



# BOARD REPORT

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October 11, 2010

5:00 p.m.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

### **Communications:**

- Citizen's Open Forum. GB-NEA President Emily Mulch and Brenda Unrein distributed invitations to the BOE for a GBNEA-hosted Ice Cream Social from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., on 10/15/10, at the GBHS Commons. The event, held prior to the football game between the Great Bend Panthers and the Hays High School Indians, will provide an opportunity for greeting one another, visiting, and, sharing a tasty treat.
- Board Member Comments. David Holste attended the 10/8/10 Open House at the newly opened activity center of the Great Bend Recreation Commission. The facility, located on the site of the former Morrison Elementary School, contains a basketball court as well as classroom space, and more. Mr. Holste encouraged other BOE members to tour the facility.
- 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. Tickets are available for the event.
- Correspondence. Ron Koelsch sent an appreciation message to supporters and volunteers of *Kids' Ag Day*, an annual educational event for local 4<sup>th</sup> grade students since 1994. *Kids' Ag Day* has been held at Diamond K Farms (Koelsch) and 4M Farms (Mauler) throughout the seventeen years. Each year presenters have enlightened the students with demonstrations and insight regarding crops, farm animals, and the importance of agriculture in Barton County. Individuals and businesses have been generous with time, donation, tents, supplies, agriculture equipment, and more.

**Approval of BOE Policy KGAB:** At the 9/13/10 meeting, board members heard a first reading of *Policy KGAB – Memorials and Memorial Services*, which had been developed through research of schools in Kansas and across the nation and through consultation with KASB and the National Association of School Psychologists. Proposed changes from that

meeting had been incorporated within the text. At this second reading, the Board further studied the guidelines, proposed an additional change, and then approved BOE *Policy KGAB*, as amended.

**KASB Delegate Assembly:** The KASB annual convention is set for December 3-5, 2010, in Wichita. As part of the registration process, USD 428 must submit the name of the official delegate who votes on behalf of our local Board of Education regarding pertinent issues. The Board selected Dwight Young as the official delegate, with Wade Babcock as alternate.

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

- Curriculum Day in USD 428 – October 18, 2010. During the morning of 10/18/10 teachers and administrators will assemble at GBHS for curriculum work and will attend various professional sessions. During the afternoon, principals and teachers will meet in their buildings to focus on school improvement. Following Curriculum Day, teachers will be surveyed regarding the topics and presentations; and results from that survey will help with planning the 2011 Spring Curriculum Day.
- Kansas Assessments. USD 428 personnel will participate in the annual Kansas Assessments fall conference on October 25-27, 2010, in Wichita to learn assessments updates.
- Schedule for Textbook / Resources Adoptions. Ruth Heinrichs distributed the district's textbook adoption schedule, which has been updated by the Curriculum Steering Committee. This is an eight-year rotation to accommodate the four content areas, in combination with other less-expensive adoptions. Within the plan, increased time is allotted for searching and piloting selected products prior to making recommendations for adoptions.

It was noted that the subject of *art* was not listed within the plan. Although it has not been included in past adoption schedules, Mrs. Heinrichs will research the subject and will provide information at a subsequent meeting.

- Building Report Cards. The 2009-2010 report cards (building, district, and state) will soon be released to the public by the Kansas State Board of Education. The report cards, which will be posted on the KSDE website at [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org), will include assessment results, adequate yearly progress (AYP) results, Title I On Improvement, Quality Performance accreditation (QPA) status, Standard of Excellence, graduation data, and teacher quality data.

[Minutes were available for the 10/4/10 Professional Development Council (PDC) meeting. The next Curriculum Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 10/12/10.]

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

- Projects Update. Dan Brungardt distributed the district's roofing schedule (maintenance and reroofing) for the next five to six years. He specifically identified immediate reroofing needs at the district maintenance building (12<sup>th</sup> and Williams) as well as for portions of roofing at Jefferson and Riley Elementary Schools. The plan is to release *Invitations to Bid* to contractors in November of 2010, with bids to be returned in December. The length of time needed for each project would be set within the bidding, with actual 2011 work dates to be agreed upon.
- Meeting with Officers of Parent Organizations. In an ongoing process of communicating with officers of the schools' PTAs, PTOs, and Booster Clubs, Mr. Brungardt has scheduled a meeting on 11/8/10 at the DEC. This will provide an opportunity to discuss financial guidelines and procedures of interest to those organizations.

## Superintendent's Report:

- Receipt of Contributions. According to *Policy DFK*, the Board is notified of contributions. The BOE accepted the generous gift described below.
  - To the Great Bend Middle School: The Barton County LEAD Project and Healthy Communities Partnership wish to donate \$100.00 to GBMS to support *Red Ribbon Week* drug and alcohol prevention activities.
- Term Expiration 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; and the school must designate a representative, effective 1/1/11. Dr. Misegadis is eligible for reappointment for a second term, and other patrons also wishing consideration may respond according to the notice in the *Tribune*. The BOE will name the appointee at the 11/8/10 meeting.
- Grant Application: *Healthy Habits for Life*. Laura Blevins, Riley Elementary School Principal, requested approval to submit a grant request to benefit the Riley students in nutrition education and physical activity choices. Approval was given for this non-matching \$1,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation grant entitled *Healthy Habits for Life*.
- Teacher Evaluation Committee. The Teacher Evaluation Committee has met. As committee members delve into the subject, it seems apparent that products they will develop must align with and reflect the student exit outcomes of the district as well as the district's mission statement:

*Our mission is to educate and prepare all students to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners.*

Superintendent Vernon welcomed BOE input regarding whether they consider the mission statement and student exit outcomes current and comprehensive or whether they wish to re-create those standards. The Board will consider these questions and will respond at a subsequent meeting.

**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: September 13 and 23, 2010
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.
- Personnel Report: No report.

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

- **BOE Luncheon Meeting:** at noon on October 28, 2010, at GB Middle School.
- **Annual KASB Convention:** on December 3-5, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Century II in Wichita, KS.

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

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**Agreement of 2010-2011 *Certified Employees' Agreement* / Administrator Salaries / and Classified Employee Compensation:**

- On 10/8/10, GB-NEA announced their ratification of the 2010-2011 *Certified Employees' Agreement*. On this date the Board of Education ratified the contract. Within the revisions, the teachers' salary schedule base was increased by \$300.00 and the salary schedule was funded. The 2010-2011 negotiated agreement was reached with major contract concessions from teachers.
- The Board approved a 1% increase in administrator salaries.
- The Board approved a 40¢-per-hour increase in compensation for classified employees.

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**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

