

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT # 368
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIAMI COUNTY

Regular Meeting
FEBRUARY 13, 2012
7:00 P.M. – BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Stacy Bledsoe
Jim Fisher
Kelly Franke, Vice-President
Kevin Schasteen
Shelly Schierman
Tom Vohs
Mike Yocam, President

Members Absent:

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

Staff: Staci Wokutch, Mark Bloustine, Janis Grandon, Phil Bressler, Beth Slawson, Shannon Morgan, Kristi Herron, Janice McWilliams, Marcy Seaman, Jamie Smith

Visitors: Brian McCauley, Denise Newkirk, Justin Fulk

AGENDA

Mrs. Schierman moved to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Schierman moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Schasteen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mrs. Welter presented the Board of Education name badges and Panther mugs filled with Valentine candy to show our appreciation to them. Mr. Schasteen congratulated the Paola High School FFA for doing well at the district competition. Mr. Bloustine reported the middle school hosted a Regional KAY Conference. Amy Hastert and Katie Johnson, KAY sponsor, worked hard to assure the success of the conference. Middle school student, Nick Reeves, won the Miami County Spelling Bee and 18 PMS students were selected as Students of the Month by the Paola Booster Club. Mrs. Grandon announced Patt Ludwick's Teacher of the Year team will be visiting on February 28 and invited the Board of Education members to attend. Mr. Bressler stated PHS football player, Brandon Goodman, will be playing in the Shrine Bowl and football coach, Mike Dumpert, will serve as an assistant coach at the Bowl game. Mrs. Bledsoe thanked Cristi Sims' Leadership Class for presenting at a recent Miami County Leadership meeting.

CURRICULUM PRESENTATION

Members of the Cottonwood Elementary School Site Council were introduced by Principal Janis Grandon. Those in attendance and presenting were staff: Beth Slawson, Marcy Seaman, Kristi Herron, Jamie Smith, Janice McWilliams, and Shannon Morgan; and parents: Denise Newkirk, and Dr. Justin Fulk. They took

turns explaining different programs used at Cottonwood to enhance student learning. They closed their presentation with a fun activity involving the Board of Education members using “clickers” to demonstrate how they are used by students in the classrooms.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Welter reminded the Board of Education members of the upcoming work session on February 27 being held at PHS at 7:30am.

Mrs. Welter gave a brief update on the recently attended Legislative Breakfast. Local legislators answered questions and addressed issues such as KPERS, paying down debt, the continued offering of vocational technology courses, and infusing state money to help counteract the school finance deficit.

Jimmy Hay gave a presentation on a proposed messaging system offered by Infinite Campus that would simplify communication with staff, students, and parents. It has the capacity to distribute a large volume of calls, including emergency notifications, and can be used for attendance/absence notifications and behavior notifications. The cost for all buildings to utilize would be approximately \$4,729 per year but would also we would also qualify for a \$1,000 a year e-rate reimbursement.

Mrs. Welter discussed 2011-2012 goals with the Board of Education and gave examples of how these goals are being met this school year.

Mrs. Welter and Mr. Meek updated the Board of Education on several vocational technology programs they recently visited. Representatives from Paola, Louisburg, and Osawatomie School Districts recently toured the vocational programs at Eudora, DeSoto, and Blue Valley. They were very impressed with the programs they saw and gleaned several ideas for the future.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the Board of Education policy regarding students using service animals in our facilities. Mr. Schasteen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Vohs moved to approve administrative contracts for 2012-2013 as recommended. Mrs. Bledsoe seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Franke moved to approve revisions to the 2012-2013 District Calendar by moving the enrollment date to August 2, 2012 and President’s Day to February 18, 2013. Mr. Schasteen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Franke moved to schedule a work session on Monday, March 5 at 6:00 pm. Mr. Schasteen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Kelly Franke moved that the board enter into Executive Session with Mrs. Welter, Mr. Meek, and Mr. Hay to discuss negotiations and student issues until 8:30 pm. Mr. Schasteen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

No further action was taken. The Board of Education adjourned at 8:30 pm.

President _____ Clerk _____

Date Approved: