

AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
USD 353, WELLINGTON
MARCH 13, 2014

1. 7:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER – BOE PRESIDENT JACKIE BERRYMAN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MEETING ROLL CALL – SKYLER WENCEL, BOARD CLERK

[X] Jackie Berryman
[X] Carol Hadorn
[X] Larry Mangan
[X] Jason Newberry
[X] David Peck
[X] Angie Ratcliff
[X] Bob White

2. Review and Adoption of Agenda

David Peck motioned, seconded by Bob White to accept the agenda.

Motion carried 7/0

3. Recognition of Patrons

Comments from Public:

Individuals are reminded that comments are limited to three minutes, and all comments should avoid a specific reference to specific students or personnel. Comments during the board discussion will not be recognized unless solicited from the board or administration.

4. CONSENT AGENDA (READ BY CLERK)

A. Approval of February 13, 2014 USD 353 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Bills, Transfers, Bank Reconciliation & Other Financial Matters from the Business Office

Transfers:

At-Risk - \$58,830.23
Special Education - \$108,785.57
Vocations - \$36,196.24

Bills: \$1,032,629.74

Payroll: \$619,811.68

C. Personnel Items:

Resignations:

Anna Taylor: Para – Effective February 28, 2014

Julie Dry: Para – Effective March 14, 2014

Cheryl Heimen – WMS Food Service – Effective March 14, 2014

Angela Moore – Food Service – Effective March 14, 2014

Debroah May-Rader: Para – Effective March 26, 2014

Jayne Cook: 1st Grade teacher at Eisenhower: Retirement effective at the end of the 2013-2014 School Year

Peggy Lawrence: Washington Secretary and Title Administrative Assistant:
Retirement at the end of the 13-14 school year

Nancy Strader: 5th Grade teacher at Lincoln: Retirement effective: August 31, 2014

John Gifford: WHS Counselor & Assistant Football Coach: Effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year

Recommendation to Hire:

Tristan Tracy – After School Para

Sabrina Torneden – Secretary at Lincoln Elementary School

D. WHS Fund Raisers

WHS Group: WHS Leadership/Various Clubs

Type: Service Day 2014

Date: March 26, 2014

Location: Community area. Go to people they know

Purpose: Raise money for Patti Sober and Children who attend WHS

Sponsor: Carla Defore and other WHS Club sponsors

WHS Group: Forensics

Type: Mr. Crusader Pageant

Date: April 24, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: WHS

Purpose: Raise funds for Nationals

Sponsor: Dorathea Kelly

WHS Group: Forensics

Type: All Community Talent Show

Date: April 12, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: WHS

Purpose: Raise funds for Nationals

Sponsor: Dorathea Kelly

WHS Group: WHS Cheerleaders

Type: Cookie Dough/Magazine Fundraiser

Date: March 26th through April 12, 2014

Location: WHS/Community

Purpose: This will help the 14-15 Cheer Squad to raise funds for their cheer expenses
Sponsor: Stephanie Lawrence

WMS 6th Grade Gifted

Type: Dodgeball Tournament

Date: April 25, 2014

Location: WMS Gym

Purpose: Raise funds for new books in the WMS library.

E. Accept Casino Donation for Funds to Assist Library Needs and Technology
Kansas Star Casino is donating \$11,000.00 to USD 353 Wellington for such purposes.

F. Increase Health Insurance Benefit to Classified and Administrative Personnel to \$325.00

G. Classified Wage Consideration: Recommendation \$.25 increase in hourly wage.

H. Approval of WHS participation in the "Life of an Athlete" Drug & Alcohol Program

I. Membership to the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce – Fee is \$300.00

J. Approval of Fiduciary Letter of Understanding with George K. Baum & Co. prior to the bond issue discussion (financial advisor/consultant on USD 353 Safety & Security Project).

K. Contractual Agreement with Interlocal 619 – Agreement between USD 353 and Int. 619 on teacher, facility and per student reimbursement

L. Contractual Agreement with Futures Unlimited for Early Childhood Education

M. Contract with Steve Sturgis to develop USD 353 district website.

N. Consent Agenda Action:

David Peck motioned seconded by Bob White to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried 7/0

5. USD 353 WELLINGTON SCHOOLS SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

Ed Klock of PBA Architects and Steve Shogren of George K. Baum & Company will be present to discuss features of the proposed project focused upon tornado safe structures being constructed at Eisenhower Elementary and Roosevelt Day School. These are the only school buildings in the district that do not have tornado safe areas for students. There will be safety features considered for all school buildings based upon armed intruders and other undesirable or emergency situations in our buildings. Other

considerations with this project will be roof repairs and replacements, parking lot features at WMS repairs and replacement of various mechanical issues to our buildings. There will be some repairs needed at Eisenhower and Kennedy Elementary Schools with the outside brick exteriors that indicate deterioration. A major factor of consideration to this project is the proposed Senate Bill 305. This is proposed legislation that would remove the state aid on all bond issues passed after June 30, 2014. This would be a difference of \$7,000,000.00 to the taxpayers of USD 353. This is the major reason to expedite the election process in case this legislation becomes reality. Mr. Shogren will have a resolution for the board to consider initiating these proceedings.

Jason Newberry motioned seconded by Larry Mangan to accept the School Safety & Security Improvements resolution as presented.

Motion carried 7/0

6. APPROVAL OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A model of the 2014-2015 school calendar has been produced and recommended by the USD 353 Calendar Committee. The basic format of the calendar has remained consistent for the past few years so the only major change has been returning the Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences to March and have the day off to be the Friday previous to the Monday of Spring Break. It was determined this to be the process most of the community/patrons preferred and also most of the faculty and staff in the district.

David Peck motioned seconded by Carol Hadorn to approve the 2014-2015 USD 353 School Calendar.

Motion carried 6/0, Bob White absent during approval.

7. NAMING OF FOOTBALL FIELD TO GIFFORD FIELD

At the February 13, 2014 board meeting Coach Jerry Wilson was present and requested that the Sellers Field be named after longtime WHS Football Coach John Gifford. This would recognize the 45 years of service that Coach Gifford has provided to the youth of USD 353. This would require formal action on behalf of the board. Coach Wilson stated that he would provide funding for a sign to be placed at the football field if it were to be named in honor of Coach Gifford.

Motion tabled to future meeting.

8. GROUNDS KEEPING ARRANGEMENT AT FOOTBALL FIELD

Following the 2013 football season there was concern from patrons that the field was not green and did not hold up accordingly. Mr. Steve Gill has offered to volunteer his time and oversee a plan to service the field and have it in top shape for the 2014 season. The district will provide the seed, fertilizer, equipment and some man time for the project.

David Peck motioned seconded by Bob White to approve the grounds keeping arrangement, to be completed by Mr. Steve Gill, at the football field.

12. BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Larry Mangan announced that the Wellington Lions Club is holding a golf tournament on July 21, 2014 to raise funds to purchase an eye-screening machine for USD 353 and the surrounding areas in need.

Bob White expressed feelings toward the local media.

Angie Ratcliff, on behalf of the board, recognized those teachers & staff who are retiring this school year and thanked them for their years of services.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Jackie Berryman motioned seconded by Bob White that the Board of Education go into executive session for 1 hour and 15 at 8:37, with a 5 minute break, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel and their contractual obligations because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed, to include Rick Weiss, Larry Roth, Adam Hatfield (periodically) & Dale Adams (periodically). The Board of Education will reconvene into open session at 9:57pm in this room.

Motion carried 7/0

At 9:57pm the meeting was back in open session with no binding action taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Jackie Berryman adjourned the meeting at 10:00pm.