

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
January 13, 2011**

The board of Education of USD 353 met at 7:00 p.m. on January 13, 2011 for a regular board meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

Board President Jackie Berryman called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Jackie Berryman, Dixie Blankinship, David Peck, Maria Cornejo, Robert White, Benny Ybarra and Superintendent Rick Weiss

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

David Peck moved, seconded by Robert White to adopt the agenda.

Motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Benny Ybarra moved, seconded by Robert White to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried 6-0.

1. Approve the minutes of the December 9, 2010, USD 353 Board of Education meeting minutes.
2. Approve the payroll, \$675,006.14; \$25,356.24 to vocational; \$159,091.87 to At-Risk; and bills \$772,224.63.
3. Acceptance of funds from USD 353 School Foundation (FNB)
\$10,000- Funding for the grant program provided to the district teachers bi-annually
\$1,000- Excellence in Teaching Award-Annual Basis
4. Acceptance of funds from Healthy Habits for Life Grant. This is a \$1,000.00 grant from The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation for WMS and Roosevelt School. Funds will be used for establishing a healthy lifestyles program.
5. Recommendation to hire:
Chris Davis-WHS Special Education Teacher (for Military Leave Teacher)

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL BOARD VACANCY:

Maria Cornejo moved, seconded by Benny Ybarra to fill the Board vacancy after the results of the election are determined and consider an early appointment of the winner.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPOINTMENT OF BOE MEMBERS TO NEGOTIATING TEAM:

David Peck moved, seconded by Robert White to appoint Maria Cornejo and Dixie Blankinship to the negotiating team.

Motion carried 6-0.

WHS CARPET REMNANT INTEREST (TABLED FROM LAST MEETING):

No action was taken due to interested party backing out of offer.

FFA PROPOSED NEEDS/PURCHASES (TABLED FROM LAST MEETING):

Benny Ybarra moved, seconded by David Peck to accept the proposal of the FFA Instructor to fix the stock trailer, add an automated watering system to the greenhouse in the amount of \$3000 with the class installing the equipment and greenhouse supplies that would bring it to modern standards. It is anticipated that the revenue from the greenhouse production would eventually pay for the expense of the greenhouse needs.

POTENTIAL ROOFING BIDS-ROOSEVELT SCHOOL:

No action was taken. Bids were delayed due to weather conditions.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Dale Liston reported that the resurfacing company sent a Christmas card and thanked the Board.
John Walton reported that the soup dinner to benefit Washington Elementary After School Program was a success. The total from the soup sale was \$725 and when combined with the spaghetti dinner last month they have made \$1400 total.
Jackie Glasgow reported that the State is providing money toward grants next year for After School Programs. She will be applying for the grant in March 2011.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Benny Ybarra discussed the State Conference and budget concerns.
Maria Cornejo asked questions about the Technology grant and how equipment will be delivered.
David Peck asked the Site Councils to let Board Members know if they would like for them to attend meetings.

SUPERINTENDENTS COMMENTS:

Rick Weiss discussed the possible situation the budget could be in for the rest of the 2010-2011 school year and the possibility of a reduction in per pupil funding.

Break for 5 minutes at 8:45.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL:

Benny Ybarra moved, seconded by Robert White to go into executive session for 15 min. at 8:51.
Larry Roth, Jackie Glasgow and Rick Weiss were asked to attend.
Motion carried 6-0.
Extended executive session at 9:09 for 10 minutes.
Board returned at 9:19 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS:

Robert White moved, seconded by David Peck to go into executive session for 10 min. at 9:20.
Motion carried 6-0.

Board Returned at 9:30 p.m.

POTENTIAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT:

Maria Cornejo moved, seconded by David Peck to recommend Larry Roth to be approved as Interim Business Manager with duties as Human Resources Director and Board Clerk assumed on an interim basis.
Mr. Roth will retain his regular duties at Roosevelt School as a School Psychologist.

Meeting adjourned 9:31 p.m.