



# BOARD REPORT

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October 13, 2008

5:00 p.m.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**Board Members:** Dr. Marjorie Beebe; Mrs. Jean Cavanaugh; Mr. David Holste; Mr. Homer Kruckenberg (absent); Mr. Kevin Mauler; Mrs. Barbara McPherson; and Mr. Dwight Young.

### **Presentations / Recognitions / Communications:**

- Board Member Comments. Jean Cavanaugh and students recently attended the Multicultural Day at Kansas State University. While at KASB's Region 8 Fall Meeting, she attended an interesting session relating to high school preparation for the health care field. Other topics she presented included the International Baccalaureate Program, roofs in need of repair, the lack of publicity for high school soccer, voter registration at GBHS, music concerts, and more.
- Message from Patron. Anne Gallagher, parent of two high school students, addressed the Board to support implementation of middle school soccer as a competitive sport. She expressed appreciation to the soccer coaches but indicated that the team is rebuilding and is experiencing game losses even when competing against junior varsity teams. She believes that middle school soccer will fill a need for the students who love to play soccer, and she believes the experience will benefit the students during high school years. She respectfully requested BOE consideration for soccer at the middle school level.

**Approval of Capital Outlay Resolution:** At the BOE meeting of 9/8/08, Mr. Brungardt explained the forthcoming expiration of the district's Capital Outlay Resolution which has authorized an annual tax levy in an amount not to exceed 4.000 mills for a period not to exceed five years. The district currently does not secure funds through the Capital Outlay Resolution since it is financially beneficial to utilize the Supplemental General Fund (more state aid). The Board approved the resolution and its publication to renew the Capital Outlay Resolution (4.000 mills for five years) in order to have future flexibility, since finance guidelines sometimes change.

**Update on Bids for Memorial Stadium Press Box:** An HTK architect is currently working with contractors who construct press boxes. Contractors considering the GBHS project have asked questions relating to the metal roof and the demolition of the existing press box. They have requested additional time in which to work with local contractors who might supply some of the effort. The revised bid opening date is 10/30/08.

**Bid Approval for Parking Improvements at Cavanaugh Field:**

Bids were opened 10/9/08 for parking improvements at Cavanaugh Field. One bid was received from Dakota Dirt, Inc., for \$41,014.50, and the BOE approved the bid. In the event that personnel of Dakota Dirt are unable to fulfill the soccer field parking bid, the project would be subsequently rebid.

**Middle School Soccer Information:**

BOE member Jean Cavanaugh asked the administration to research the topic of competitive soccer for middle school students. Dan Brungardt provided details, including names of other schools with MS competitive soccer, projected annual costs for the sport in USD 428, pros and cons for implementing the sport, and existing soccer programs within the community. Superintendent Vernon explained the potential difficulties in finding coaches, officials, and ample substitute teachers during the season and also noted potential lack of both practice sites and transportation availability. Board members asked questions in regard to requirements of the officials as well as distances to be traveled for competitive events. They asked the possibility of having the sport for eighth graders only. Mr. Young indicated that soccer implementation could attract students who do not participate in other athletic choices. The topic will be an agenda item for the Board of Education on 12/8/08. Dr. Vernon encouraged Board members who had questions to ask those questions prior to the BOE meeting so answers may be researched.

**Curriculum and Instruction Report:**

- Mentors. The USD 428 mentors provide valuable services to first- and second-year teachers new to education as well as to teachers holding conditional licenses. The Mentoring Program Grant has been approved by KSDE to compensate mentors.

Beginning 2008-2009, the conditional license holders, in order to move from conditional licenses to professional licenses, must be part of an official district mentoring program. This process replaces their prior requirement of the Kansas Performance Assessment (KPA).

The BOE approved the 2008-2009 mentors as listed below. GB-NEA representative Linda Reschke indicated that the district has an efficient system in place for documenting by email the mentor / mentee sessions.

<u>Learning Center</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Learning Center</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
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GBHS	Paulia Bailey	Sally O'Conner	Eisenhower	Heidi Cabral	Deanna Essmiller
GBHS	Kathryn George	Stacy Tatkenhorst	Jefferson	Leann Miller	Janelle Foote
GBHS	Denise Dolechek	Tammy Sturn	Lincoln	Neoshea Bergman	Susan Young
GBHS	Margaret Leitig	Mandy Charles	Lincoln	Amber Jeffrey	Melissa Jacobs
GBHS	Kristi Mason	Emily Mulch	Lincoln	Jamie Feist	Karen Smith
GBHS	Deb Koelsch	Kathy Davis	Park	Misty Lanterman	Ginger Herrman
GBHS	Stephanie Maier	Tina Hiss	Riley	Shauna Young	Shelly Turner
GBMS	Andy Wirtz	Kurtis Koch	Riley	Trish Berger	Amanda Loving
GBMS	Dustin Klassen	Bernie Hartig	Riley	Bonnie Dickson	Brenda McCulley
GBMS	Kristin Pumford	Steve Beaumont	Riley	Trisha Ryff	Mandy Galla
GBMS	Carley Mason	Phil Heeke	Riley	Meredith Hill	Amy Karst
GBMS	Amanda Burress	Renee Buntain	Riley	Kelli Laudermilk	Lisa Starr
GBMS	Kelsey Metro	Lynn Stos	Riley	Corad Montoya	Stephanie Muth
GBMS	Mike Perry	Gary Pinkall	Riley	Aimee Wutka	Becky Hill
GBMS	Kimberly Pfanenstiel	Doneida Baker	Riley	Kara Warren	Mary Rossman
Eisenhower	Joshua Allman	Jackie Schultz	Sp. Services	Jessica Feldhausen	Mikelle Dankert

Eisenhower	Jamie Harrington	Linda Gotsche	Sp. Services	Deidra Wilson	Diana Lee
Eisenhower	Kacie Kilgore	Jodi Schumacher	ECSE	Kari Carper	Shelly Post
Eisenhower	Kelly Shue	Tina Delong			

- Grade Level / Department Meetings. There are no classes for USD 428 students on 10/20/08. Each grade level and department will utilize the day to develop curriculum guides and instructional timelines for each subject area.

A luncheon is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at the GBHS Commons. The catered event will be a *DISTRICT CELEBRATION* of USD 428 achievements, including 2007-2008 AYP success in all schools and groups. Board of Education members were invited to attend.

Approval of Application for Perkins Reserve Fund. The Board approved the district's application for a Perkins Reserve Fund for up to \$15,000 (no matching funds required) to assist in purchasing supplies and in funding teacher-team compensation for conference attendance and work outside the school day. Included in the teachers' tasks will be planning for a new class structure through Career Clusters. GBHS Principal Tim Friess explained that the state has set sixteen career clusters for high school classes and that alignment efforts are underway.

- Meeting Information. Minutes were provided, as follows: the 9/8/08 and 10/6/08 meetings of the Professional Development Council (PDC). The next meeting of the Curriculum Steering Committee is scheduled 10/14/08.

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

- Approval to Close Bank Account. Account #1104386 at Farmers Bank and Trust was initially opened in regard to the district's bond payments. Farmers Bank held funds in escrow to facilitate money transfers to the State of Kansas when payments were due. The bank no longer holds money in escrow, so the account is unnecessary. The BOE approved closing the account and moving the balance (\$5.16) to Bond Fund (62).
- Update on Morrison Demolition. Demolition is tentatively scheduled during the week of 10/13/08.

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

- Update on Schools for Fair Funding. Superintendent Vernon indicated that Schools for Fair Funding continues to monitor the state's financial budgeting and the related inclusion of a consumer price index. Through Legislative Post Audit, details show the state's underfunding of \$85,000,000 at the end of the 2007-2008 year, with increased underfunding projected. The organization has had membership up to twenty-two school districts but currently is comprised of eleven districts. Dr. Vernon invited BOE members to accompany him to forthcoming meetings of SFFF.
- Enrollment Update. Superintendent Vernon provided details of the USD 428 student enrollment of 9/22/08. He noted that, although FTE is unknown at this time, the student head count is 3,071, which is down approximately 30 students from the audited count of 2007-2008. Elementary school classroom counts are higher at some schools than others. If future

school / classroom populations exceed building capacities, there could be a need for school boundary realignments.

**Bills and Financial Reports:** Dan Brungardt presented the warrants, financial report, travel summary, and health insurance status report to the Board members.

**Superintendent's Report (continued):**

- Update on Automated External Defibrillators. The BOE, at their 9/8/08 meeting, requested that the administration secure facts relating to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for placement within the district.

Costs range from \$1,500 to \$6,000 per unit. Recently manufactured AEDs read cardiac rhythms and respond only when the reading so warrants. The cost per unit ranges from \$1,500 to \$6,000. Dr. Vernon provided summarized results of a survey of Kansas schools. There were 102 responders (school sizes 1A through 6A) who answered the questions listed below.

- (1) Do you have AEDs in your district? (The majority do have AESs.)
- (2) Have you had to use the AEDs? (Although some have, most have not had to use them.)
- (3) Where have you placed the AEDs? (Answers varied but included schools, gymnasiums, auditoriums, and central offices. Some utilize portable units.)
- (4) Which employees may use the AEDs? (Answers included those trained in CPR, nurses, coaches and trainers, PE instructors, all teachers, all employees, and administrators.)

The topic will be an action item at a subsequent Board of Education meeting. Board members requested that the administration prepare for their consideration some AED implementation options at various cost levels. They asked clarification on the wide price difference. They asked the administration to investigate the possibility of grant availability for AED implementation in USD 428.

**Consent Agenda:** Board members, by consent, approved the following details.

- Approval of BOE Meeting Minutes: September 8 and 25, 2008
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.
- Personnel Report: None

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

- **District Celebration Luncheon:** at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., on October 20, 2008, at the GBHS Commons.
- **BOE Luncheon Meeting:** at noon on October 30, 2008, at Eisenhower Elementary School.
- **USD 428 Education Foundation Dinner:** on November 25, 2008, at the Club at StoneRidge.
- **Annual KASB Convention:** on December 5-7, 2008, in Wichita.

**Other:**

- In regard to the forthcoming beverage contract, Kevin Mauler asked committee members' consideration in securing energy-efficient cooling units.

- Questions were asked about continued monitoring of fundraisers at K-8 schools. The administration noted that parents may conduct fundraising events but that there may be no projects which ask students to conduct door-to-door sales.
- The USD 428 Education Foundation is hosting a dinner on 11/25/08 at the Club at StoneRidge, and tickets are available for purchase from trustees. The event, which will emphasize student art, is limited to 150 persons. Table centerpieces will be cakes on plates created by art student; and following dinner, these plates will be auctioned.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

