



# BOARD REPORT

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November 8, 2010

5:00 p.m.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

### **Communications:**

- Board Member Comments. Jean Cavanaugh spoke of several topics including bullying, private advertising on buses, an article entitled *What Kids Don't Know*, the Barton Community College soccer team success, guidelines for contact-sport students with concussions, and a consumer math course for high school students. Jean recently returned from Arizona where she had watched the soccer team of her grandson earn 1<sup>st</sup> place in the state soccer tournament.

Dwight Young and fellow members of the KASB Finance Committee are focusing on Kansas school funding in regard to potential reductions in state aid for Kansas schools. Mr. Young noted that, at the 11/5/10 meeting, the committee endorsed principles:

- ✓ *Equalization* is important.
- ✓ KASB, rather than other entities, should define *appropriate education* as it would be used in school finance.

The KASB Finance Committee will continue to establish and endorse principles deterring manipulation of the funding formula. The next meeting is scheduled on 12/3/10, in conjunction with KASB's annual convention.

- USD 428 Education Foundation. The Education Foundation's annual dinner and auction will be held 11/23/10 at the Highland Hotel and Convention Center, with a social hour beginning at 6:30 p.m., and dinner following.

**Approval of BOE Representative to the GBRC Board:** The GB Recreation Commission board is comprised of five members who represent the city, school, and recreation commission. Members serve four-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms, and currently Diana Dawson and Mary Misegadis are school representatives. The first term of Mrs. Misegadis will expire 12/31/10. Dr. Misegadis has shown interest in reappointment for a second term. The district announced the open position in the *Tribune* of 10/13/10. The Board appointed Dr. Mary Misegadis to serve a second GBRC term, effective 1/1/11.

**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 2010-2011 application amounts to \$1,013,504 for Title VI B pass-through funds (slightly lower than last year's amount) and \$40,407 for ECH (nearly equal to the previous year). For the next thirty days, the budget application will be available for public review at the Barton County Cooperative of Special Services office.

**E-Rate Discount Approval:** The E-rate provides discounts to assist schools and libraries obtain affordable telecommunications and internet access, and USD 428 participates in this opportunity. Three service categories are funded: telecommunication 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 Board approved application to receive a 2010-2011 discount. Subsequently, the specific discount data will be reported.

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

- Kansas Assessments Update. USD 428 personnel recently participated in the annual Kansas Assessments fall conference. There are no significant changes to the processes or to spring testing. One change, though, was announced regarding state-produced interim tests which may be given to students three times per year prior to the actual State Assessments. The three tests, which would not replace local formative testing, would provide further diagnostics and perhaps help students reach proficiency.
- Report on USD 428 Curriculum Day of 10/18/10. At the district's 2010 Curriculum Day teachers and other presenters offered much interesting, relevant information to attendees. Following the event, teachers were surveyed, and most feedback was positive. Mrs. Heinrichs continues to take suggestions for speakers and topics for the 2011 Curriculum Day schedule.

[Minutes were available for the 11/1/10 Professional Development Council (PDC) meeting. The Curriculum Steering Committee met on 11/2/10.]

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

- Roofing Update. Bids will be opened on 12/8/10 for district roofing projects at Jefferson Elementary School and the district's warehouse at 12<sup>th</sup> and Williams Streets in GB. Bid summaries will be presented to the BOE at their meeting of 12/13/10 for action.
- Door Replacements. The maintenance staff has identified seven doors needing replacement due to deterioration, and pictures were provided of each. Cost estimates are not yet available. Information will be forthcoming.
- Window Replacements. The administration asked BOE consideration to replace windows in the 1950s section of the Washington site. In place of the current expanse of windows in each room, two energy-efficient windows would be installed, with walls on the remainder of the interior space and siding on the exterior. Following a request, C. V. Cale, Inc. submitted a quote for \$19,998 to complete the project. The BOE approved proceeding with the window project which included accepting the quote of \$19,998 from Cale. The completed window project will resemble the

appearance of GB Middle School windows upgraded during the bond issue renovation, with plywood changed from 5/8" to 3/4", utilizing some materials on hand. District staff will provide labor for the interior and exterior finish work.

- **Vehicles.** Through a recent bid process, the BOE approved the purchase a new 2011 Ford Econoline from Marmie Ford, Inc. The van arrived in GB, and the district took ownership. A second van recently approved by bid is forthcoming. A Tommy Lift has been installed on the 2002 Ford F150 which was purchased in October, 2010. A second used pickup and a forklift are being sought.
- **Grant.** The BOE approved Barton County Special Services' receipt of \$300 from the Midwest Energy Community Fund. The money will provide *ZoomText Express* computer programs for four or five students who are visually impaired. The program provides screen magnification which is very beneficial for teaching and learning.

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

- **Teacher Evaluation Committee Update.** The committee met on 11/8/10 to continue the complex task of developing an effective teacher evaluation document and process. The group has reviewed two electronic platforms, and they will continue their research. They will eventually determine the status of the district's mission statement and outcomes as they apply to teacher evaluation decisions and choices. Following acceptance of platforms and framework, there must be training for teachers and evaluators.
- **Superintendent Evaluation.** BOE members scheduled a special BOE meeting for the purpose of conducting the superintendent's evaluation, per BOE policy. The special meeting will be at 5:00 p.m., on November 29, 2010.
- **Fiscal Outlook.** Superintendent Vernon reported a projected \$50,000,000 shortfall for Kansas in 2010-2011, with major reasons statewide being lower assessed valuations, more at-risk students, and increased total enrollment. For USD 428 this could be a drop \$360,000. *Legislative Research* projects a deficit of \$492,000,000 statewide for F 2011-12 (\$1,580,000 for USD 438), based on the absence of stimulus dollars and fulfillment of political promises. A disturbing perspective of the Base State Aid per Pupil is projected: \$4,012 for 2010-11; and \$3,937 after rescission. The 2011-12 BSAPP projected at \$3,605 is early equal to the BSAPP of \$3,600 in 1992-93.

**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 after removing the Personnel Report to discuss details in executive session

- Approval of BOE Meeting Minutes: October 11 and 28, 2010
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.

**Executive Session:** The BOE moved to executive session, as authorized by KSA 75-4319, paragraph 1, for the discussion of nonelected personnel.

**Regular Session:** The BOE returned to regular session.

**Personnel Report:** The BOE approved the following teacher resignation, noting it is in the best interest of the district to accept Tamara Rabenseifner's resignation, effective 12/22/10, and to assess \$1,000 in liquidated damages.

- Tamara Rabenseifner, Teacher of Math and Sponsor of Scholars' Bowl at GB High School.

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

•**BOE Luncheon Meeting:** at noon on November 18, 2010, at Riley Elementary School.

•**USD 428 Education Foundation Dinner:** on November 23, 2010, at the Highland Hotel East Convention Center.

•**Annual KASB Convention:** on December 3-5, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Century II in Wichita, KS.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

