



BOARD REPORT

June 13, 2011

5:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

No Budget Hearing: On 5/2/11 the Kansas State Department of Education notified USD 428 of changes to KPERS funding that would require publication of an amended budget section. The Board of Education, at the administration's recommendation, approved the republication, and printing occurred on 5/15/11. USD 428 received an email from KSDE on 5/16/11 indicating that the KPERS funding will be counted in the 2011-2012 budget rather than in 2010-2011 and that republication is unnecessary.

Congratulatory Message from Senator Ruth Teichman to Jean Cavanaugh. Kansas Senator Ruth Teichman acknowledged Jean Cavanaugh's thirty-two years of distinguished service as a member of the USD 428 Board of Education by presenting a certificate – a tribute from the Kansas Senate. Jean and Senator Teichman, both school board members in their home towns, are long-time acquaintances who had been active together in KASB's Legislative Committee and Federal Relations Network.

Subsequently Senator Teichman was joined by a number of Great Bend youth who are past and current soccer players and dear friends of Jean. Together with the administration and fellow board members, Senator Teichman and the young men extended thanks to Jean for her loyal and dedicated boardsmanship.

2010-2011 Activities / Athletics Report. David Meter presented an overview of the 2010-2011 activities and athletics. Fifty percent of GBHS students participated in athletics, and 80% participated in activities. Sixty students were three-sport athletes, and 150 were two-sport athletes.

The district's strategic plan includes continuing to build the strength and conditioning program and also encouraging athletes to participate in more than one sport. Another focus is to organize the GBMS athletic program and feeder programs effectively by coordinating program core values, fundamentals, philosophies, and strategies used in the high school. A goal is to keep programs growing while operating with less funding.

USD 428 athletics, now part of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), faces scheduling issues, most obviously with football but also with basketball, baseball, and softball. Mr. Meter has worked with the Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League (AVCTL), Greater Wichita League, and the Centennial League to secure a full, competitive schedule of high school football, although there continues to be an opening during the season. Major factors in scheduling are budgetary implications and distance, but also there is a need for strong competition. The time could be appropriate to pursue affiliation with a league other than WAC. Patrons Roger Sell, Rob Bowman, and Dr. Roger Marshall addressed the BOE encouraging such action.

If the BOE would approve application for AVCTL affiliation, the initial step would be to submit by 8/3/11 a letter requesting membership. League members as well as the superintendents' council would then vote. If membership were denied, the district could petition the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). The topic will be an agenda item of the BOE at their meeting of 7/11/11.

Achievements / Communications:

- **Board Member Comments.** Jean Cavanaugh, who recently returned from a Florida trip, told that the athletic program at a Florida school was combining football practice with leadership training, and the combination was helping to build character in students.

GBHS and FHSU graduate Rigo Rameriz has graduated from medical school and will be based at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, TX, for the next three years. Rigo recently spoke with area youth at a dinner hosted by Mrs. Cavanaugh. His message was motivational and inspiring. Other student events she spoke of were the two-day Nontraditional Class at Barton Community College, Kiwanis Leadership Camp, and Soccer Camp.

Approval of Classified Personnel Handbook: On 5/9/11 the BOE heard a first reading of the revised Classified Personnel Handbook. In regard to proposed leave days, BOE members had requested information regarding the cost to the district to provide one additional leave day for 10-month employees (food service, teacher assistants, and paras), and that amount is \$16,520.93.

The Board of Education approved the updated Classified Personnel Handbook. As had been requested, the ten-month employees will be allowed to use a paid personal leave day for a snow day (no school due to inclement weather) if they actually have the earned leave available. Thanksgiving Friday will not be a paid leave day (status quo).

Tax Exemptions and Incentives for Economic Development: Barton County has approved a request from RedBarn for a property tax abatement for real estate improvements. Tax exemptions enhance economic development through encouraging industrial expansion and job creations. In regard to USD 428, such expansion promotes increased local population and additional students in our schools.

Fulfillment will initially cost the district \$7,400 per year through lower tax income but could have a beneficial impact on the district through subsequent through additional school funding. No BOE action was necessary.

Approval of Paper Bid: Bid requests were sent to four paper companies for copy paper for district use, and a bid summary of the responders is provided below. The Board accepted the total low bid from Contract Paper Group.

