

FORT LARNED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 495
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LARNED, KANSAS 67550
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jenny Manry, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

David Sanger, June Barger, Brent Hemken, Sharon Lessard, Jenny Manry, Charles Tabler, Joe Sample, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney, Tiffany Burris, Clerk.

Absent:

Kimi Bowman

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

David Sanger moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Brent Hemken second.

Yes 6 No 0

4. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS

The Larned High School Football team was recognized for their successful season.

5. AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

Junior City Council was in attendance this evening. They introduced themselves and their sponsor, Joan Basgall.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charles Tabler moved to approve the minutes of October 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No 0

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Sharon Lessard, Board member, raised concerns about the City of Larned electricity bill. The bill has risen substantially since the opening of the new elementary school. Joe Sample, Superintendent, stated that he had noticed that it had gone up also and would be researching the cause of the unexpected cost of the electricity bill. Jenny Manry, Board President, asked if prior month's bills had been high. Joe stated that yes they had been. Joe indicated that P1 Group had been in district conducting an energy analysis and would be addressing the board in the future with results. Charles Tabler questioned whether we had hard estimates on energy costs for the new elementary building from the architects. Joe stated that he would research that. Sharon Lessard's concern was that information presented by the bond committee that utility costs would be reduced with the one building.

Charles Tabler moved to approve the bills as presented.

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No 0

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Simmons, Finance Director, passed around a revenue and expenditure sheet to members. The audit was complete and the auditors will be presenting at the December meeting. November had been a routine month and things are operating smoothly.

9. PROPERTY PROPOSAL

June Barger moved to accept the purchase proposal and terms and conditions from the Larned Recreation Commission for Phinney Elementary in the amount of \$1,800.

Brent Hemken second.

Yes 6 No 0

An offer from John Golightly was received by the district for the purchase of west modular located at Northside Elementary. The buyer would be hiring a licensed contractor to move the building.

Brent Hemken moved to accept the purchase proposal and terms and conditions from John Golightly for the west modular building located at Northside Elementary in the amount of \$500.

David Sanger second.

Yes 6 No 0

10. DEMOLITION PROPOSAL

Tim Schaller will provide consultant services for the demolition of the Northside and Phinney Elementary buildings. He would be responsible for bid specs, and all required paperwork. The district will be required for asbestos abatement at the sites. Brent Hemken, Board member, asked who would be responsible for hiring the demolition contractor. The district will hire the contractor through a sealed bid process and Tim will work with that company that is selected.

Charles Tabler moved to accept the proposal from Schaller Construction for consultant services for the demolition of Northside Elementary and Phinney Elementary.

David Sanger second.

Yes 6 No 0

11. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Joe Sample, Superintendent, shared the RFQ for the district's Safe Routes to School project. KDOT does not have a specific timeline set presently. Joe stated that the request tonight is to move forward with bid letting once specific dates are set. Joe asked the board if there were questions as to how the Safe Routes to School grant and program worked. He stated that the program works in phases and presently the district is in Phase 1. The state matches funds at each phase. Brent Hemken, Board member, questioned whether the state sets the routes and if the district is obligated to follow their recommendations. The district and KDOT collaborate setting of the routes.

Brent Hemken moved to let bids for engineering services for the Safe Routes to School Program once KDOT sets the dates of the program.

June Barger second.

Yes 6 No 0

12. EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST

June Barger, Board member, questioned the amount of requests the board received this year and asked why the number had gone up. Troy Langdon, high school principal shared that the students had met the requirements to graduate. Many were heading to college; some were going to work; and others were moving. Jeanette Johnson, High School Counselor, stated that each scenario and student situation is different, and for some students early graduation is the best option for them. By graduating early, students will qualify for state aid to attend college early. Members asked what the students would be missing from graduating early. The answer was sports, prom, activities.

Charles Tabler moved to approve the submitted early graduation requests.

Brent Hemken second.

Yes 6 No 0

13. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

Sharon Lessard moved to approve the donation of \$10,000 from the Fort Larned Elementary School PTO and \$5705 from the Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Fun Run.

Brent Hemken second.

Yes 6 No 0

14. NON ELECTED PERSONNEL

a) Non-elected Personnel

Charles Tabler moved at 7:18 p.m. that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that the Board will return to the open session in this room at 7:38 p.m. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Joe Sample, Superintendent, Phil Martin, Attorney.

David Sanger second.

Yes 6 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Jenny Manry moved at 7:38 to extend the executive session until 7:58 pm.

David Sanger second.

Yes 4 No 0

Joe Sample excused himself from the executive session at 7:42 p.m.

The open meeting was called to order at 7:57 p.m.

Jenny Manry moved to extend the executive session until 8:20 p.m.

David Sanger second.

Yes 4 No 0

The open meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m.

15. NOMINATIONS

David Sanger moved to approve the following nomination(s) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Jerry Johnson

Asst Wrestling/LHS

Sharon Lessard second.

Yes 6 No 0

16. SEPERATIONS

None at this time.

17. TRANSFERS

None at this time.

18. REPORTS

a) Principals

Troy Langdon (LHS)

Troy presented Larned High School's Strategic Plan for the year. Some highlights of the presentation were the KESA's points that the high school had chosen, which are Relationships and Relevance. He stated that the year had been off to a great start and that there were wonderful things happening at Larned High School.

Lea Harding (ELEMENTARY)

Lea shared her Building Improvement Plan with the board. This also serves as the Elementary's School Wide Title Plan. There are 5 goals to work on each year and staff has been working on the goals and programs since June. She also stated that this year was going great and that staff was enjoying the new building and all it has to offer.

b) Directors

Kris Schneider, Technology

Kris shared his plan and goals for the Technology Department for the upcoming years. Highlights included replacing student iPads, and replacing staff computers. Kris also gave an update on the technology at the new elementary.

c) Joe Sample, Superintendent

The Professional Development Council met on November 1st. The group's plan is to update the PDC document and guidelines. The group plans to meet several times this semester. The council will be presenting the updated document to the board in the next couple months upon its completion. The goal is to make the document district specific.

The District Site Council met on November 13. Joe stated that it was a very productive, well attended meeting. Brent Hemken, Board member, shared results of the needs assessment survey that he had conducted with area businesses in regards to the district. He highlighted the results from that survey with members. Joe stated that there could be another meeting held before the end of the semester.

June Barger, Board member, asked if current curriculum mapping was still based on the Rose Standards. Joe stated that it was now called College and

Career Readiness. June inquired about the McPherson school district and the route they had taken moving from state assessments to the ACT test. She questioned whether that district's ACT scores had improved after going to that source of testing. Jenny Manry, Board President, asked Joe if he would research and gather some of that data.

d) Board Discussion

Neighborhood Revitalization

Sharon Lessard, Board member, shared a brochure from a recent Neighborhood Revitalization meeting that was held. She shared that a decision will need to be made in the future on the district's participation. She asked that members look over the brochure and become familiar with the program. Sharon Lessard, who had attended the meeting as USD #495's representative, stated that discussion had also focused on an exemption for new businesses or industries.

19. ADJOURN

Charles Tabler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

David Sanger second.

Yes 6 No 0

Board President

Board Clerk