



# BOARD REPORT

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June 8, 2009

5:00 p.m.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**Board Members:** Mr. Wade Babcock; Mrs. Jean Cavanaugh; Mr. David Holste; Mr. Kevin Mauler; Mrs. Barbara McPherson; and Mr. Dwight Young.

### **Presentations / Recognitions / Communications:**

- *Above and Beyond Award.* The BOE appreciates staff and students who go beyond their job description and assignments to benefit others. Jefferson Elementary School Teacher Becky Demel nominated GBHS Teacher Travis Straub and the students in the Advance Production Manufacturing in Cabinetmaking to receive the *Above and Beyond* award since those persons went that extra step to benefit Jefferson Elementary School's kindergarten students.

No exact replacement of these tables could be located for district purchase. Mr. Straub and students refurbished the existing tables with new Formica, with a result of *well-built, quality tables with new surfaces*. The tables were delivered and exchanged on a weekly basis until all were completed. Appreciation was extended to Mr. Straub and students!

- Appreciation to Resigning / Retiring Board Members. A sincere *THANK YOU* was extended to Barbara McPherson, and Dr. Marjorie Beebe for their past service on the USD 428 Board of Education, and each received a plaque. Homer Kruckenberg was absent; however, he also received the Board's thanks. A plaque noting his Board service will be delivered to him.
- 2008-2009 PDC Report. Ruth Heinrichs presented a summary of 2008-2009 Professional Development Council operations and accomplishments. Three hundred thirty-nine certified employees had 2008-2009 IDPDs, earning 12,237 points and 320 college credits. This data represents admirable professional growth for the district's teachers and administrators.
- 2008-2009 Activities / Athletics Report. David Meter presented an overview of the year's activities and athletics. Athletic details included team and individual championships, state competition qualifiers, receipt of the first annual WAC Cup, and other sports highlights. Activity information showed accomplishments in music, DECA, debate, speech, and other groups. Mr. Meter complimented the 431 high school students who participated in 2008-2009 athletics and the 848 students who participated in activities. The number of students utilizing strength and conditioning opportunities has increased. Students participating in multiple sports during the year included 163 in two sports, and 59 in three sports. The 2008-2009 grade point average for athletes was 3.30. Many students participated in community outreach services such as blood drives, Santa's Workshop, and other projects. Students learn and grow through athletics and activities.

The Board thanked Mr. Meter for his excellent service to the school district, to the students, and to the community.

- Board Member Comments. Wade Babcock was welcomed as a USD 428 Board of Education member.

Mrs. Cavanaugh indicated that high school students attending the Barton Community College's recent career exploration course received excellent information and inspiration. She congratulated Dwight Young for being selected as a regional member of KASB's legislative committee. Jean reiterated her support of the DARE project for youth and noted that another such program in grade 7 or 8 would be good reinforcement to DARE's positive behavior encouragement. She requested the student dropout statistics for USD 428.

- USD 428 Education Foundation. The Education Foundation trustees met June 1, 2009.
- Correspondence. The Board received *thank you* notes from Jean Behnke, Sally O'Connor, and Larry Ruble for the retirement dinner and "apple" gift.

**Approval to Purchase GBHS Football Scoreboard:** At the meeting of 3/9/09 the Board approved a \$15,000 contribution from the Panther Booster Club to the GBHS Athletic Department. Activities Director David Meter submitted a recommendation to use the donated funds to purchase a new scoreboard (\$12,050) for Memorial Stadium, and the Board approved the purchase.

**Approval of the GBHS Class Rings / Senior Purchases:** Great Bend High School received quotations for forthcoming purchases of class rings, senior announcements, caps and gowns, diplomas, and more during 2009-2010. Thirteen GBHS persons (nine students, one staff member, and three administrators) met with representatives of two companies regarding availability and pricing of various products. The district does not receive profit from this process but provides this service to parents and students. The high school group unanimously recommended Jostens to be their provider, and the BOE approved their selection.

