



BOARD REPORT

May 9, 2011

5:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Achievements / Communications:

- Board Member Comments. Jean Cavanaugh congratulated the Kutina family with their son Andrew's recent inclusion in the *Chimes Junior Honorary Society* at Kansas State University for leadership and for academic achievements. Jean received the *Booster of the Year* award from Barton Community College's Silver Cougars. She was thanked for her generous support of the BCC soccer program and for encouragement shown to young students relating to academics, activities, and goal setting. Jean complimented Jennifer Schartz for development of the district's monthly *RELAY*, noting that articles are of interest to district personnel as well as community members.

Dr. Larry Kutina complimented the GBHS students, Susan Stambaugh, and all who worked to make the 2011 Variety Show an enjoyable event.

- USD 428 Education Foundation. The Education Foundation's annual golf tournament was held 4/29/11. The foundation extends appreciation to all donors and golfers who helped make the event a successful one.

Summative Report of the District's Health Initiative: Dan Brungardt noted that many district employees recently competed in the *Give Your Heart a Break* health initiative. The program, which began 2/14/11 and ended 4/28/11, involved 63 four-member teams, each with a self-chosen title. There was friendly competition in three categories: *weight loss*, *distance walked or pedaled*, and *exercise time*. Throughout the weeks there were numerous emails of encouragement issued and there were frequent random drawings for prizes which were provided by local vendors (as well as *big salads* prepared by the district's Central Kitchen personnel). A *post* survey of participants was conducted, and a high percentage reported that the initiative provided incentive to exercise more and eat healthier. Mr. Brungardt expressed appreciation to all who helped in planning and maintaining the initiative. Achievement statistics are shown below. Congratulations to the participants!

Goals: *Weight loss: 428 pounds. *Total distance: 4,028 miles. *Exercise Time: 428 hours.
Final Statistics: *Weight loss: 980 pounds. *Total distance: 20,537.33 miles. *Exercise Time: 8,394 hours.

Kansas Safe Routes to School Program: Robert Winiecke, City Engineer, presented information regarding a Kansas Department of Transportation project entitled *Kansas Safe Routes to School Program* which encourages walkers by enabling safe passage ways. USD 428 and the City of Great Bend could team to submit an application by 5/31/11. City personnel would be responsible for a needs study which would involve assessing signage, infrastructure, and other factors which might affect

decisions for children to walk to school. The Board of Education approved entering into an agreement with the City of Great Bend for the *Kansas Safe Routes to School Program*. USD 428 will provide a Letter of Acceptance to accompany the application and will subsequently survey schools to determine the number of students who walk to and from school. The KDOT money, if awarded for potential improvements, would be beneficial to both entities. There is no matching expenditure for the district or municipality.

Approval of 2011-2012 Certified Employees' Agreement: Interest-Based Bargaining team members met 4/27/11 to discuss items within the 2011 IBB process; and consensus between the GB-NEA and BOE members was reached. GB-NEA announced their 5/5/11 ratification of the 2011-2012 *Certified Employees' Agreement*. The Board of Education approved the 2011-2012 agreement.

Approval of Supplemental Salary Changes: The Supplemental Compensation Committee, at their meeting of 4/27/11, made recommendations to the BOE, as printed below. The Board approved the committee's recommendations.

- The committee recommends deletion of the following positions which no longer exist.
 - *American/German Exchange
 - *Auto Tech Club
 - *Science Supervisor
 - *Technology Coordinator – District
 - *Technology Coordinator -- Building
- The committee recommends adding the position of *Library Evening Homework Help Sponsor* to the Supplemental Salary Guide. Based on 160 hours per year, the recommendation is to place the position at 12 points, with a 1.7 exposure factor, for a salary of \$1,644.

Approval of 2011-2012 BOE Meeting Schedule: The Board of Education approved the 2011-2012 meeting schedule below.

<u>2011-2012 Regular Meetings:</u>		
July 11, 2011	December 12, 2011	May 14, 2012
August 8, 2011	January 9, 2012	June 11, 2012
September 12, 2011	February 13, 2012	July 9, 2012
October 10, 2011	March 12, 2012	
November 14, 2011	April 9, 2012	
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<u>2011-2012 Luncheon Meetings:</u>		
Thursday	September 29, 2011	at Eisenhower
Thursday	October 27, 2011	at Jefferson
Thursday	December 1, 2011	at High School
Tuesday	January 24, 2012	at Riley
Thursday	February 23, 2012	at Park
Thursday	March 29, 2012	at Lincoln
Thursday	April 26, 2012	at Middle School
(No May Luncheon Meeting)		

Approval to Revise Forms of BOE Policy JGFGB: Dan Brungardt recently met with school nurses to review and update the forms related to *BOE Policy JGFGB – Supervision of Medications*. Following a review of the recommended changes, the BOE approved the revised forms.

First Reading of Updated Classified Personnel Handbook: A committee, comprised of classified employees, directors, and administrators, met to review the Classified Personnel Handbook. At

this first reading, the recommended changes were reviewed. BOE action will be requested at the meeting of 6/13/11.

Approval to Submit Grant Application: Katie Homolka, GBHS Physical Education teacher, requested approval to submit to the Golden Belt Community Foundation a *2011 Nutrition and Physical Activity Project* grant application for \$3,121.44. Money, if awarded, would be spent for exercise equipment to encourage students' active lifestyles and for posters to promote healthy eating. The Board approved the grant application.

