



# BOARD REPORT

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September 14, 2009

5:00 p.m.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

### Communications:

- Board Member Comments. Jean Cavanaugh recently returned from traveling to Germany and to the republics of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia. She and family members found the sites interesting and educational, particularly in regard to World War II history. Soccer and basketball are popular sports there. In Germany she heard the message multiple times that *Germans are trying to be kind to everyone*. Other topics included college preparedness for students and possible future changes to Kansas college admissions.

The annual Kids' Ag Day, which was held on 9/2/09, is an agricultural learning experience for fourth grade students from Barton County, and Kevin Mauler thanked USD 428 for supporting the event. He gave special thanks to the district's teachers and the food service and transportation personnel whose tasks were instrumental. Dr. Vernon, in return, thanked Mr. Mauler and other community members who planned and facilitated Kids' Ag Day.

- USD 428 Education Foundation. The next meeting of USD 428 Education Foundation trustees is at 5:00 p.m., on 9/17/09. The USD 428 Education Foundation will host the Chamber of Commerce Coffee at 9:30 a.m., on 9/24/09, at the District Education Center. The Board of Education members were invited to attend.
- Communications. The BOE received a *thank you* message from the Jefferson Elementary School staff for providing a *back to school breakfast* on 8/12/09.

**KASB Delegate Assembly:** The KASB annual convention is set for December 4-6, 2009, in Overland Park, KS. 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 appointed Dwight Young as delegate and Kevin Mauler as alternate.

**BOE Representative to the Supplemental Salary Committee:** Dwight Young has been serving as the Board's representative to the Supplemental Salary Committee. Because of a schedule conflict, Mr. Young is unavailable to attend the 2009-2010 committee meetings. The Board, therefore, named Kevin Mauler as the 2009-2010 BOE representative to the Supplemental Salary Committee.

**Approval of Site Council Members:** The Board approved the 2009-2010 Site Council members, as recommended by the learning center principals.

### **Eisenhower Elementary School**

Parents: Rena Mayhan; Maria Martinez; Stacy Tatkenhorst; Jon and Tammy Nickless; Darla Abbott; and Travis and Melinda Kurth.  
Community Reps / Parents: Mark Hestand; Josh and Amy Foster.  
Community Rep / Staff: Laurie Harwood  
Staff / Parents: Liz McAfee; Linda Basye.  
Staff: Karen Searle; Vicki McCulley.  
Principal: Tricia Reiser

### **Jefferson Elementary School**

Parents: Mike Dunekack; Cheryl Rugan; David Keil.  
Business Reps: Shane Spurlock; Kristi Sciacca; Randy Moyers.  
Community Reps: Ryan Streck; Sonja Tinkler; Lori Vainer.  
Teachers: Carla Maneth; Leann Miller; Melanie Moeder; Donna Rusco; Angie Webb.  
Noncertified Rep: Renee Owen.  
Principal: Art Baker.

### **Lincoln Elementary School**

Parent / Community Rep: Linda Stanley  
Parent / Community Rep: Stephanie Brantley  
Parent / Community Rep: Joyce Marcum  
Parent / Classified Staff: Jennifer Miller  
Parent / Classified Staff: Colleen Newman  
Lincoln Staff: On a rotating basis.  
Principal: Alvena Spangenberg

### **Park Elementary School**

Community Member 2011: Pablo Maciel  
Community Member 2010: Chassity Roberts  
Business Member 2011: Kyle Roberts  
Parent 2011: Michael Reimer  
Parent 2011: Ivon Martinez  
Other School Personnel: Alana Blessing  
Teacher: Ginger Herrman  
Teacher: Toni Rice  
Principal: Mike Young

### **Riley Elementary School**

Parents: Dilma Benavides; Diona Carrillo; Melissa Widiger; Liston Marsh; Zola Weber.  
Staff: Michelle Daniel; Audrey Johnson; Kendra Haskell; Lisa Starr; Amanda Loving; Stephanie Muth; Brenda McCulley.

Principal: Laura Blevins  
Assistant Principal: JoAnn Blevins

### **GB Middle School**

Community: Julie Kramp (BCC); Renee Richmeier (GB Chamber); Lindsay Shepard (Watkins Calcara, Chtd.).  
Parent: Claudia Quinonez.  
Staff / Parent: Gui Burley.  
Booster Club / Parents: Jennifer Morgan; Pollie Unruh.  
Staff: Angie Hicks; Ken Harton; Angie Hicks; Judy Johnson.  
Principal: David Reiser  
Assistant Principal: Kathy Hafner

### **GB High School**

Community (BCC): Elaine Simmons  
Community / Parent: Mike Joiner  
Parents: Anna Gallagher; Kathy Goad.  
Teacher: Kim Heath  
Migrant Facilitator / Parent: Gui Burley  
Principal: Tim Friess  
Assistant Principal: Randy Wetzel

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

- District Curriculum Committees. Ruth Heinrichs provided a list of teachers who will serve on the District Curriculum Steering Committee and the District Content Area Committees for 2009-2010. Approximately one-third of the Curriculum Steering Committee members are new each year. Vacancies in the Content Area Committees were filled to represent departments, grade levels, and buildings. The initial meetings of all committees have been scheduled in September of 2009.
- Mentor Grant. Mrs. Heinrichs has applied for a grant that provides a stipend for each mentor of first- and second-year teachers. This grant has been utilized in USD 428 for the past several years. The amount of the 2009-2010 grant has not been announced. Currently USD 428 has twenty mentor partnerships in place.
- USD 428 Kansas Assessments. There are no changes in the Kansas Assessment Scores Booklet which was distributed at the BOE meeting of 8/10/09. Mrs. Heinrichs provided fact sheets regarding Adequate Yearly Progress.

Minutes were provided for the following meetings: Professional Development Council (PDC) on 8/11/09; and Curriculum Steering Committee on 9/8/09.

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

- District's Health Insurance Plan Update. When the health plan's specific stop loss coverage was bid, the cost was \$420,041.52. Following implementation of 2009-2010 plan changes, the amount was rebid, and Companion Life quoted \$388,715.76. This \$31,325.76 in savings was secured by personnel of Benefit Management, Inc. A major factor for lowering the bid was the district's doubling the deductible and copay for out-of-network claims.

- Pest and Termite Control Update. For a number of years, the district contracted pest control processes with three companies which had, at one time, been local firms. Effective with the start of the 2009-2010 year, the district will consolidate all pest and termite control into a single contract with Schendel Pest Control, a local business from which USD 428 has received excellent service. In doing so, the district will save \$3,500 annually. Accounts Payable Clerk Sue Ware secured the quote for the district-wide contract; and, as noted, the result is a positive one for USD 428.
- ARRA Funds. This month USD 428 received \$912,993 in federal ARRA funds. This money is being combined with USD 428's state funds to be expended for the district's September payroll. Additionally, \$11,422 in ARRA funds was received by the district's Food Service program for equipment purchases; and ovens have been bought.

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

- Report on 2009-2010 Student Enrollment. Superintendent Vernon provided student enrollment data for the new school year, noting an increase of eighteen students (head count) from 9/20/08 (data does not include Barton County Academy or weighting factors). The official count occurs on 9/21/09.
- H1N1 Flu Update. Administrators have attended informational *H1N1* seminars facilitated by the Kansas State Department of Education, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the Barton County Health Department. USD 428 administrators are compiling relevant strategies. When details are finalized, the plan will be posted on the district's website at [www.usd428.net](http://www.usd428.net) and will be mailed to parents. The plan will address such topics as the availability of the vaccine, encouragement of proper hygiene, the importance of keeping sick children at home, and disinfecting procedures occurring within school facilities. School closings due to a flu epidemic are very unlikely; but, if closings would occur, the lost class days would have to be made up at later dates during 2009-2010.
- Receipt of Contributions. In regard to policy, the BOE members were notified of contributions, and approval was given.
  - To the Eisenhower Site: The Eisenhower PTA will purchase two Spica playground equipment items @ \$1,465 each.
  - To Ten Teachers at Lincoln Elementary School: This year Walmart extends a generous acknowledgment to education with *TEACHERS OF THE YEAR*. They will provide to Lincoln Elementary School ten \$100 Walmart gift cards for teachers' use for their classrooms, and the ten recipients will be chosen through a 9/16/09 drawing at school.
  - For Special Education at Eisenhower Elementary School: The Pilot Club of GB wishes to purchase a *Wii Fit* for use with special needs classes at Eisenhower School. The Pilot Club members foresee the unit as assisting students in balance and eye-hand coordination and in the promotion of physical fitness and health.

**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 10, 2009
- Bills and Financial Reports: As presented by Dan Brungardt.

- Personnel Report:  
*Certified Teacher Retirement at End of 2009-2010 Contract Year*
  - Mr. Cliff Burt, Teacher of Science at GB Middle School.

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

- **Quarterly IBB Meeting:** at 3:30 p.m., on September 21, 2009, at the DEC.
- **BOE Luncheon Meeting:** at noon on September 24, 2009, at Riley Elementary School.
- **Schools for Fair Funding:** at 10:00 a.m., on October 2, 2009, at Newton, KS.
- **KASB Region 8 Meeting:** afternoon of October 5, 2009, at South Barber, Kiowa, KS. The Region 7 meeting is on October 8, 2009, at Russell, KS.
- **Annual KASB Convention:** on December 4-6, 2009, in Overland Park.

**Executive Session:** The BOE met in executive session, as authorized by KSA 75-4319, paragraph 1, for the discussion of nonelected personnel. There was no action subsequent to the Executive Session.

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**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

