

COMMERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION APRIL 14, 2008

1. The Commerce Board of Education met in regular session Monday, April 14, 2008 in the Board of Education Building. Those present were Jim Cossairt, Paula Tedlock, Steve Hartman, Gene Langston and Rick Brown. A quorum being established, the meeting was called to order by Cossairt at 6:32 p.m.
2. Hartman gave the invocation
3. Cossairt thanked the guests for attending (Attachment #1).
4. No Public communications.
5. Cossairt asked the parent if they wanted the student appeal of long term suspension under the Policy and Guidelines for Off-Campus by Students Engaged in Extracurricular Activities be held in open or closed session.

The parent requested open session.

Jim Buttram, high school principal, said according to our student hand book and board policy a student on their first offense of a situation outside the school and a problem with the law, the student gives up 10% of their activities. Last year Dusty Edens got into some trouble and had just gotten off probation with that. The police told Mr. Buttram that Dusty had been at a party on March 9, 2008 and was drinking. This would be his second offense so Dusty would be suspended starting March 11, 2008 and would have to sit out 18 weeks of football.

Lisa Edens said she does not understand why the school has the right to punish Dusty when the law did not punish him.

Jim Cossairt read the policy regarding improper use of alcohol.

Dusty Edens said he did wrong and wished there was some other way for punishment because he wanted to play football.

Motion by Brown, second by Langston to convene in executive session. Vote: Brown-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes. Time: 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Hartman, second by Tedlock to acknowledge the board's return to open session. Vote: Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes. Time: 8:50 p.m.

Cossairt said "Only the items listed on the executive session agenda were discussed and no votes were taken. Those present during executive session were the 5 board members, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Buttram and Lisa Edens.

Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to adopt "Findings of Fact" Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Dusten Edens is a junior student at Commerce High School who participates in extracurricular activities.
2. On March 9, 2008 Dustin Edens violated the Policy and Guidelines for Off-Campus Conduct by Students Engaged in Extracurricular Activities for the second time.
3. If a student violates this policy for a second time, the student shall immediately be suspended from participating in all extracurricular activities for a total of eighteen (18) continuous and successive school weeks. Such suspension will extend into a succeeding school year if necessary to fulfill the suspension.
4. The eighteen (18) week suspension should end on October 3, 2008.
5. High School Principal Jim Buttram recommended giving the student credit for the extra curricular activities missed in the summer.
6. Students participate in football three (3) weeks during the summer.
7. Considering credit for Summer activities the suspension will end on September 12, 2008.

Motion by Langston, second by Hartman to modify the suspension based upon Mr. Buttram's recommendation giving Dusty Edens credit for activities missed during the summer in which the student is unable to participate. Therefore, the suspension will end at 11:59 p.m. on September 12, 2008. Vote: Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes.

6. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the March 10, 2008, regular board meeting.
 - b. Minutes of the April 3, 2008, special board meeting.

- c. Approval of the monthly financial report of activity funds. (Attachment #2).
- d. Approval of the monthly treasurer's report. (Attachment #3).
- e. Approval of the list of General Fund encumbrances and warrants for March payroll (\$403,456.15). (Attachment #4).
- f. Approval of the list of General Fund warrants and claims for April bills (Attachment #5).
- g. Approval of the list of Co-op fund encumbrances and warrants for March payroll (\$10,192.06) (Attachment #6).
- h. Approval of the list of Co-op Fund warrants and claims for April bills Attachment #7).
- i. Approval of the list of Building Fund warrants and claims for April bills. Attachment #8).
- j. Approval of the list of Building Fund warrants and claims for April bills. (Attachment #9).
- k. Approval of the list of Child Nutrition warrants and claims for April bills. (Attachment #10).
- l. Approval of the additional list of fund raisers for SY 2007-2008. (Attachment #11)
- m. Approval of the list of fund raisers for SY 2008-2009. (Attachment #12).
- n. Approval of the additional list of substitute teachers for SY 2007-2008. (Attachment #13).

Motion by Hartman, second by Brown to approve item :”b”. Vote: Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes,. Tedlock-abstained.

Motion by Tedlock, second by Hartman to approve items “a and c-n”. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes.

7. Haynes said he received written request from the classroom teachers to enter into negotiations. (Attachment #14).

Haynes said he received an invitation for a retirement party for Nancy Andrews and an invitation from OSSBA for board training.

8. a. Superintendent Haynes said the Mickey Mantle Tournament was cancelled this year due to excessive rainfall.
- b. Elementary Principal Kevin Wade reviewed the up and coming events Field trip to the Coleman Theatre, Kindergarten screening, Red Wheel delivery on May 1st, Teacher Appreciation the week of April 10th and Super Student Program on the last day of school.
- c. Middle School Principal Herb Logan passed out the CMS Newsletter and reviewed the up and coming events, Testing going on at Middle School, many end of the year school trips. Home study day, Middle School Promotion on May 16th.

