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November 14, 2016

Regular Meeting

Wabaunsee USD #329

District Office

7:00 p.m.

Don Frank, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. All of the Board Members were present with the exception of Kelly Oliver.

Numerous faculty & students from Alma Elementary School were present to thank the Board for their support. The students presented each Board Member with an all-school picture in honor of American Education Week. Present were Kindergarten teacher Sara Alderman, First Grade teacher Susan Gronquist and Fourth Grade teacher Cindy Lawrence. Students in attendance were Leah Alderman, Macy Alderman, Tallie Deever, Issie Guinn and Sasha Willier.

Wabaunsee High School Principal Jeff Stuewe mentioned the Fall sports season has come to an end and was very successful. Recognition of coaches and athletes will follow at the December Board Meeting on 12/12/2016.

In Food Service Director Debbie Stewart's absence, Superintendent Brad Starnes shared that Wabaunsee USD #329 received the Sunflower Spotlight Award from the Kansas State Department of Education. This award recognizes the district for promoting a healthier school environment.

Oliver joined the meeting at 7:05pm.

Principal Jan Hutley submitted a written report as well as speaking on several topics. Hutley stated their Veteran's Day Program was well attended, the Maple Hill Elementary School Parent After School Program is a success and that everyone is fired up with the implementation of The Leader In Me.

Principal Stuewe submitted a written report as well as commenting the high school band and choir participated in the annual Veteran's Day Parade in Eskridge.

Principal Steve Oliver commented on numerous activities at Paxico Middle School and Wabaunsee Junior High; Leadership Class is painting walls and having fun doing so, Map of the Flint Hills that was provided by a grant has been hung, Veteran's Day Program was great, dental sealants have been completed on numerous students, Halloween Parade was fun, basketball and wrestling season has begun, Teachers Jamie Hafenstine and Chris Wenderott are doing great things with the Bigs and Littles, school dance had a good turnout.

There was some discussion regarding the Parent-Teacher Conferences regarding arena style vs. conferencing with teachers as a panel.

Technology Director Austin Lawrence submitted a written report. Lawrence also stated that Skyward has presented many challenges to staff.

Freddie Johnson, Transportation/Maintenance Director submitted a written report.

Frank moved to approve the consent agenda. Bauer seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Starnes stated that since interest rates have changed, there would be no advantage to looking to refinance with Piper-Jaffray at this time.

Steve Adams with OPAA! presented a PowerPoint highlighting the benefits of moving toward the managed food service program. After some discussion and sampling of baked goods provided by Adams, the Board is interested in gathering more information regarding OPAA.

Hajny moved to approve some selected FCS items as surplus. Imthurn seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Oliver moved to go into Executive Session at 7:53pm for 30 minutes to discuss personnel and/or student matters. Imthurn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Starnes was included in the session. At 8:23pm, Frank made a motion to remain in Executive Session for 15 minutes. Bauer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. At 8:39pm Imthurn motioned to remain in Executive Session for another 10 minutes. Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:55pm.

Frank moved to accept the resignations of Kim Erikson – Daycare, Spencer McConaghy – Coach and Debbie Stewart – Food Service. Imthurn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Don Frank presented framed Certificates of Achievement to Board President Kelly Oliver and Superintendent Brad Starnes from the KASB Leadership Academy Training Program.

During the forum, the Board thanked Debbie Stewart for all her years of dedication and service to the district. Bauer stated the Leader In Me visit to Yates Elementary was fantastic. Oliver said the Yates students were awesome and the building was very impressive. Frank said the experience was amazing. Hajny shared her concern that the parking areas around Alma Elementary are very dark in the evenings. She suggested more lighting would be beneficial in those areas.

Oliver moved to adjourn. Bauer seconded. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Submitted by Myrna Gleue, School Board Clerk