



BOARD REPORT

November 9, 2009

5:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Recognitions / Communications:

- **Board Member Comments.** Jean Cavanaugh recently returned from Arizona where she watched her grandson's soccer team earn the Arizona state championship for their level. She complimented Barton Community College Admissions Director Todd Moore, who recently spoke to students at an event Jean hosted. He stressed the importance of wise choices and goal setting, and he identified information sources for students with questions regarding higher education and technical training. Other topics included the excellent educational articles written by Tom Arnholt in the *Hutchinson News*; the FHSU Math and Science Academy for juniors and seniors; a musical performance at the Senior Center by Jefferson Elementary School students; and the upcoming educational trip of Jean's sister to Saudi Arabia.
- **USD 428 Education Foundation.** The USD 428 Education Foundation trustees will host their annual dinner and auction on November 24, 2009, at StoneRidge. Also, the application forms for the 2010-2011 minigrants will be released to teachers on December 3, 2009.

Notification of Title VI B and Early Childhood Flow-Through Budget Application: The public must be notified of the Title VI B and ECH budget, which covers salaries for school psychologists, ECH staff, speech therapists, and other certified staff. The 2009-2010 application amounts to \$1,015,665 for Title VI B pass-through funds (slightly higher than last year's amount) and \$40,408 for ECH (slightly lower than the previous year). During the next thirty days, the budget application will be available for public review at the Barton County Cooperative of Special Services.

E-Rate Discount Approval: The E-rate provides discounts to assist schools and libraries to obtain affordable telecommunications and internet access, and USD 428 participates in this opportunity. Three service categories are funded: telecommunicates services, internet access, and internal connections. Discounts range from 20% to 90% of the costs of eligible services, depending on the level of poverty and the urban/rural status of the population served. USD 428's prior rate was 76% for internet access, cell phones, regular telephones, long distance service, and internet filtering software. The BOE approved application to receive a 2009-2010 e-rate discount. Specific discount data will be subsequently provided to the BOE.

Curriculum and Instruction Report:

- Awards to USD 428 Schools. All USD 428 schools received awards relating to the 2008-2009 Kansas Assessments. The *Challenge Awards* and the *Standard of Excellence Awards* are listed below. Congratulations to the students, parents, teachers, and principals!

<u>2009 Challenge Awards</u>	
Park:	5 th Math; 6 th Reading.
Riley:	3 rd Math; 6 th Math.
GBMS:	7 th Math; 7 th Reading. 8 th Math; 8 th Reading.
<u>2009 Standards of Excellence</u>	
Eisenhower:	4 th Reading; 5 th Reading; 6 th Reading; Building-Wide Reading; 4 th Math; 6 th Math; Building-Wide Writing.
Jefferson:	3 rd Reading; 4 th Reading; 5 th Reading; 6 th Reading; Building-Wide Reading; 3 rd Math; 4 th Math; 5 th Math; 6 th Math; Building-Wide Math; Building-Wide Writing.
Lincoln:	5 th Reading; 6 th Reading; 3 rd Math; 4 th Math; Building-Wide Math.
Park:	6 th Reading; 5 th Math; 6 th Math; Building-Wide Math.
GBMS:	7 th Reading; 8 th Reading; Building-Wide Reading; 7 th Math; 8 th Math; Building-Wide Math; Building-Wide Science.
GBHS:	Building-Wide Reading; Building-Wide Writing.

- Kansas Assessment Updates. At the 10/09 KSDE Fall Conference, district staff learned of changes in the 2009-2010 Kansas Assessments. One major change involves KSDE's test monitoring of 5% to 10% of schools on a random basis. Some schools, however, recently volunteered to be the monitored sites, and there is a possibility that volunteerism may replace the random system. A second major change in Kansas Assessments involves increased documentation.
- K-12 Kansas Course Codes. The course codes in the 2010 GBHS Program of Studies will reflect course numbers, titles, and descriptions which are standardized throughout the State of Kansas. This realignment, which high school teachers are processing, will delay presentation to the BOE of the 2010-2011 Program of Studies. Standardized codes are also being assigned to K-8 course work. The eventual goal is to have nationwide standardization, with multiple benefits including smooth transition to courses for students who relocate.
- K-12 Adoption Update. The Board was provided an update on the selection process for K-12 science resources for 2010-2011. David Barnes, KSDE Science Consultant, recently facilitated a conference call with USD 428's Science Committee to address alignment of resource materials with standards.
- Curriculum Day in USD 428. On 10/19/09 the staff focused on curriculum and school improvement work. During the morning, district's teachers attended three educational sessions presented by fellow teachers and administrators; and *school improvement* was the afternoon focus at the individual school sites. In a Curriculum Day follow-up survey, teachers generally noted appreciation for the opportunities to learn from their fellow educators about effective strategies and practices.

