

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT # 368
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIAMI COUNTY

Regular Meeting
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
7:00 P.M. – BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Stacy Bledsoe
Jim Fisher
Kelly Franke, Vice-President
Kevin Schasteen

Tom Vohs
Mike Yocam, President

Members Absent:

Shelly Schierman

Judy Welter, Superintendent of Schools
Matt Meek, Asst. Superintendent of Schools
Jimmy Hay, Business Manager, /Clerk
Cheri Cowman, Deputy Clerk

Staff: Staci Wokutch, Phil Bressler, Mark Bloustine

Visitors: Brian McCawley, Peter Peuser, Kris Rogers, Ben Chapman, Melinda Pitzer

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

President Yocam attended a Site Council meeting at PMS and encouraged other Board of Education members to get involved in the other buildings. He also thanked Kansas Central Bus Company for working hard to change bus schedules to make the amount of time students spend on the buses as short as possible. Ms. Franke attended the beginning FFA meeting at PHS and thinks the two new VoAg teachers will do a great job. Mrs. Bledsoe stated the KC Star had a nice article in the sports section about our Paola Panthers beating DeSoto. She was also pleased the WatchDOGS program is now at three buildings and many "Dads" have signed up to participate. Mrs. Welter reported as of Sunday night, Paola was in first place in the "Take Charge Challenge" with two other cities. If Paola wins, \$50,000 will be presented to the City of Paola and \$50,000 will be presented to USD #368 for an energy efficient program. The YouthFriends breakfast held Friday morning was well attended as was the Paola Booster Club meeting held after the breakfast. She stated we are grateful for the

community support. Mr. Meek wished Patt Ludwick and Tara Ingle the best of luck at the upcoming annual Kansas Teacher of the Year banquet. Mrs. Wokutch reported a very smooth beginning of the school year and thanked Central Office for their part in this.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Parent, Melinda Pitzer, presented her displeasure at students riding busses in the morning from 6:30am to 8:00am. Much of this is due to the reduction in busses and getting students to school in time for breakfast. She thanked Mrs. Welter and Mr. Hay for their cooperation in trying to assist her concerns. The Board of Education will take her comments under advisement.

CURRICULUM PRESENTATION

Asst. Superintendent Matt Meek presented a Teacher Tube video entitled “Shift Happens”. It was an “eye opening” experience to see how students in the United States compared with those in other countries in educational opportunities and technology. It was also astounding how quickly information and the delivery of information is changing, and how difficult it is for teachers today to teach information that will be relevant for students in the future.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent Judy Welter invited the Board of Education member to attend the annual KASB Fall Summit meeting on October 12 in Topeka. Those interested in attending are Mr. Schasteen, Mrs. Bledsoe, and Mrs. Welter and Mr. Fisher will contact us if he is available to attend.

The Board of Education members discussed scheduling special board meetings to be held in the mornings at each building. This allows the members to visit each building and observe staff and students. Mrs. Welter will schedule dates (the 4th Monday of the months of October, November, January, and February at 7:30am) with the building principals and notify the Board of Education members.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the Special Education Title VI-B Funding application, which allows the Special Education Coop to access federal funds to assist in paying special ed. salaries. Ms. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the Concurrent Enrollment Policy with Quick Step. This would allow high school students to enroll in dual credit classes; receiving credit for both high school and college. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the Transportation Policy that would allow high school team members to travel to practices and games in private vehicles when no district transportation is provided. Mr. Schasteen seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Bledsoe moved to approve the Board of Education Goals as determined by board members. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion. The goals are as follows:

1. Improve communication between community, staff, students, and parents through trust and district decision-making.
2. Increase middle and high school offerings encompassing career and technical education pathways.
3. Provide innovative teaching and learning through use of advanced technology.
4. Increase and maintain graduation rate at 95%.

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Schasteen moved to approve the Paola High School Cell Phone Policy that was put in the building student handbook for 2011-2012. Mrs. Bledsoe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Bledsoe asked Mrs. Welter to add Board of Education policies on the misuse of computers to the October board agenda as an information item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

No further action was taken. The Board of Education adjourned at 7:45 pm.

President _____

Clerk _____

Date Approved: