



BOARD REPORT

May 10, 2010

5:00 p.m.

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

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 is *Dee Anne Grummon*.

Dee Anne, ESL tutor at GB High School, has always gone the extra mile to assist students and staff. She is dependable and pays attention to details, and her services have been very important within the State Assessment process. The Board of Education extended *appreciation* and *best wishes* to Dee Anne!

- Above and Beyond Award. The BOE presented the *Above and Beyond Award* to Becky Weeks for exceeding her job assignments to benefit others. Becky Weeks efficiently handles the twice-daily interoffice mail delivery regularly. She was nominated for the award, however, for diligently transporting inter-school freight – from schools to the DEC and from the DEC to schools – when delays would result in *disorder* and/or *impossibility* in the DEC receiving area for incoming freight. A prime example occurred during the recent elementary science kit distribution. Becky transported kits from the DEC to the elementary schools for the materials to be inventoried as grade-level supplies. Following that process, kits were returned to the DEC, and, after necessary updating, kits were delivered to schools. Becky gladly loaded, transported, and unloaded approximately 250 boxes *in each step* of the process. The Board extends appreciation to Becky Weeks!
- Above and Beyond Awards. In conjunction with the award presented to Becky Weeks, BOE presents *Above and Beyond Awards* as follows: Elementary Science Team: (K-Becky Demel; 1st-Becky Hill; 2nd-Deena Smith; 3rd-Casey Gatton; 4th-Cheryl Muth; 5th-Jodi Schumacher; 6th-Janell Foote; and Principal-Laura Blevins. District Education Center / Transportation: Sandi Gonzales; Marilyn Holinde; Marlene Martin; Shannon King; and Denise Scott.

The Elementary Science Team fulfilled a monumental science adoption project! They met to refurbish FOSS (Full Option Science System) kits for use starting in 2010-2011. During the Curriculum Day on 4/5/10 the elementary science teachers inventoried present FOSS kits, filled kits with materials on hand, and then designated items needing to be purchased. The work day was from early morning through late afternoon; and teachers were so committed to the project they would not leave for lunch! Their vision is to ensure that all elementary science teachers benefit from professional development and from peer support in future years of science instruction. Through the teachers' efforts – and through fantastic assistance from the District Education Center and

transportation staff mentioned above -- the elementary science program is being strengthened -- and the district is experiencing a cost savings of \$106,000.

- **Board Member Comments.** Jean Cavanaugh congratulated GBHS students who were recently inducted into the National Honor Society, and she complimented the bowling and swimming teams for their good seasons. Jean recently attended Riley Elementary School programs, including a presentation by Thelma Hipp on the American flag as well as a GB Middle School performance by the band, orchestra, and vocal students. The 2010 Kiwanis Leadership Camp attendance will include two GBHS students who attended in 2009, along with a third HS student who will attend for the first time. Mrs. Cavanaugh urges the administration and staff to focus on eliminating bullying among students.

Wade Babcock referred to the USD 428 Education Foundation's golf tournament of 4/30/10, thanking organizers and wishing the Foundation well with the fund-raising effort.

- **Correspondence.** The BOE received *thank you* messages from the district's *Teacher of the Year* candidates Toni Rice and Susan Stambaugh.

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. The boys would have dual enrollment (four classes in the Leavenworth Virtual School and one class in GB High School). Since the USD 428 Board has no current policy addressing the concept, BOE members requested that a policy be developed for their study toward a decision; and that draft policy was provided 4/27/10.

Mr. Boehmer thanked Superintendent Vernon for recently discussing the sample policy with him. Mr. Boehmer indicated that his family makes the home-schooling decision one year at a time, based on what he and his wife believe is best for the children. He respectfully requested that the Board would open a door allowing his home-school students to become part of the public school environment through enrollment in a class and through participation in activities / athletics.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the BOE policy which would allow the students at GBHS according to the proposal [virtual school enrollees, with GBHS class(es) and with inclusion in activities / athletics]. BOE members commented in various regards: not comfortable with the policy; unknown obstacles; an expectation of full-time students for school spirit and for state funding; and an expectation of total focus including on-time schedules. Following discussion, the motion failed 2-5.

Approval of 2010-2011 Insurance for School Activities (K-12) and Athletics (7-12): During 2009-2010 the district carried insurance for district students through the Kansas Association of School Boards. Their service has been good, and the administration recommends continued coverage through KASB, but with a plan which includes a \$100 deductible and 80/20 copay per incident, at a cost of \$36,187.75. The general insurance package is not required by the state; however USD 428 began purchasing the insurance years ago for students' injuries occurring at school. The plan serves as primary coverage for those without insurance and as secondary insurance for those who are insured. This coverage provides a service to students and their families and also eases the district's potential involvement in individual situations.

Additionally, there is mandatory catastrophic insurance for athletes involved in KSHSAA events. The BOE approved both the KASB insurance, as described, and the KSHSAA mandatory coverage.

Approval of 2010-2011 BOE Meeting Schedule:
BOE meeting schedule noted below.

The Board approved the 2010-2011

<u>2010-2011 Regular Meetings:</u>		
July 12, 2010	December 13, 2010	May 9, 2011
August 9, 2010	January 10, 2011	June 13, 2011
September 13, 2010	February 14, 2011	July 11, 2011
October 11, 2010	March 14, 2011	
November 8, 2010	April 11, 2011	
<u>2010-2011 Luncheon Meetings:</u>		
Thursday	September 23, 2010	at Lincoln
Thursday	October 28, 2010	at Middle School
Thursday (No December Luncheon Meeting)	November 18, 2010	at Riley
Tuesday	January 25, 2011	at Park
Thursday	February 24, 2011	at Eisenhower
Thursday	March 24, 2011	at Jefferson
Thursday (No May Luncheon Meeting)	April 28, 2011	at High School

Approval to Publish the Amended 2009-2010 Budget:

Based on USD 428's official student head count, the district's recent state audit shows an increase in the following funds used for computing the 2009-2010 budget: K-12 At-Risk and Bilingual. This state aid funding factor allows the district to republish; however, there is no effect on the local mill levy. The Board approved republication of that portion of the 2009-2010 budget. A Budget Hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m., on June 14, 2010.

Summary:	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Expenditures and Transfers</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment 2009-10 Budget</u>
	At-Risk (K-12)	\$3,591,627	\$3,737,579
	Bilingual Education	530,203	577,327

Approval of NetSmartz Internet Safety Program:

The Board approved the *NetSmartz Internet Safety Program* curriculum for grades K-8. There is no cost to the district. The curriculum implementation, which will fulfill compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act, is necessary for e-rate eligibility.

Curriculum and Instruction Report:

- Update on Kansas Assessments: Tentative scores on the district's Kansas Assessments will be released soon.

As had been announced, a representative of KSDE did monitor testing at Lincoln Elementary School. The district's administration and staff had been trained on proper procedures, and the visiting test monitor concurred that all details were handled properly according to predetermined processes. During the 2010-2011 testing cycle KSDE will randomly send monitors to the district.

- USD 428 Professional Development. Professional development opportunities are planned.

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| • Administrative Retreat | June 8-9, 2010 |
| • Kagan Structures (Cooperative Learning) | July 12-16, 2010 |
| • Best Practices for Beginning Teachers (Classroom Management) | August 2-6, 2010 |
| • New Teacher Orientation | August 9-13, 2010 |
| • Science Professional Development (training from text representatives) | June, 2010 |

- Meeting Minutes. Minutes were provided for the following meeting: Professional Development Council (PDC) of 5/3/10.

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

- Projects Update. Mr. Brungardt provided a status report on projects underway in USD 428. Removal of the interior paneling at the auditorium will begin soon; and contractors plan to pour concrete later this week for the base of the new back-stage addition to the high school. Following GBHS commencement, the bleachers at Memorial Stadium will be demolished in preparation for the new stadium, bleachers, and press box.
- BOE Meeting for 2009-2010 Budget Balances and Transfers. A meeting will be held at 7:00 a.m., on 6/22/10, at the District Education Center for reviewing and approving proposed 2009-2010 budget transfers, ending balances, end-of-year purchases, and personnel recommendations.
- Disposition of School Property. District personnel have removed contributors' name plates which were placed under GBHS stadium seats approximately 60 years ago. There was discussion regarding potential placement / distribution / disposition of the name plates. The topic will be discussed again at a later meeting, following input.
- Financial Update. Mr. Brungardt provided details on decreased costs (\$762,134.11) which have been implemented for the 2010-2011 year, according to BOE direction.
 - Decreasing teaching staff by 5.5 positions.
 - Moving *student agenda* decisions / expenses to the buildings.
 - Reducing some extra-duty-days outside the contract.
 - Decreasing classified employee positions (non-instructional) by 3.
 - Decreasing the athletics / activities spending.
 - Decreasing the building supply / equipment budgets by 20%.
 - Decreasing teacher assistants / paraprofessional position by 9.

Superintendent's Report:

- Legislative Update. Superintendent Vernon noted that, through a coalition of Democrats and moderate Republicans, the Kansas Senate concurred with the House of Representatives on a budget bill which calls for no further cuts to schools and other similar agencies for 2010-2011. Kansans will be watching to see if the coalition can remain cohesive in order to pass a funding bill.
- Receipt of Contribution. The BOE approved the contribution noted below.
 - To Lincoln School: The Lincoln PTO wishes to donate \$600 to Lincoln Elementary School in support of the SFA *Reading Program* and the *Read and Respond* effort. The patrol rewards students who read every evening throughout the school year with their parents.

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: April 12 and 27, 2010
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.
- Personnel Report:
 - Certified Teacher Employment*
 - Mrs. Bailey Morgan, SFA Teacher / Tutor at Lincoln Elementary School.
 - Ms. Melissa Watson, Teacher of Elementary Art.

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

- **GBHS Commencement:** at 5:00 p.m., on May 16, 2010, at GBHS Memorial Stadium.
- **IBB Team Meeting:** at 12:30 p.m., on May 18, 2010, at the District Education Center.
- **Retirees' Reception:** at 6:30 p.m., on May 19, 2010, at the Highland Hotel and Convention Center.
- **Budget Hearing:** at 5:00 p.m., on June 14, 2010 (at onset of the regularly scheduled BOE meeting).
- **Special BOE Meeting:** at 7:00 a.m., on June 22, 2010, at the District Education Center.

Executive Session: The BOE will move to executive session, as authorized by KSA 75-4319, paragraph 1, for the discussion of matters affecting persons in order to protect the privacy of students. There was no action resulting from the executive session.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

