

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT # 368
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIAMI COUNTY

Regular Meeting
MARCH 9, 2009
7:00 P.M. – BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Stacy Bledsoe
Kelly Franke, Vice-President
Brenda Hallstrom
Shelly Schierman
Amiee Seck, President 7:10 p.m.
Tom Vohs
Mike Yocam

Dr. Rod Allen, Superintendent of Schools
Judy Welter, Assistant Superintendent
Jimmy Hay, Business Manager, /Clerk
Cheri Cowman, Deputy Clerk

Staff: Staci Wokutch, Amy Hastert, Janis Grandon, Pam Wolford, Mark Lentz, Frank Perbeck, Jerry Henn, Melissa Elliott, Matt Meek, Mark Bloustine, Denise Henn, Jolene Pennington, Diahn Taylor

Visitors: Greg Vahrenberg, Amy Barenklau, Eric White, Luci Kennedy, John Leighty, Deena Bowles, Jeff and Amy Johnson, Kara Edwards, Shonda Dyer, Lachel Dreyer

AGENDA

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the agenda as written. Mrs. Bledsoe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Yocam seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dr. Allen congratulated Dean Scherman, former PHS teacher and current Robotics volunteer, for being named the Regional Volunteer of the Year at the recent Robotics competition. The PHS Robotics team won the Creativity Award at the competition. He also congratulated Beth Slawson for being selected as the Elementary Teacher of the Year and Bonnie Dumpert for being selected as the Secondary Teacher of the Year. He wished them Good Luck in the upcoming State competition. Mrs. Hallstrom reported the PHS girls' basketball team had won Sub-State and had progressed to State competition.

Mrs. Seck arrived at 7:10 p.m.

CURRICULUM PRESENTATION

Sunflower Elementary School made the curriculum and Site Council presentation. Principal Staci Wokutch introduced Site Council Chair, Jolene Pennington, who then introduced the members of the Site Council in attendance. Member Amy Barenklau gave a brief background on the Sunflower Site Council. Mrs. Wokutch showed a short PowerPoint showing how the staff, students, and community are living the mission statement of Sunflower Elementary School.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Allen discussed the annual KASB Regional Meeting to be held in Olathe on May 6. The meeting will also include training for new board members. Those members wanting to attend will let Dr. Allen know at the April Board of Education meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Greg Vahrenberg of Piper Jaffray was in attendance to explain the refinancing of the 1999 bonds. Mr. Yocam moved to approve refinancing 1999 bonds with Piper Jaffray for a projected savings of ~\$75,000, in this current market window of opportunity. Dale Dennis has confirmed the numbers and a Special Meeting will need to be set for after spring break. Mr. Vohs seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Schierman moved to schedule a work session for Monday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. to take final board action on the bond refinance and to discuss other budget issues. Ms. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the district’s proposal to write a check to the Paola American Legion for the use of Russell field for Paola High School baseball. The proposal includes writing a check to the American Legion & Citizen's State Bank for \$5,000 for principal payment on \$40,000 lighting Loan and paying \$2,500 for FY09 and an early payment of \$2,500 for FY10. These funds could be used to help remedy dirt/grass work on the field. Mrs. Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Amy Hastert gave a brief synopsis of the recently updated Three-Year Technology Plan. The federal government requires that districts have a Three-Year Plan to qualify for E-Rate funding. Mrs. Bledsoe moved to approve the three-year technology plan as recommended by the administration. The dates for the plan include July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. Ms. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Yocam moved to approve contracting for 25,000 gallons of diesel fuel based on the market (The Board of Education originally approved the fuel bid 07-21-08 and gave permission to purchase fuel as the market allowed). Mr. Vohs seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Yocam moved to table the approval of the Greenbush Driver Education contract and curriculum and reset the student fee from \$385 to \$225 until the April Board of Education meeting. Mr. Vohs seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Franke moved to enter into executive session with Dr. Allen, Jimmy Hay, Judy Welter, Jerry Henn, Mark Lentz, Frank Perbeck, Matt Meek, Mark Bloustine, Staci Wokutch, Janis Grandon, and Amy Hastert until 8:15 p.m. to discuss personnel and negotiations. Mr. Yocam seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Franke moved to extend executive session with Dr. Allen, Jimmy Hay, Judy Welter, Jerry Henn, Mark Lentz, Frank Perbeck, Matt Meek, Mark Bloustine, Staci Wokutch, Janis Grandon and Amy Hastert to discuss personnel and negotiations until 8:42 p.m. Mr. Yocam seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board of Education re-entered open session at 8:42 p.m.

Mrs. Bledsoe moved to renew administrator contracts as recommended by Dr. Allen. Ms. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

No further action was taken. The Board of Education adjourned at 8.45 p.m.

President _____

Clerk _____

Date Approved: