



BOARD REPORT

September 8, 2008

5:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Presentations / Recognitions / Communications:

- 2007-2008 Boardsmanship Academy Award. One member of the USD 428 Board of Education completed requirements of the KASB Boardsmanship Academy for the 2007-2008 year.

Honor Roll Level 1:

Kevin Mauler

50-99 points

The KASB Boardsmanship Academy encourages school board members to seek continuing education to help them become more informed. Throughout the year, KASB sponsors workshops and seminars at which school board members receive points based on the length and content of each seminar.

- Board Member Comments. Jean Cavanaugh inquired about there being no middle school soccer team in the district; however, Superintendent Vernon has relevant information which will be an agenda item at a forthcoming BOE meeting. Jean inquired about coaches' disclaimer messages relating to youth injuries during summer camps, and she thanked the Tribune for recently sponsoring an interesting conference regarding *Law and the Media*. Among other topics, she encouraged more proactive guidance for youth as they consider careers.

Dwight Young indicated that he had attended two of the bullying-prevention message presented recently in USD 428.

- USD 428 Education Foundation. The next meeting date of the Education Foundation trustees is 9/17/08. The Education Foundation will host a Chamber of Commerce Coffee at the District Education Center at 9:30 a.m., on 9/25/08. The annual Gourmet Dinner is scheduled on Sunday, 11/23/08, at the Highland Hotel.
- Correspondence. The BOE received *thank you* messages for the "Back to School" breakfast from the Park School staff and from Tim Friess on behalf of Great Bend High School. Additionally they received a note from Sierra Burkes thanking the Board for their action on 7/14/08 which enabled her entering higher education.

Approval of BOE Policies:

On 8/11/08, the following policies were presented to the BOE as first readings. Board of Education members heard subsequently-recommended changes to Policies JGCB and JGCBA, and Superintendent Vernon provided the rationale for the changes. At this second reading, the Board approved the policies, with recommended changes.

Policy Revision	AE	School Year
Policy Revision	EBB	Safety
Policy Revision	GAAE	Bullying by Staff
Policy Revision	GACD	Employment Eligibility Verification
New Policy	GAOB	Drug Free Schools
Policy Revision	GARI	Family and Medical Leave
Policy Revision	GBK	Supervision
Policy Revision	GCK	Suspension
Policy Revision	IDCE	College Classes
Policy Revision	IIBG	Computer Use
Policy Revision	JDDA	Drug-Free Schools
Policy Revision	JDDB	Reporting Crimes to Law Enforcement
Policy Revision	JDDC	Bullying
Policy Revision	JGCB	Immunizations and Inoculations
Policy Revision	JGCBA	Automated External Defibrillators
New Policy	LDD	Federal Government – Drug-Free Schools

There are no automated external defibrillators at USD 428 sites. Following discussion, Mr. Young and Mrs. Cavanaugh recommended that the administration gather facts (benefits, costs, etc.) relating to the units.

KASB Delegate Assembly:

The KASB annual convention is set for December 5-7, 2008, 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. Board members approved Dwight Young as their voting delegate and Jean Cavanaugh as the alternate.

Approval of Early Payment of Lease Purchase Agreement:

When plans were being made for the construction of the Panther Athletic Center and for turfing the football field, USD 428 entered into a lease purchase agreement in 2007 for the Panther Athletic Center with Community Bank for a total of \$2,000,000 plus interest at 3.895%.

Both projects cost less than were estimated during the planning stages. Due to the decreased project costs, the district spent less money than anticipated from the Capital Outlay Fund. This money was saved, and additional funds were added to the Capital Outlay Fund in anticipation of the payments for the agreement with Community Bank.

When the lease purchase agreement was built, a clause was added to allow USD 428 the option to purchase the project, upon giving written notice to the bank at least 60 days before the date of any annual payment (due each January 18).

In previous years, the administration did not recommend purchasing the project because interest earned on the money in Capital Outlay averaged over 6% and the district was only paying 3.895% on the owed money. Subsequently the earned interest rates have decreased.

The Board approved the administration’s contacting Community Bank with a request to exercise the district’s option to purchase the building on January 1/18/09. The total cost to the district will be

\$1,587,809.31. When considering continued lease purchase vs. paying the total sum, the district will save approximately \$29,698.52

Approval of Learning Centers' Site Council Members: The Board approved the following 2008-2009 Site Council members, as submitted by the principals.

Eisenhower Elementary School

Parents: Rena Mayhan; Maria Martinez; Theresa Walls.
Community Representatives / Parents: Rock and Ivy Becker
Community Representative / Staff: Laurie Harwood
Staff / Parents: Liz McAfee; Tricia Reiser.
Staff: Karen Searle; Vicki McCulley; Linda Basye.

