

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
November 11, 2010**

The board of Education of USD 353 met at 7:00 p.m. on November 11, 2010 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, Philip Weakly, 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 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Robert White moved, seconded by Philip Weakly to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried 7-0.

1. Approve the minutes of the October 8, 2010, USD 353 Board of Education meeting minutes.
2. Approve the payroll, \$637,191.00; \$22,632.61 to vocational; \$107,424.21 to At-Risk; and bills \$820,559.65.
4. Approval of Employment:
Vanessa Slater, Head 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Chad Whaley, Head 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Taylor Ybarra, Assistant 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Kelly Nance, 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Linda Metzen, WHS Prom Chair, Mistee Sewell, 1 on 1 Para at Eisenhower, Kathy Henry, Inclusion Para at Lincoln replacing Betty Lovell and Robin Creamer, 1 on 1 Para at Kennedy.
5. Resignations:
Kenton Tennial, Head 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Luke Smith, Head 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Linda Caudillo, USD 353 Cook, Heather LeMaster, USD 353 Occupational Therapist and Rachel Smith, 1 on 1 Para at Eisenhower.
6. Transfers:
Sammi Peck, 1 on 1 Para at Lincoln.
7. WHS Site Council Membership 2010-2011 School Year: Steve Hamel, Steve Stugis, James Ginter, Michelle Reid, Renee Ferguson, Mitch McComb, Sara Peck, Elizabeth Vaughn, Charles Wallace, Dale Liston, Karen Amrein, Annette Linnebur, Brent Washburn, Amy Jenkins and Terri Campbell.
Kennedy Site Council Membership 2010-2011 School Year: Adam Hatfield, Kristee Bernd, Deanna Stout, Judy Leitch and Tammy Putter.
Eisenhower Site Council Membership 2010-2011 School Year: Roger Stallbaumer, Diana Aufdengarten, Samantha Heasty, Matt Barton, Kendall Hackerott, Shanna Fairbanks, Adrianna Cornejo, Patrick Fink and Kelly Adams.
Washington Site Council Membership 2010-2011 School Year: Kevin Lowe, Marilyn Sears, Doug Pfalzgraf, Gina Schnelle, Corey Farley, Kim Hefley and John Walton.
Lincoln Site Council Membership 2010-2011 School Year: Brent Byers, Kathi Shimer, David Kuchar, Stephanie Warnock, Kirsten Lyman Roberson, Tami Dillon, Holly Parkey and John Walton.
8. Appoint members of the committee to review Teacher/Staff Evaluations: Dr. Jackie Glasgow, Larry Roth, Jerry Hodson, Jackie Berryman and Rick Weiss.
9. WHS Club Proposal and Fund Raiser Proposals:
WHS Crusaders of the Stage/Music Dept.-Conduct Candle Sales to raise money for the New York Trip and for the Thespian Convention. The sales will be local and range from November 8 to November 30, 2010.

NHS-Penny Drive-During lunch hour to raise money for Wal-Mart Angel Tree. Fund Raiser to be held November 29 to December 3, 2010.

SADD-Bake Sale. Raise money for T-shirts provided for students who were hit by the grim reaper on Friday, October 29, 2010. Fund raiser was held October 25 to 29, 2010.

FCA Dodge Ball Tournament (Mr. James Ginter). The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is asking board permission to host the 2nd Annual WHS Dodge Ball Tournament at WHS December 4, 2010. We would like to use the tournament as a fundraiser for a little boy named Dexter. Dexter is suffering from cancer and our group would like to help his family. The tournament would consist of teams of 6 players. Each individual must be of high school age and have a signed waiver before they can compete. I have attached a document that gives the basic rules of the game. I have also attached a waiver form that each contestant was required to sign before they could play. Last years tournament hosted 14 teams from Wellington, Argonia, Oxford and South Haven. We were very successful last year in raising money for Sicily Zeka and her family. We would like to have an opportunity to do the same for Dexter and his family. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.
WHS FCA

WHS Movie Club (Mr. Lester Rose, Sponsor) Mr. Rose has submitted a request to Mr. Liston, Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Buchanan at WHS to begin a "Movie Club" for our students. Mr. Rose has found many of our students are unacquainted with movies which have altered and shaped our culture and would like to have the opportunity to introduce the students to some of these movies. Mr. Rose conducted an informal survey of the students in his science classes and found that over 70 of these students would be interested in joining a movie club. With this many students interested, the consideration of the club would be worthwhile. The club is proposed to meet at WHS in the afternoons or evenings once or twice a month. Mr. Rose would select and show a movie during the meeting and the students would be given the opportunity to discuss the movies after the viewing. The movies would be selected on the basis of the influence the movie has had on our society. Mr. Rose is of the opinion this club would add an additional cultural facet to the education of our students. Mr. Rose would supply the movies for the students to watch and would ask only the use of a WHS classroom (preferably his own classroom) and a video projector (located in his own classroom). If the group were larger than could be accommodated in his classroom, Mr. Rose would then request the WHS auditorium be used for viewing the movie. Movie titles would be submitted to WHS administration for approval prior to student viewing. Permission forms would be required from each club member, indicating parental approval, for admission to the club. Students would be required to have passing grades in order to attend the meetings. Students would NOT be allowed to wander about the school and would be required to stay for the entire movie.

10. Anonymous Letter, Note and Call Position/Policy (As Stated)

Recently, this office and the Board of Education have been receiving phone calls and letters from patrons who wish to remain anonymous regarding their complaints. Please realize this will be the official position of those associated with USD 353 Wellington concerning this issue.