**Approval of GBHS Yearbook:** Regarding the GBHS yearbook, the administration asked Journalism Director Sherry Pruter to secure information from Jostens for BOE consideration. The district provides the service but does not receive profit from the process. Following a review of presented details, the BOE approved the Jostens 2009-2010 quote.

**Approval of Paper Bid:** Bid requests were sent to four paper companies for copy paper for district use: Office Products, Inc.; RIS Paper Company; Unisource; and XPEDX. The Board approved the total low bid of \$31,288.00 from RIS Paper Company. Additionally, quotes were requested and received from the vendors for pastel and bright copy paper and for card stock. Purchases will be made according to the low bid.

**Consent Agenda Items.** By consent agenda, the Board approved the following business.

- Approval of Elementary, Middle School, and High School Fees for 2009-2010. The 2009-2010 schedule of fees for district students will remain at the same level as the prior year.

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>Proposed 2009-2010</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Kindergarten	\$40.00	\$40.00	No change
ECSE Preschool	40.00	40.00	No change
Grades 1-6	55.00	55.00	No change
Grades 7-8	55.00	55.00	No change
Grades 9-12	85.00	85.00	No change

- Approval of 2009-2010 Meal Prices. Due to increased food costs, the Board approved 10¢ increases for 2009-2010 lunch and breakfast prices.

<b>LUNCH</b>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>Proposed 2009-2010</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Elementary Schools	\$1.35	\$1.45	10¢ increase
GB Middle School	1.65	1.75	10¢ increase
GB High School	1.70	1.80	10¢ increase
Adults	3.00	3.10	10¢ increase
Reduced Prices	.40	.40	No increase
Milk	.30	.30	No increase

<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>Proposed 2009-2010</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Students	\$ .80	\$ .90	10¢ increase
Adults	2.00	2.10	10¢ increase
Reduced Prices	.30	.30	No increase

- Approval of Mileage Reimbursement Rate for District's Parents / Guardians. USD 428 pays mileage reimbursement to qualified parents / guardians for transporting students to and from their assigned attendance center. Eligibility for reimbursement is based on their residing 2.5 miles or more from the assigned attendance center and living outside the city limits of Great Bend, but within the boundaries of the district. The Board approved a per-mile rate of 32.0 cents, based on fuel prices during the 2008-2009 school year.
- Approval of Local Consolidated Plan Application. The Board approved the 2009-2010 Local Consolidated Plan programs and amounts are listed below.

Title I A	Improving Basic Programs	\$920,857
Title I ARRA	(Additional) Improving Basic Programs	\$486,724
Title II A	Teacher Quality	\$182,593
Title IV	Safe & Drug Free Schools	\$ 14,461
Title II D	Education Technology	\$ 8,678
Title V	Innovative Programs*	Discontinued
Migrant		To be determined later
Title IID ARRA	To be determined	To be determined later

\*Title V was believed to be discontinued for 2008-2009; however, it will no longer be funded.

### **Curriculum and Instruction Report:**

- State Assessments Update. The 2008-2009 Kansas Assessment scores remain *preliminary* until September when all data is finalized. There is present indication that the GBHS math did not make AYP; however, that could change in the final analysis. Regardless of the outcome, learning strategies are being developed to address future testing and results in that field.

- Board Member / Building Adoptions. For 2009-2010, each of the seven USD 428 learning centers has “adopted” a Board member, as follows.

GB High School	-	Wade Babcock
GB Middle School	-	Dwight Young
Riley Elementary School	-	Joyce Carter
Park Elementary School	-	Dr. Larry Kutina
Lincoln Elementary School	-	Jean Cavanaugh
Jefferson Elementary School	-	Kevin Mauler
Eisenhower Elementary School	-	David Holste

- Summer Professional Development. Mrs. Heinrichs distributed schedules showing 2009 professional development in USD 428. The Math Academy, in its third and final year of the grant, held its first session on this date. Various sessions are held during June, July, and August.
- Cox Technology Grant. Park Elementary School Teachers Ginger Herrman and Toni Rice were awarded a \$1,000 Cox Technology Grant, which the Board approved. The grant money will be used to purchase instructional videos to enhance the Direct Instruction program. Video topics will relate to reading, science, and social studies.
- Minutes. The next meeting of the Curriculum Steering Committee will be 9/8/09. Minutes of the Professional Development Council (PDC) of 6/1/09 were provided.

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

- Summer Projects and Facilities Update. Although major capital outlay projects have been put on hold, Dan Brungardt presented an review of planned grounds, maintenance and custodial summer tasks, which included signage, landscaping, irrigation, playgrounds fencing, sidewalks, Food Service canopy, dryer replacement, floor refinishing, wall partitions, storage shed construction, relocation of kindergarten from Washington to Riley, chemicals inspection, and more.

Mr. Brungardt provided preliminary details of future Capital Outlay expenditures for BOE consideration when end-of-year budget transfers and new 2009-2010 money are discussed. One was GBHS classroom furniture replacements costing \$7,242.50. Mr. Brungardt described leaking gaskets in the Washington boiler and listed some correctional options. Additionally, he reviewed the status of the high school bleachers and press box and posed options for consideration.

- Approval to Bid Vehicle. During 2008-2009, two vans (interoffice delivery / activities) were totaled through accidents which were not faults of district drivers. The district absorbed use of the van in the earlier incident; however, the van in the second incident needs to be replaced. The Board approved the release of Invitations to Bid to local vendors for a six-passenger, three-row vehicle.
- Schedule for 2009-2010 Budget Development, Publication, and Approval. Below is the Board’s proposed 2009-2010 budget adoption outline.

June 24, 2009	2007-2008 budget balances / transfers session.	7:30 a.m.
--	Dan Brungardt meet with KSDE regarding 2009-2010 budget.	--
July 13, 2009	Budget Workshop within the regularly scheduled BOE meeting	5:00 p.m.
July 20, 2009	BOE approve budget for publication	5:00 p.m.

July 22, 2009  
Aug. 10, 2009

*Tribune* publication of 2009-2010 budget  
Budget Hearing at regularly scheduled BOE meeting

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5:00 p.m.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

- Principals' Leadership Academy on June 23 and 24, 2009. The USD 428 administrators will gather on June 23 and 24, 2008, for a leadership retreat, with Mark Rolewski facilitating the session. Dr. Vernon identified various discussion topics, including beliefs about teaching and learning, leadership enhancement, and more.
- Student Enrollment Data. As an information item, Superintendent Vernon summarized 2008-2009 monthly enrollment data and compared enrollment with the prior-year. The average class size in 2008-2009 was 224 students.
- Receipt of Contributions. According to policy, the BOE was notified of a grant as well as contributions, and the BOE approved both, as follows.
  - To Special Education – Gifted Students in Barton County Co-op: A \$1,000 Walmart grant will partially fund the forthcoming National Treasure Hunt project for gifted students within the Barton County Co-op of Special Services. Also, private donations were made for the project: L.D. Davis Oil Producer \$200; and Becker Tire and Treading: \$500.

**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: May 11, 20, and 29 (two meetings), 2009
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.
- Personnel Report:
  - Teacher Resignations  
Ms. Aileen Johnson, Teacher of Chemistry at GB High School. (late resignation fee imposed)
  - Teacher Appointments (2009-2010 contract)  
Mrs. Sara Ballard, Special Education Interrelated Teacher at Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary Schools.  
Mrs. Erin Bentley, Teacher of English at GB High School  
Mr. Shelby Huddleston, Instrumental Music Teacher at GBMS and GBHS.  
Ms. Emily Parsons, Elementary Teacher (.5 Grade 1 at Jefferson / .5 SFA Teacher-Tutor at Lincoln).

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** Board members were reminded of the following meeting.

- **BOE Special Budget Meeting:** at 7:30 a.m., on June 24, 2009, at the District Education Center.

**Congratulations to State Track Meet Achievers:** The Board greeted and congratulated Alex Hartig and Caitlyn Murray, who were participants and achievers at the recent State Track Meet. Alex took first place honors in both *Discus* and *Shot Put*. Caitlyn was a second place winner in the *100 Meter Hurdles* and a third-place winner in *Long Jump*.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned.