Jefferson Elementary School

Parents: Mike Dunekack; Cheryl Rugan; David Keil.
Business Representatives: Lori Slater; Kristi Sciacca; Randy Moyers.
Community Representatives: Dort Hertel; Lori Vainer; Brett Middleton.
Teachers: Becky Demel; Carla Maneth; Ryan Dunlap; Donna Rusco; Melanie Moeder.
Noncertified Representative: Renee Owen
Principal: Art Baker

Lincoln Elementary School

Parent / Community Representative: Linda Stanley
Parent / Community Representative: Joyce Marcum
Classified Staff / Parent: Jennifer Miller
Classified Staff / Parent: Colleen Newman
Parent: Shasha Sandoval
Community Representative: Julie Shields

Park Elementary School

Community Member 2009: Sabrina Suelter
Community Member 2010: Chassity Roberts
Parent 2009: Constance Winkler
Parent 2010: Kristie Hernandez
Parent 2009: Margaret Dirks
Parent 2010: Candice Hirsh
Other School Personnel: Alana Blessing
Teacher: Ginger Herrman
Teacher: Toni Rice
Principal: Mike Young

Riley Elementary School

Staff: Laura Blevins; JoAnn Blevins; Kendra Haskell; Audrey Johnson;
Amanda
Parents / Community Representatives: Loving; Stephanie Muth; Brenda McCulley; Lisa Starr; Michelle Daniel.
Benavides; Melissa Ewing; Doneta Messersmith; Richard Fletcher; Dilma
Liston Marsh.

GB Middle School

<u>Community:</u>	Kevin Keller; Lindsay Shepard
<u>Parents:</u>	Brian Harrison; Karesa Harrison; Zenaida Vasquez; Nohemi Vasquez.
<u>Staff / Parent:</u>	Gui Burley
<u>Booster Club:</u>	Kathy Kaiser; Pollie Unruh
<u>Staff:</u>	Angie Hicks; Judy Johnson; Ken Harton; David Reiser; Kathy Hafner.

GB High School

<u>BCCC:</u>	Elaine Simmons
<u>Parent:</u>	Kathy Goad
<u>Teacher / GBNEA Representative:</u>	Kim Heath
<u>CKMC / Parent:</u>	Maria Zamora
<u>Migrant Facilitator / Parent:</u>	Gui Burley
<u>Principal's Secretary / Parent:</u>	Stacey Adams

Curriculum and Instruction Report:

- Mentor Grant. For the past several years, the district has received a KSDE grant which provides a stipend to each mentor of first- and second-year teachers. Following application for a 2008-2009 grant, USD 428 has again been declared a grant recipient. The anticipated stipend for mentors of first-year teachers is \$1,000, and the anticipated stipend for mentors of second-year teachers is \$500. The district has fifteen mentors of first-year teachers and has sixteen teachers mentors of second-year teachers.
- 2008-2009 District Curriculum Committees. BOE members received a listing of teachers selected to serve on the District Curriculum Steering Committee and the District Content Area Committees. Approximately one-third of the Curriculum Steering Committee members are new each year. Vacancies in the Content Area Committees have been filled to represent departments, grade levels, and buildings. An initial meeting for each committee is scheduled in September of 2008.
- Correction in Kansas Assessment Scores Booklet. Within the *Kansas Assessment Scores Booklet*, a correction was made to the demographics for Riley Elementary School (white population and Hispanic populations had been inadvertently reversed).
- Report on Anti-Bullying Presentations. On September 2 and 3, 2008, Joe Coles from the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center in Sublette delivered bullying-prevention sessions to all district students. Additionally, he spoke with teachers after school and to parents in the evening. Mrs. Heinrichs distributed two summary pages, including one prepared by Counselor Mary Thurman. Teachers' implementation of the summarized standardizations is important.
- Meeting Information. Minutes were provided, as follows: the 8/12/08 meeting of the Professional Development Council (PDC), and the 8/26/08 meeting of the Curriculum Steering Committee.

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

- KASB Survey. The Kansas Association of School Boards issued a survey inviting input from Board of Education members. Mr. Brungardt showed a video which explained that the information from the surveys would provide excellent guidelines to KASB for planning.
- Bid Openings at 10/13/08 BOE Meeting. At the 10/13/08 BOE meeting, bids will be available for the new press box at GBHS Memorial Stadium and for the parking improvements at Cavanaugh Field.
- Special Services Office. The district has begun working with a local realtor in search of a relocation site for the Barton County Special Services office.
- Forthcoming Expiration of Capital Outlay Resolution. On 12/8/03 the BOE approved the district's current Capital Outlay Resolution (annual tax levy for a period not to exceed five years in an amount not to exceed 4.000 mills upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for the purpose of authorized expenditures). 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). At a subsequent meeting, the administration will, however, recommend renewing the Capital Outlay Resolution (4.000 mills for five years) in order to have future flexibility, since finance guidelines sometimes change. Board members having questions regarding the topic were urged to contact Dr. Vernon or Mr. Brungardt for more information.

Superintendent's Report:

- Receipt of Contribution. A forthcoming contribution was presented in accordance with *BOE Policy DFK – Gifts and Bequests*. The family of Jerome Behr wished to donate \$750 to the Lincoln Elementary School library for the purchase of history books. The Board accepted the generous gift in memorial of Mr. Behr.

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: August 11, 2008
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.
- Personnel Report: None

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Board members were reminded of meetings.

- **BOE Luncheon Meeting:** at noon on September 25, 2008, at Park Elementary School.
- **KASB Region 8 Meeting:** afternoon of October 8, at High School in Stafford.
- **Bid Opening for Press Box:** on October 8, 2008.
- **Bid Opening for Soccer Field Improvements:** at 11:00 a.m., on October 9, 2008.
- **Annual KASB Convention:** on December 5-7, 2008, in Wichita.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

