jennifer Schartz to develop a district Facebook site on which to post USD 428 announcements but not to receive comments. Considering Facebook and multiple other social networking sites, the administration recommended that the Board establish appropriate policies.

The Board heard a first reading of *Expectations for Communicating Electronically with Students* relating to social networking. Superintendent Vernon read the policy aloud, and the board and administration discussed this policy which defines social communications among teachers / students / coaches / administrators. Recommendations from this discussion will be included in the subsequent reading of the policy.

The policy has been discussed with the district's Administrative Team members who will subsequently share details with teachers and coaches. After receiving input and amending the draft copy to fulfill the district's needs, the document will be returned to the Board for action. The intent is to include *Expectations for Communicating Electronically with Students* in student and faculty handbooks and to keep parents informed of the content.

Approval of Math Grant: The Middle School and High School have an opportunity to be included in a grant application that would imbed Cooperative Learning into the math program which the district is already using. The Board approved participation in the grant.

Approval of Change in BOE Luncheon Meeting Dates: In order to accommodate schedules, the BOE was asked to consider changing the 2011-2012 luncheon meetings (September through April—with the exception of January) from Thursdays. Following discussion, the BOE approved changing the luncheon meetings to Tuesdays, according to the schedule below.

<u>Previously Approved Date</u>	→	<u>Proposed Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 29, 2011	→	September 27, 2011	Eisenhower Elementary School
October 27, 2011	→	October 25, 2011	Jefferson Elementary School
December 1, 2011	→	November 29, 2011	GB High School
January 24, 2012 (<u>NO CHANGE</u>)	→	January 24, 2012	Riley Elementary School
February 23, 2012	→	February 21, 2012	Park Elementary School
March 29, 2012	→	March 27, 2012	Lincoln Elementary School
April 26, 2012	→	April 24, 2012	GB Middle School

Curriculum and Instruction Report:

- Summer 2011 Professional Development. Twenty-five USD 428 educators, along with nineteen from Central Plains USD 112, recently attended the *Kagan Cooperative Learning* class. Fourteen teachers new to USD 428 fulfilled a three-day session of *Classroom Management*. The twenty-eight teachers new to USD 428 are currently participating in the scheduled orientation days.

- Kansas Assessment Scores for Spring 2011. On the spring 2011 Kansas Assessments Unified School District 428 attained AYP, although not all subgroups did so. Scoring is considered preliminary until a 10/2011 KSDE meeting occurs; however, no changes are expected.

Mrs. Heinrichs distributed booklets detailing district and individual schools' demographics and test data. She and the board members reviewed the details, which showed comparative data since 2006. Through the *No Child Left Behind* concept, proficiency scores continue to rise annually and to pose major challenges to students and teachers. The USD 428 teachers and students take Kansas Assessments seriously and work diligently to reach or surpass expectations.

Business / Operations Report:

- District Projects. Mr. Brungardt reported on current and future projects.
 - ✓ Roofing. Maintaining sound roofing on district facilities is a major focus. Roof projects at Jefferson and Riley Elementary Schools were recently completed. Roof improvements at GB Middle School and Park Elementary School are planned during 2011-2012. The district's architects will formulate specifications. At the 12/12/11 BOE meeting the administration may request approval to move forward on roofs at those two sites.
 - ✓ Carpet. Architects will review carpeting in the schools and will develop a carpet replacement schedule for BOE consideration. Initial carpet replacement will take place at GB Middle School.
 - ✓ DEC HVAC and Lighting. HVAC needs for the DEC are being studied. Under the present design the building's main HVAC unit heats and cools a large area which includes the BOE room and meeting room. Since those rooms are not used daily, it is appropriate that they would not be climate controlled when unoccupied. A remedy would be to have for the two rooms a HVAC unit which is apart for the main unit which heats and cools the remainder of the building. Such a setup could reduce utilities costs. Additionally, there may be a recommendation forthcoming for new DEC lighting which would result in brighter, more energy-efficient lights.
 - ✓ Surveillance Cameras. New cameras have been installed at GB Middle School. Mr. Brungardt presented a photo demonstration of surveillance cameras.
- Shady Grove Offices Relocation. The Special Education Co-op offices were successfully relocated to the Washington site. Soon after the move, the air conditioner compressor at Washington ceased working. The compressor, which is under warranty, will be replaced in a timely manner.
- Shady Grove Property. The administration received BOE approval to implement a process for selling the Shady Grove site.
 - ✓ Have the property evaluated. Subsequently set a selling price.
 - ✓ Open the property to realtors to sell the building and site.
 - ✓ If in two months there is little or no interest from buyers, set an auction date and sell the property to the highest bidder.

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

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

- Approval of BOE Meeting Minutes: July 11 and 21, 2011.
- Bills and Financial Reports: Approved as presented by Dan Brungardt.
- Personnel Report: None.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Board members were reminded of upcoming meetings.

• **Continental Breakfast and School Year Kick-off:** at 7:30 a.m., on August 16, 2011, at the GBHS Commons.

• **First Day of School for Students:** August 17, 2011 (full day for elementary, GBMS, and freshmen at GBHS).

Adjournment: The Board of Education meeting was adjourned.