<u>Contract Paper Group</u>	8.5 x 11	800 cartons @	\$25.44	\$20,352.00
1531 Boettler Rd, Ste E	11 x 17	40 cartons @	27.55	<u>1,102.00</u>
Uniontown, OH 44685				\$21,454.00
<u>Office Products, Inc.</u>	8.5 x 11	800 cartons @	\$28.04	\$22,432.00
1204 Main	11 x 17	40 cartons @	30.15	<u>1,206.00</u>
Great Bend, KS 67530				\$23,638.00
<u>Unisource</u>	8.5 x 11	800 cartons @	\$27.00	\$21,600.00
4700 South Palisade	11 x 17	40 cartons @	29.00	<u>1,160.00</u>
Wichita, KS 67217				\$22,760.00

<u>XPEDX</u>	8.5 x 11	400 cartons @	\$25.95	\$20,760.00
1970 S. West Street	11 x 17	40 cartons @	29.50	<u>1,180.00</u>
Wichita, KS 67213				\$21,940.00

Additionally, quotes were requested and received from all companies for pastel and bright copy paper as well as card stock. Purchases will be made.

Insurance for Students (K-12) for Classroom / Activities / Athletics for 2011-2012:

Although not mandated, the district, in the past, has purchased insurance for students who are injured during school activities. Over the past several years USD 428 has moved from carrier to carrier, trying to contain the cost of insurance for students' injuries occurring during school or activities. Because of high usage, no carrier is offering an affordable rate. The BOE approved that the administration would secure cost details for both the current method and an alternative for this program. Quotes will be brought to the BOE.

Approval of Bid for Hardware / Software / Carts: At the BOE meeting of 4/28/11 the BOE was informed of the benefits of introducing keyboarding instruction to students early in their education process. *NEO 2* technology for the sixth grade teaching and learning process includes hardware for 150 users, software for 150 users, and 5 carts. A bid request was released to three agencies, and Renaissance Learning, Inc., responded with total bid of \$25,576.80. The board approved the bid from Renaissance Learning.

Approval of Changes to District's Health Insurance: Each year the Insurance Committee reviews the district's health insurance plan, and they met 6/7/11 for this purpose. The committee made 2011-2012 recommendations, and the BOE received complete details. Mr. Brungardt noted that BOE approval would include a vote against mental health parity.

Partial Summary: Health Insurance

Several plan changes were recommended for compliance with the Affordable Health Care Act and for financial stability of the self-funded plan. Some of the changes are higher costs to insured persons selecting out-of-network medical services and those choosing non-generic prescriptions.

There will be increased premiums as well as additional mandated listed below.

- ✓ Adult children will be eligible until age 26 without regard to student status, marital status, financial dependency, residency, or work status.
- ✓ Pre-existing conditions are waived for any person under the age of nineteen.
- ✓ Out-of-network column would change from to 40% plan payment after deductible, with no cap.

The Board approved the district's health insurance plan, as recommended by the committee.

Consent Agenda Items: By consent agenda, the Board approved the following details.

- Approval of Elementary, Middle School, and High School Fees for 2011-2012. The 2011-2012 fee schedule for district students will remain at the same level as the prior year.

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Proposed 2011-2012</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 2011-2012 Meal Prices. The Board approved 2011-2012 school food service prices, indicating 10¢ increases from the prior year for breakfast and lunch. This is in compliance with the *Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010*.

LUNCH	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Proposed 2011-2012</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Elementary Schools	\$1.55	\$1.65	10¢ increase
GB Middle School	1.85	1.95	10¢ increase
GB High School	1.90	2.00	10¢ increase
Adults	3.20	3.30	10¢ increase
Reduced Prices	.40	.40	No increase
Milk	.30	.30	No increase

BREAKFAST	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Proposed 2011-2012</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Students	\$.90	\$1.00	10¢ increase
Adults	2.10	2.20	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 45.0 cents, based on fuel prices during the 2010-2011 school year.
- Approval of Local Consolidated Plan Application. The Board approved the 2011-2012 Local Consolidated Plan programs and amounts, which are listed below.

Title I		\$ 820,166
Title II A	Teacher Quality	\$ 155,726
Title II D	Education Technology	\$ 0
Title III	English Language Acquisition	\$ 54,095
Title IV	Safe and Drug Free Schools	\$ 0
Title V	Innovative Programs	\$ 0
Migrant	To be determined in late July / early August	
Total (not including Migrant)		<u>\$1,029,987</u>

Curriculum and Instruction Report:

- Kansas Assessments. Mrs. Heinrichs announced that, according to a recent update from KSDE, USD 428, as a district, attained AYP for the spring 2011 Kansas Assessments. Two subgroups (Park reading and GBHS math) did not attain AYP. Students and teachers are to be congratulated for their efforts.
- Financial Literacy. The GBHS committee developed various financial literacy options for GBHS students, and HS Principal Tim Friess described those options, with the first being *status quo* whereby objectives are presented in Consumer Math, Consumer Education, or the Accounting, Finance, and Marketing Pathway.