- d. High School Principal Jim Buttram passed out the High School newsletter and reviewed the events to finish out the school year, , History Day at NEO, Cary Ng, High School Counselor is the High School Teacher of the year, Testing will be held at the Southeast Baptist Church in Commerce to free up the Classroom and the cafeteria.
 - e. Athletic Director Rusty Barker reported that a lot of baseball games were Cancelled due to the weather, next 3 weeks will be extremely busy, and the 8 Man Football Team would like to use our football field again for their football game.
9. Haynes said the City of Miami is wanting to set up a TIF District across from the cemetery. A TIF District is where they freeze the taxes to the school district and can do this for up to 25 years. What every development goes in on this land the extra tax that is generated can pay for the development cost. There is a possibility of building a Lowe's Store on this land. A committee is being established to set up the guidelines.

Motion by Hartman, second by Tedlock to appoint Jim Haynes to be on this Committee. Vote: Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes, Brown-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes.

10. Discussion was held concerning the 2008-2009 school calendar and adding days to help with missed days due to bad weather.

Motion by Hartman, second by Langston to accept the school calendar for the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by Superintendent Haynes (Attachment #15). Vote: Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Brown-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes.

11. Discussion was held concerning summer driver's education and the rising cost of Fuel.

Motion by Tedlock, second by Langston to charge \$50.00 per student to take Summer driver's ed and have the student pay the fee prior to the 1st day of class. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes.

12. Motion by Langston, second by Hartman to table participation in the Northern Ottawa County Special Education Cooperative for the 2008-2008 school year at this time. Vote: Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes.

13. Discussion was held concerning charging students for the drug testing fee for students for the physicals at the start of the school year.

- Motion by Tedlock, second by Brown to continue to use Drugs of Abuse Testing Laboratory, Inc. and charge an \$11.00 initial testing fee for physicals as recommended by Haynes (Attachment #16). Vote: Tedlock-yes, Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes.
14. Motion by Hartman, second by Tedlock to approve the settlement of the claim against the Commerce Public Schools by Great Plains Coca-Cola Bottling Company (Attachment #17). Vote: Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes, Brown-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes.
15. Motion by Hartman, second by Cossairt to approve 1 or more board members to attend the OSSBA District 5 Meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at the Chuck Wagon Restaurant in Vinita, Oklahoma. Vote: Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Brown-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes.
16. No Action was taken to approve or disapprove one or more board member(s) to attend the OSSBA Board Member Training Camp on April 19, 2008 at the Metro Technology Center in Oklahoma City.
17. Proposed executive session to discuss:
- a. the employment of a new elementary school evening custodian so the board can return to open session and vote to hire or not hire a new elementary school evening custodian. 25 O.S. Section (307)(B)(1).
 - b. the reemployment of all support personnel so that the Board can return to session and vote to give reasonable assurance of reemployment or a table
 - c. reemployment of support personnel not recommended for reemployment by the administration. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).
 - d. coaching assignments for SY 2008-2009 so that the Board can return to open session and vote to employ or not employ individual coaches. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).
 - e. employing, hiring, appointing, promoting, demoting, disciplining or receiving the resignation of employees. 25 O.S. Section (307)(B)(1).
18. Motion by Tedlock, second by Langston to convene in executive session. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes. Time: 10:17 p.m.
19. Motion by Tedlock, second by Langston to acknowledge the board's return to Open session. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes. Time: 11:19 p.m.
20. Cossairt said, "Only the items listed on the executive session agenda were discussed and no votes were taken. Those present during executive session were the 5 board members, Jim Haynes, Jim Buttram, Herb Logan and Rusty Barker.

21. Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to hire P.J. Miller as the new elementary school evening custodian as recommended by Superintendent Haynes. Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes.

22. Item was tabled to give reasonable assurance of reemployment of support personnel at this time.
 - a. Elementary
 - b. Middle School
 - c. High School
 - d. Child Nutrition
 - e. Superintendent's Office

23. Item was tabled to employ or not employ individual coaches for SY 2008-2009 at this time.

24. Superintendent Haynes recommended the board approve holding the 8 Man Football game at the high school football field this summer under "New Business".

Motion by Tedlock, second by Langston to approve the use of the high school football field for the 8 Man Football Game this summer. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes

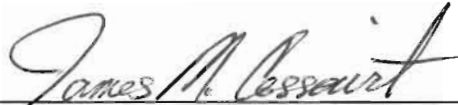
Superintendent Haynes recommended the board approve David Napier as a Substitute bus driver for the school district under "New Business".

Motion by Langston, second by Hartman to approve David Napier as a Substitute bus driver for the school district. Vote: Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes.

25. Motion by Hartman, second by Tedlock to adjourn. Vote: Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes. Time: 11:22 p.m.

April 14, 2008

(ATTEST)



President-Board of Education



Deputy Clerk



Vice-President



Member



Clerk

Date: 05/12/2008



Minutes Clerk

Date: 05-12-2008

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