



BOARD REPORT

February 9, 2009

5:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Board Members: Dr. Marjorie Beebe; Mrs. Jean Cavanaugh; Mr. David Holste; Mr. Kevin Mauler; Mrs. Barbara McPherson (absent); and Mr. Dwight Young.

Presentations / Recognitions:

- Volunteers in USD 428 Learning Centers.
USD 428 appreciates the many persons who generously volunteer to assist in various capacities in the schools. A summary indicated that volunteers provide an estimated 226 hours each week across the district, with many additional hours relating to special events. Thanks to all who volunteer their time for the benefit of kids!

Communications:

- Board Member Comments. Jean Cavanaugh referred to a *USA Today* article entitled "More students Passing AP Tests" which indicated that a growing number of high school students have passed at least one college-level course before graduation. The article noted that participation and pass rates among some minority groups, however, have remained disproportionately low. Jean enjoys viewing the many student and staff pictures posted on TV Channel 21. Summer soccer camps are planned for the benefit and enjoyment of local students. The recent Fort Hays State University event held in Great Bend was an enjoyable evening, and scholarships were presented to some students.
- Dr. Beebe has been contacted by some patrons regarding the schools' dress codes. Those dress codes are Board policy and must be followed.
- USD 428 Education Foundation. At their 2/5/09 meeting, the USD 428 Education Foundation trustees reviewed the mini-grant applications submitted by teachers for use during the 2009-2010 year.

Acceptance of 2007-2008 Business Audit: On 1/27/09, Board members reviewed the 2007-2008 business audit report and management letter of Adams, Brown, Beran, and Ball,

Chtd.; and Vickie Dreiling, CPA, responded to questions relating to the audit. Overall financial stability of the district is good; and auditors issued a clean audit opinion, having found no budgetary or statutory violations. One federal compliance issue was noted, and a newly implemented procedure has corrected that. At this second reading, the Board accepted the 2007-2008 audit.

Approval of Three-Year Auditing Agreement: Adams, Brown, Beran, and Ball's three-year agreement to audit General Fund, Special Education (Medicaid), and designated federal funds has ended. ABBB has submitted for consideration a proposal, as summarized below, for forthcoming audits.

	<u>Financial Statement</u> <u>Audit</u>	<u>Per Federal Program</u> <u>Required to be Audited</u>
FY ended 06/30/09	\$17,500	\$3,000
FY ended 06/30/10	\$18,375	\$3,150
FY ended 06/30/11	\$19,295	\$3,305

The personnel of Adams, Brown, Beran, and Ball, Chtd., are responsive to questions asked by the administration throughout the year, offering prompt and professional recommendations. The district has successfully utilized the auditing services of ABBB since FY 1994-1995, and continuity is an important factor. Auditing is a service, and no bidding is required. The BOE approved the three-year agreement from ABBB.

Curriculum and Instruction Report:

- Update on 2008-2009 Curriculum Adoptions. Board members were presented an update on activities relating to the 2008-2009 textbook adoptions for *K-12 Social Studies* and for *Drama*.

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

- Update on School Finance. Members of the Kansas Legislature are dealing with state budget shortfalls. Consideration is being given to 2008-2009 school finance payment reductions (percentages to be determined), based on audited enrollments. The district could experience funding reductions; however, a high at-risk formula could actually increase income if the district's percentage of students eligible for free lunches is 50% or more (to be determined by the state audit).
- Meeting with Parent Organization Boards. There will be a meeting at noon on 3/30/09 with district's parent organization officers.

Superintendent's Report:

- District's Calendar for 2009-2010. District employees were initially provided four options for the 2009-1010 school calendar. Within the process the favored calendar (as rated by staff, parents, students, and community members) as well as a newly developed option were

again posted for review and response. Following discussion, the Board of Education approved *Calendar A* for 2009-2010 implementation.

- Receipt of Contributions. According to Policy DFK (Gifts and Bequests), the BOE was notified of contributions. Board approval was given.
 - To GBHS Athletic Department: Tatum Dunekack wishes to donate \$100.00 to GB High School athletics in memory of Danielle Poland.
 - To GBHS Hall of Fame: Two contributions have been received in support the GBHS Hall of Fame project: Farmers Bank and Trust (\$1,000.00) and Office Products, Inc. (\$500.00). The money will be used specifically for the banquet and awards.
 - To GG High School FFA: On 1/5/09 the BOE approved contributions in memory of Lois Marie Schneider. Additional contributions of \$105 in her memory were received 12/6/09.
- Update on BOE Vacancy. Several community members seek consideration in serving the remaining two years of Homer Kruckenberg's Board term: Wade Babcock, Joyce Carter, Marty Keenan, Dr. Larry Kutina, Jeremy Lewis, Kyle Roberts, and Kathie Rondeau.

Persons who filed for the election process for four-year terms are as follows: Joyce Carter, Dr. Larry Kutina, Jeremy Lewis, Kevin Mauler, and Dwight Young.

BOE tasks regarding the appointment to the two-year post created by Mr. Kruckenberg's resignation include setting a timeline for filing the vacancy and announcing dates for interviews and for a BOE meeting to announce the appointment. A series of questions must be reviewed and readied for the interviews. Following discussion, the Board reached a consensus decision to hold interviews on April 20, 2009, following the scheduled election of April 7, 2009.

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

Executive Session: The Board met in Executive Session for the discussion of nonelected personnel. No action resulted from the executive session.

Consent Agenda: Board members, by consent, approved the following details, with recommendations as given.

- Approval of BOE Meeting Minutes: January 12 and 27, 2009
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.
- Personnel Report:

Certified Teacher Resignations

- Mr. Dennis Camp, Teacher of Science at GH High School.
- Ms. Annie Keesee, Teacher of K-6 Vocal Music at Riley Elementary School.
- Mr. Charles Moyers, Assistant Band Director at GB High School.
- Mrs. Karla Taylor, Teacher of Kindergarten at Riley Elementary School (West).

Executive Session: The Board met in Executive Session for the discussion of negotiations. No action resulted from the executive session.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Board members were reminded of meetings.

•**BOE Luncheon Meeting:** at noon on February 26, 2009, at GB High School.

•**KASB Governmental Relations Conference:** on February 18 and 19, 2009, in Topeka.

•**IBB Sessions:** 8:30 a.m., until 3:30 p.m., on March 11 and 25, 2009, at the DEC.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