Approval to Publish the Amended 2010-2011 Budget: Because of changes in KPERS funding, USD 428 must publish an amended budget in the *Tribune*. The republication will not affect local or state taxes but is necessary for accommodating this flow-through money. The BOE approved the budget publication.

Approval of Barton County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan: In order to remain eligible for federal disaster assistance and grant funds, local and state governments must develop and adopt Hazard Mitigation Plans focusing on potential natural hazards and risk management. Details within the plan are potential losses to physical assets, people and operations; a set of goals, objectives, strategies, and actions that will guide mitigation activities; and a detailed system for implementing and monitoring the plan. Barton County has received final approval for the Barton County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan from FEMA. The Board approved a resolution to be an entity within this plan.

Curriculum and Instruction Report:

- **Kansas Assessments.** Kansas Assessments preliminary scores (subject to change) show that the district did not make Adequate Yearly Progress. AYP was not reached in reading (for the second year) or in math (for the first time). If this status remains, the district will be placed on *Improvement* and a plan will be filed. Four schools attained AYP. Lincoln and Park Elementary Schools did not make AYP in reading, and GB High School did not make AYP in math. Sub-groups in schools and district wide were impacting. The district may join other schools on *Improvement* in the Kansas Learning Network. The administration and teachers are planning strategies to address the situation and hopefully a right future testing.
- **ACT Update.** Four district persons recently attended an ACT workshop in Topeka. It is beneficial for students to take the ACT multiple times. The test-taking begins with *Explore* for 8th graders, *Plan* for those in grade 10, and the *ACT* for juniors and seniors. There is incentive for students to attain high ACT scores since the test results relate to college entry and to potential scholarships.
- **Financial Literacy Update.** The Financial Literacy Committee, comprised of some GBHS department chairpersons and administrators, gathered information and developed options relating to the topic. The committee's recommendation, as well as an option, has been through the Curriculum Steering Committee. It will be presented to the administrative council and subsequently to the Board of Education.
- **Professional Development.** Mrs. Heinrichs provided a schedule of forthcoming professional development activities in USD 428.

- Learning Walk Through Five sessions (May/June/August)
- Framework for Effective Teaching June 8-10, 2011

- Kagan Cooperative Learning July 25-29, 2011
- Best Practices for Beginning Teachers August 1-3, 2011
- New Teacher Orientation August 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10, 2011

Information: Minutes were provided from the 5/2/11 Professional Development Council (PDC).

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

- Updates on Projects
 - ✓ Roofing Warranty. The warranty for the GBHS auditorium roof will be fulfilled, though not extended. Sections were anchored to avoid future slippage, and blisters were sealed.
 - ✓ Roofing Projects. While reroofing of the district's maintenance building, the contractor discovered rotted decking. The cost for correcting this (\$1,177) was part of the bid. The roofing at Jefferson Elementary School is underway at the present time.
- BOE Special Meeting. The Board of Education will meet at 7:30 a.m., on June 28, 2011, at the District Education Center to review and approve proposed 2010-2011 budget transfers, ending balances, end-of-year purchases, and personnel recommendations.
- School Finance Update. There is a potential for reduced funding of Title I (Park and Riley Schools) and Migrant funds. Title I funding, based on socio-economic status, must be spent for things above the usual classroom costs (i.e., tutors). The district utilizes Title I funds in ways that best benefit students.
- Information - Receipt of Grants
 - ✓ Annalee Crotinger, Special Services Teacher of Vision Impaired Students, recently received \$150 from the Midwest Energy Community Fund. The money will provide a computer monitor for visually impaired students.
 - ✓ The BOE, at its 2/14/11 meeting approval for school psychologists to submit an application to the Midwest Energy Community Fund to purchase the *Second Step Program* for grade 2. Psychologists were awarded \$200 from MECF for the project.

Superintendent's Report:

- Legislative Update. Superintendent Vernon reminded the Board of the Senate and House differences regarding budget proposals. The unknowing of school funding makes planning difficult.
- Update on *Central Office Transformation for District-Wide Teaching and Learning Improvement.* At the 4/11/11 meeting, Board Member Joyce Carter introduced a strategy which she believes would strengthen the district's teaching and learning outcomes. Mrs. Carter agreed that, with the district's pending inclusion of Kansas Learning Network, no action on the above-titled strategy is required.

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 11 and 28, 2011
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.
- Personnel Report
 - Certified Teacher Appointments
 - Mr. Brock Funke, Teacher of Grade 5 at Park Elementary School.

- Mr. Daniel Klaassen, Teacher of Grade 4 at Eisenhower Elementary School.
- Ms. Shelby Sobba, Elementary Teacher at Park Elementary School.
- Mr. Andrew Wesner, Teacher of Math at GB High School.

Certified Teacher Resignations

- Ms. Charly Dixon, SFA Teacher/Tutor at Lincoln Elementary School.
- Mrs. Kendra Haskell, Reading Facilitator at Riley Elementary School.

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

•**GBHS Commencement**: at 5:00 p.m., on May 22, 2011. (BOE members are asked to meet at 4:30 p.m., in the HS gymnasium.)

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.