Meeting Minutes. Minutes were provided for the following meetings: Professional Development Council (PDC) on 11/2/09; and Curriculum Steering Committee on 11/3/09.

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

- Update on School Finance and Student Count. School budgets are developed in July, student enrollment is taken in September, and a state audit several months later determines the exact budget for the fiscal year. Dan Brungardt, at this meeting, provided 2009-2010 data on school finance and student enrollment. The district's enrollment is up slightly (11.07 in USD 428 and 44 in Barton County Academy) to 3,013.8. With the FTE growth there is a USD 428 budget increase of \$486,419.76, though a potential rescision of \$150 per FTE could reduce the amount \$215,150.40. Mr. Brungardt explained the various school finance weightings which positively impact the official enrollment count.
- Disposition of Property. At the BOE meeting of 7/13/09 the BOE approved disposal of unneeded, out-of-date district-owned property valued at \$500 or less. As a process to accomplish this, the administration proposed installing a link on the district's web site at www.usd428.net to identify for-sale items (i.e., cabinets, tote bags, overhead projectors, etc.) of interest to individuals, businesses, and other schools. Prices would be listed, and sales would be transacted only at the District Education Center. The Board approved the process.
- Request to Purchase Vehicle to Replace Used Van. Special Services currently uses a 1995 Dodge B1500 van (odometer reading 190,850) for the high school students' vocational education program, and that vehicle is no longer appropriate for district use. The BOE had no opposition to seeking a replacement van and subsequently deleting the 1995 Dodge from district ownership. Information will be brought to the BOE.
- Capital Outlay Information. When building the 2009-2010 budget, the Board delayed decisions on capital projects until student enrollment was determined. At the meeting of 10/12/09 BOE members by consensus favored funding the technology allotments as well providing some financial support for the GB Sports Complex.
 - New Bleachers and Press Box at Memorial Stadium (\$590,000).
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 - Addition and Renovation to GBHS Auditorium (\$430,474).
 - GB Sports Complex (Baseball Fields) Development: *Fund at the one-mill rate for five years.*
 - Technology: *Fund at \$5,000 per school for replacement equipment and bulbs.*
 - Roof Maintenance: *Set aside \$80,000 for general roof maintenance.*

Responding to a request from that meeting Dan Brungardt provided project data for high school bleachers, a press box, auditorium enhancement, and back-stage construction; and he explained that funding would be from Capital Outlay funds which had been saved for such purposes. In regard to the GB Sports Complex, Mr. Brungardt explained USD 428 benefits of participating in the site development.

The Board approved supporting the GB Sports Complex @ one mill for five years. The Board also approved moving forward with the following Capital Outlay projects, with ensuing steps and information of each project presented to the BOE for their information and approval: the auditorium enhancement and back-stage construction and also the Memorial Stadium press box and bleachers.

Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Evaluation. The Superintendent's evaluation is conducted annually, per BOE policy. The Board set a special meeting at the District Education Center at 6:30 p.m., on November 23, 2009, for this purpose.
- Schools for Fair Funding. Schools for Fair Funding is a group of 37 districts (with other districts considering participation) whose representatives meet regarding the inadequate funding for Kansas schools and the accompanying challenges which relate to offering the best education possible for Kansas students. The next meeting of SFFF is on 11/13/09 in Newton, KS.

Inquiry from Patron: Edwin Piland asked questions regarding several school district topics including bus usage and fuel consumption, the number of athletic trips, facilities expenditures, and the potential of districts' sharing teachers.

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: October 12 and 29, 2009.
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.
- Personnel Report: None.

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

- **Schools for Fair Funding Meeting:** at 10:00 a.m., on November 13, 2009, at Newton, KS.
- **Meeting with PTA / PTO / Booster Club Representatives:** at noon on November 17, 2009, at the District Education Center.
- **BOE Luncheon Meeting:** at noon on November 19, 2009, at Lincoln Elementary School.
- **Special Board of Education Meeting:** at 6:30 p.m., on November 23, 2009, at the District Education Center.
- **USD 428 Education Foundation Dinner:** on November 24, 2009, at StoneRidge.
- **Annual KASB Convention:** on December 4-6, 2009, in Overland Park, KS.
- **Quarterly IBB Meeting:** at 3:30 p.m., on December 7, 2009, at the DEC.

Executive Session: The BOE met in executive session, as authorized by KSA 75-4319, paragraph 1, for the discussion of matters affecting a student.

BOE Action Following Executive Session: The BOE approved the Appeal Committee's decision.

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Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