The Board and/or administration of USD 353 Wellington will not respond to questions or concerns which arrive to us through anonymous notes, letters, or phone calls. The board maintains official policies and complaint procedures but the complainant must be identified for this process to operate successfully.

This statement is not intended to close any doors of communication with any patrons or group of patrons, however, in all fairness to the district employees or others the complaint is being lodged against, they have the right to know who they are dealing with.

On behalf of the USD 353 Wellington Board of Education,
Rick Weiss, Superintendent USD 353 Wellington.

11. WHS Kiln repair (supporting information provided) The repairs are estimated to cost \$1050.00 and can be taken from Capital outlay. The kiln is in need of repair.

12. Out of State conference request (supporting information provided) Dr. Jackie Glasgow is seeking permission to attend an out of State conference. Funds for this trip will consist of personal and Title programs.

13. Structured Class at WHS. WHS has been flagged as a school On Watch by the Kansas State Department of Education. This plan is a remedy to rectify the situation and will be paid from At-Risk funding. Supplemental information has been provided at each position that explains this process.
14. Approval hiring of Occupational Therapist
It is recommended to hire Kitchel Scheufler to assume the duties as Occupational Therapist effective December 2, 2010. The amount of time will be exactly the same as Mrs. LeMaster, 2 days or .39 FTE.

AGREEMENT WITH SUMNER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO USE OLD MIDDLE SCHOOL:

David Peck moved, seconded by Philip Weakly to allow the Sumner County Sheriff's Office to use the old Middle School as an evacuation center for prisoner relocation in case the jail is evacuated. A proposal is forthcoming and will be included in the packet upon arrival. If it doesn't arrive in time, it will be placed on the December 9, 2010 agenda.

Motion carried 6-1. Benny Ybarra opposed.

PROPOSED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WELLINGTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:

Benny Ybarra moved, seconded by Philip Weakly to accept the proposed cooperative agreement by the Wellington Christian Academy to participate in the WMS Athletics events for the 2010-2011 school year. The Wellington Christian Academy proposes that their students be allowed to participate in wrestling, boys and girls basketball and boys and girls track. The number of students participating in each sport may vary to a certain extent but it appears that 4 would be the maximum number for any sport according to the WCA material submitted at the Board Work Session on October 27, 2010.

Motion failed 5-2. Jackie Berryman, Dixie Blankinship, David Peck, Maria Cornejo and Robert White opposed.

SCOREBOARD ADVERTISING CONTRACTS:

Robert White moved, seconded by David Peck to accept the scoreboard advertising contracts.

This is the first time that actual written contracts have been available for this transaction. The documents times for payment, how the payments will be made and a general description of the amounts has been listed in the contract language and this is a welcome arrangement. According to the provided documentation the organization that previously handled this advertising contract has sold to the organization providing the contract for approval.

Motion carried 7-0.

SCHOOL PICTURE PROPOSAL:

No action was taken.

ROOFING PROPOSAL:

David Peck moved, seconded by Dixie Blankinship to approve the repairs to the WMS roof at a cost of \$2500.00 and to repair the roof at Roosevelt School. These expenses will be taken out of Capitol Outlay.

Motion carried 7-0.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

No action was taken.

MEMBERSHIP TO WELLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

David Peck moved, seconded by Philip Weakly to join the Wellington Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$300.

Motion carried 7-0.

REQUEST TO ATTEND AMERICAN BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION:

David Peck moved, seconded by Philip Weakly to approve WHS Head Baseball Coach, Jesse Dale to attend the American Coaches Association Convention in Nashville, Tennessee on January 7, 2011. Mr. Dale will be responsible for all expenses and transportation. Baseball fundraising will pay the conference fee of \$73.00. Mr. Dale's time off for this conference will not be deducted from personal and/or professional leave.
Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Kelly Adams thanked everyone for the support of his staff and the Jill Peck family.
Dale Liston discussed the issue of students dropping from the enrollment at USD 353 to attend a Virtual School. If they drop from the Virtual School it then becomes the districts responsibility to follow up on truancy issues. This could become a bigger issue as Virtual Schools become more popular.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Dixie Blankinship commented on the contract from "Fresh Start" and discussed the enrollment at the Service Center.
Benny Ybarra discussed the election and the KASB conference.
Maria Cornejo expressed concerns about the Math Department at the High School and inquired about solutions.

SUPERINTENDENTS COMMENTS:

Rick Weiss discussed the possible situation the budget could be in for the rest of the 2010-2011 school year.

Break for 5 minutes at 9:04.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS:

Robert White moved, seconded by Philip Weakly to go into executive session for 10 min. at 9:14.
Motion carried 7-0.
Extended executive session at 9:24 for 5 minutes.
Board returned at 9:29 pm.

APPROVAL OF 2010-2011 CONTRACT WNEA:

Benny Ybarra moved, seconded by Robert White to accept the WNEA vote to the salary and agreement proposals for the 2010-2011 school year.
Motion carried 7-0.

SALARY CONSIDERATIONS FOR CLASSIFIED & ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

David Peck moved, seconded by Dixie Blankinship to a wage and salary increase of 2% for classified and administrative personnel.
Motion carried 6-1. Philip Weakly opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL:

David Peck moved, seconded by Benny Ybarra to go into executive session for 10 min. at 9:30.
Motion carried 7-0.
Extended executive session at 9:40 for 5 minutes.
Board returned at 9:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 9:48 p.m.