The remaining eight options vary in placement within the curriculum (social studies, FACS, math, and/or business); instruction design (course inclusion or stand alone); length and content of study, grade-level placement, and more.

A parent-survey will be taken. The Board asked for a subsequent report regarding the following questions in order to assist with decision making.

- (1) How much do we want to teach our students (specific concepts)?
- (2) How long will it take to teach that?

- Professional Development. Mrs. Heinrichs provided a schedule of forthcoming professional development activities in USD 428.

• SFA New Leaders Conference	July 18-22, 2011	Baltimore, MD
• Common Core Standards	July 25-26, 2011	Chicago, IL
• National Title I Conference	January 21-24, 2012	Seattle, WA
• Success for All Conference	February 6-8, 2012	San Antonio, TX
• National Migrant Conference	May, 2012	Portland, OR
• Direct Instruction Conference	July, 2012	Eugene, OR
• 21 st Century Leadership Conference	Required for Grantees	
• Skyward Conference	March 7-9, 2012	Orlando, FL
• Career Clusters	Vocational / Perkins	
• Perkins National Conference	Perkins	

Minutes were provided: 5/3/11 meeting of the Curriculum Steering Committee
6/6/11 Professional Development Council (PDC).

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

- Schedule for 2011-2012 Budget Development, Publication, and Approval. Mr. Brungardt provided a schedule of the upcoming budget process.

July 11, 2011	Budget Workshop at the BOE meeting.
July 19 2011	Special BOE meeting to approve budget publication.
July 22, 2011	Budget publication in the Tribune.
August 8, 2011	BOE Budget Hearing.

- Updates on Projects
 - ✓ Roofing. The district's roofing projects at Jefferson, the maintenance facility, and Riley are nearly complete.
 - ✓ Doors. C.V. Cale's door improvements at various sites have been completed.

The Parent Teacher Resource Center has been relocated within Washington. Plans are underway to soon move the Special Services office from Shady Grove to Washington. The status of the Shady Grove facility will be reviewed.

- Demonstration: Surveillance Camera Technology at HS, PAC, and MS. Mr. Brungardt explained the importance of current camera technology by demonstrating its operations at school sites. The middle school surveillance camera system is an outdated analog system, and the district will be purchasing an upgrade for that site.
- 2011 Legislative Summary. Board members received booklets containing the 2011 Senate and House Education Summary, and items were reviewed.

Superintendent's Report:

- Personnel Changes. Superintendent Vernon presented a summary of the district's certified teacher changes for 2011-2012, tracking those who resigned or retired as well as those who are newly employed. Four certified positions remain unfilled at this time.

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 9, 2011
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.
- Personnel Report

Certified Teacher Resignations

- Mr. Brian Bristol, Teacher of Science at GB Middle School.
- Mrs. Jessica Feldhasen, School Psychologist for Barton County Cooperative of Special Education.
- Mrs. Angie Lister, At-Risk Teacher at Riley Elementary School.

Certified Teacher Appointments

- Ms. Jestin Blake, Elementary Teacher at Riley Elementary School.
- Ms. Lacey Badart, SFA Teacher / At Tutor at Riley Elementary School.
- Ms. Shawna Brown, At-Risk Teacher at Riley Elementary School.
- Ms. Karen Ekberg, SFA Teacher/Tutor at Lincoln Elementary School.
- Mr. Isaac Enochs, Orchestra / Assistant Band Instructor at all elementary schools, GBMS, and GBHS.
- Mr. Parker Gross, Elementary Teacher at Riley Elementary School.
- Ms. Peggy Haag, Teacher of Grade 6 at Riley Elementary School.
- Ms. Catrina Hanson, Teacher of Grade 6 at Riley Elementary School.
- Ms. Tiffany Haug, Elementary Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School.
- Mrs. Rebecca Kolden, Special Education Interrelated Teacher at GB Middle School.
- Ms. Rachel Sennett, Teacher of English / ESOL at GB High School.
- Ms. Lauren Turner, Teacher of Grade 1 at Lincoln Elementary School.
- Ms. Amber Unrein, Teacher for the Barton County Cooperative of Special Education.
- Ms. Letitia (Tish) Warren, Special Education Teacher at GBMS.

Executive Session: The BOE moved to executive session, as authorized by KSA 75-4319, paragraph 1, for the discussion of nonelected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed.

Salary Recommendations for Administrators, Directors, and Classified Employees:

Board approved recommendations for 2011-2012 compensation for administrators, directors, and classified employees. For most the proposed increases were similar to the percentage increase given to the teaching faculty.

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

- **BOE Special Budget Meeting:** at 7:30 a.m., on June 28 2011, at the District Education Center.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

