

**USD 353 Wellington
Board of Education Meeting
January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order: Jackie Berryman, President
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call: Stephanie Frazier, Clerk
- 1.4 Review and Approval of Agenda

Angie Ratcliff motioned, seconded by Jackie Glasgow to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 7/0.

2. Recognition of Patrons and Staff

Audrey Gill – Spoke regarding the positivity she's seeing in her classroom through the Summit program.

3. Public Comments

Deanna Garver – Expressed concern towards the Summit program.
Shayna Campbell – Expressed concern towards the Summit program.
Christina Nichols – Expressed concern towards the Summit program.
Charles Garver – Expressed concern towards the Summit program.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 Sumner County 4 H Facilities Request

Sumner County 4H uses district facilities each year for their yearly meeting. In years past the district has waived the rental fee. A representative from 4H was available to answer questions. If the board is inclined to waive the fees, this should become an action item. The date is available on the WHS calendar.

Carol Hadorn motioned, seconded by Jason Newberry to approve the facilities request from the Sumner County 4H with waived rental fees.

Motion carried 7/0.

4.2 Achievement Data Update

Mr. Peine reviewed winter FASTbridge data. All district students were tested prior to Christmas break. Schools use the data to place students in intervention, which in turn targets specific skills. Increasingly, we are focusing on improving tier one instruction. Tier one is the regular instruction that all students receive. As part of our work with Visible Learning, we are developing a well-articulated, common curriculum based on the state standards. State assessments and FASTbridge are built on the standards. To put it in plain language, we must teach what is assessed or significant numbers of students will continue to qualify for intervention.

4.3 Reading Curriculum Committee Update

Dr. Kern has led the Reading Curriculum Committee work for several months. The group has narrowed the choices for a potential reading series to be implemented in 19-20. This group is only looking at reading series that are rated extremely high by a Federal clearing-

house. The reading committee last met on January 9th and is finalizing their work before presenting a series to the staff and the board.

4.4 Facilities Update

Mr. Hatfield provided the board with an update on facilities including the WHS roof and potential work at Lincoln. Mr. Hatfield has developed a plan to improve the aesthetics of all district schools. Last year extensive work including interior and exterior paint and carpet were completed at Washington. The building looks very nice.

5. ACTION ITEM

5.1 Accept Financial Audit

The board was provided the financial audit in November and the auditor reviewed the audit at the December meeting. The board needs to accept the audit.

Carol Hadorn motioned, seconded by Larry Mangan to approve the financial audit as presented.

Motion carried 7/0.

5.2 Approve Out of State Travel

Mr. Peine is requesting approval for two out state conventions. Most of the expense is covered.

Council of Exceptional Children Convention

Each year the Council of Exceptional Children holds a convention that includes more than 400 sessions and 23 hours of professional development in the area of special education. This year the conference will be Jan 29th through Feb 2 in Indianapolis. The conference registration and travel expenses will be reimbursed through the Kansas Special Education Advisory Council after the conference. I have never attended this conference, but I have received excellent feedback from several special education administrators. I believe it would benefit my work in Wellington by helping me gain knowledge of how special education is being effectively implemented across the nation. I am requesting permission to attend this conference.

Annual Visible Learning Conference

Earlier this year Erin Sweetwood, Brianna Young (teacher at Ike) and I presented at the Kansas Visible Learning Institute. The topic of the presentation was Wellington's journey from where we were in August of 2016 through the end of last year with our implementation of MTSS and Visible Learning (VL). Erin and Brianna did a fantastic job showing the crowd of over 300 how they implemented successfully implemented this work in their buildings. This was also an outstanding learning experience for the three of us as we were able to hear John Hattie (the originator of the VL research) speak. Brianna even mentioned that some components of VL finally became clear to her at the conference.

I strongly believe that VL and MTSS are closely related and support one another. MTSS helps make the core beliefs behind the VL research possible and the VL research helps to strengthen our work in Special Education and MTSS. Stemming from our presentation in Topeka, I was asked to consider presenting at the largest VL conference in the nation, the Annual Visible Learning Conference. I found out shortly before the break that I was selected to give two presentations at the conference which will be in July in Las Vegas. One presentation regarding the MTSS-VL connection and the other about Wellington's journey. I would like to bring Erin Sweetwood to join me for the presentation regarding Wellington. At this conference would we have the opportunity to

learn directly from some of the best experts in the nation including John Hattie himself at a discount due to our contribution. My travel expenses would be reimbursed by the Special Education Advisory Council. I am requesting permission for both Erin and me to attend this conference.

Jackie Glasgow motioned, seconded by Angie Ratcliff to approve the out of state travel request as presented.

Motion carried 7/0.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Whitener discussed the possibilities of adding an additional SRO officer within the district in part with 619 and the City of Wellington. He also expressed gratitude towards the board members in conjunction with board appreciation month.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

7.1 Personnel

Angie Ratcliff motioned, seconded by Jackie Glasgow to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under the Kansas Open Meeting Act, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:45 p.m. to include district administration.

Motion carried 7/0.

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting was back in open session with no binding action taken.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1. Approve December 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

8.2 Approve Financials

8.2.1 Bills \$308,085.83

8.2.2 Payroll \$1,083,865.35

8.2.3 Transfers \$300,000 to At-Risk and \$100,000 to Vacations

8.3 Approve Personnel

New Personnel

Stormie Jones: Para, Lincoln

Brentasia Cramer: Para, Kennedy

Zairen Warnock: Para, Kennedy

Jamie Ybarra: Fresh Start Teacher

Resignations

Sabrina Torneden: Clerical, WMS effective May 31st, 2019

Megan Campbell: Assistant WHS Track

Mark Whitener: Superintendent effective July 1st, 2019

9. Board Member Comments

Angie Ratcliff shared a message from a parent regarding the redesign.

Carol Hadorn expressed gratitude towards all who are a part of the curriculum teams.

Jackie Berryman expressed gratitude towards the teachers for their work improving statistics.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Jackie Berryman adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.