

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT # 368
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIAMI COUNTY

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

MINUTES

Members Present:

Stacy Bledsoe
Kelly Franke
Brenda Hallstrom
Shelly Schierman
Amiee Seck
Tom Vohs
Mike Yocam

Members Absent:

Dr. Rod Allen, Superintendent of Schools
Judy Welter, Asst. Superintendent of Schools
Jimmy Hay, Business Manager/Clerk

Staff: Cristie Sims, Janis Grandon, Rena Smith, Jerry Henn, Lacy Meridith, Renee Bowman, Mark Bloustine, Sandy Buntin, Matt Meek, Amy Hastert

Visitors: Senator Pat Apple, Representative Jene Vickrey, Stephanie Snouffer, Pete Peuser, Eric White

AGENDA

Mr. Yocam moved to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Vohs seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the consent agenda as written. Ms. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ms. Franke congratulated the PHS FFA team for finishing 9th and 12th in the nation at the Convention. Dr. Allen presented Mrs. Bledsoe with a certificate from the Kansas Association of School Boards for obtaining Boardsmanship points.

Our schools received 21 Standards of Excellence in Reading, Mathematics, and Writing based on the Kansas Assessment scores from last spring. This repeats the record 21 received last year, which is impressive in light of the increasingly higher AYP proficiency bar. All schools and the district made AYP for all sub-groups. Thanks to our Coop Special Education Staff for their help in USD 368 and their respective Coop Districts.

Hillsdale	Reading-Bldg, Gr. 3, 4, & 5	Math-Bldg, Gr. 3, 4, & 5	Writing-Bldg
Sunflower	Reading-Bldg	Math-Bldg., Gr. 4 & 5	Writing-Bldg
Middle School	Reading-Bldg., Gr. 6, 7 & 8	Math-Bldg., Gr. 6	Writing-Bldg

The Kansas Teacher of the Year banquet will be on November 21st. Cottonwood Elementary reading teacher, Beth Slawson, is a finalist. Mr. Yocam extended the board's condolences to the family of Bob Harrington who was a long-time community member and avid sportsman. Also, condolences were extended to the family of retired teacher, Dean Scherman. Mrs. Welter congratulated Paola Middle School for recently instituting the WatchDOGS program. This program is currently being used in four of our five buildings.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Senator Pat Apple and Representative Jene Vickrey were here to discuss school finance. The annual KASB Convention will be held in Overland Park, December 4-6. and Dr. Allen discussed proposed resolutions and policy amendments to be voted on at the Delegates' Assembly. Because several KASB resolutions address school finance and recommended legislative action, this item was combined with the discussion with our legislators. Also, discussions related to the action item to join Schools for Fair Funding were addressed to afford related discussion with our legislators. Jimmy Hay presented an overview of the district audit performed by Agler & Gaeddert which will be brought back in December for final approval. Dr. Allen reported further research of individual student addresses validate transportation savings of \$200,000, discussed with the board in October, can be realized.

CURRICULUM PRESENTATION

Judy Welter discussed the District Report Card, assessments, etc. The district has made some impressive academic achievement gains the last five years due to staff's instructional focus on curriculum standards and indicators and using the results of common aligned assessments used to guide instruction.

Mrs. Bledsoe left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Yocam moved to schedule a work session on November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and negotiations. Ms. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Yocam moved the district not joint the Schools for Fair Funding group. Mr. Vohs seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Yocam moved to approve Kelly Franke to serve as the district delegate at the KASB Convention Delegates' Assembly. Mr. Vohs seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Franke moved to enter into executive session with Dr. Allen, Judy Welter, Jimmy Hay, and Matt Meek to discuss personnel and negotiations until 9:30 p.m. Mr. Yocam seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Meek left at 9:00 p.m.

The Board of Education re-entered into open session at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Vohs moved to approve a voluntary KPERs retirement program for certified staff effective this school year. Ms. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

No further action was taken. The Board of Education adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

President _____

Clerk _____

Date Approved: