

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 8, 2009**

The Board of Education met at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2009 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Benny Ybarra called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

David Peck moved, seconded by Robert White to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**RECOGNITION OF PATRONS:**

Helen White represented the Wellington Community Theater. The theater wanted clarification from the board on their contract with the board to use the middle school. There was confusion after several articles appeared in the newspaper indicating other entities were interested in the facilities. The board indicated it is their intent to allow the theater to continue using the middle school.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

David Peck moved, seconded by Dixie Blankinship to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve the minutes of the September 10, 2009 board meeting.
2. Approve the bills, \$858,340.85; payroll, \$607,325.41; transfer to at-risk, \$79,781.41; vocational, \$41,186.37
3. Approved the employment of Hannah Gerberding, Eisenhower Para, Salena Wolf, Lincoln Para; Tanna Butler, Roosevelt Para; Shalayne Richmond, Title 1 Position at Kennedy; Katy Renn, Library Clerk to Eisenhower; Michelle Cantrell, special education teacher at Eisenhower.
4. Accepted the resignations from Tanna Butler, Roosevelt Para; Allie Ybarra, Eisenhower Para.
5. Approved the transfer of Deb Starkey to a one on one position at Kennedy.
6. Approved the re-hire of Betty Lovell, Lincoln Para; and Catrina Deason, Eisenhower Para.
7. Approved the employment change of Lori Hochevar and Mike Colligan to full time positions.
8. Approved the employment of Kenton Tennial, head 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach; Chad Whaley, assistant 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach; Bryanna Durler, assistant girls basketball coach; Shanna Fairbanks and Danna Walton, middle school scholars bowl coaches.
9. Accepted the resignation of Jennifer Rivers as middle school scholars bowl coach.
10. Accepted the donation from USD 265, Goddard, of 3 full length mirrors to the high school music room.
11. Approved the changes to the TIRC job description as presented.
12. Increased the wages according to the minimum wage law—all employees making less than \$7.25 per hour will be increased to that amount.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN USD 353 AND WELLINGTON COMMUNITY THEATER:**

There was no action taken. It will be tabled until a later date.

**DELEGATE ASSEMBLY AND KASB CONVENTION:**

Benny Ybarra and Dixie Blankinship will be the delegates to the KASB state convention.

**BOE WORK SESSIONS:**

Work sessions will be scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month as needed.

**DIPLOMAS:**

Mr. Liston discussed the possible change of diplomas at the high school. He was asked to visit with the student council before a decision is made.

**SCHOOLS FOR FAIR FUNDING:**

USD 353 has been invited to join the schools for fair funding. The board reached the consensus to not join this organization at this time.

**ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD CONCERNS:**

Kelly Adams announced that October 9 is Eisenhower day and the school will be involved in activities celebrating that day.

Kim Hefley was present. She updated the board on the counseling program.

Mr. Liston thanked Mr. LeValley and his class for weeding and mulching around the trees at the high school.

Mr. Weiss told the board there are more cuts in funding coming from the state. He said the outlook for the next several years does not look good.

Mr. Ybarra asked for a clarification in the handbooks on absenteeism due to the flu. He also mentioned that the parents usage of their students accounts was good, but asked if there was a way to increase the usage.

Mrs. Cornejo asked when more mulch would be placed around playground equipment. Roger Altendorf said he had the chips and the chipper. The problem is finding a time to actually place the mulch.

Mr. Weiss presented Mr. Ybarra with a certificate from KASB—Honor Roll, Level I.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Robert White moved, seconded by Dixie Blankinship to go into executive session for 30 minutes in the board room at 8:40 p.m. and to return to open session in the board room at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Rick Weiss was asked to be present.

The board returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Robert White moved, seconded by Dixie Blankinship to go into executive session for 20 minutes in the board room at 9:10 p.m. and to return to open session in the board room at 9:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Rick Weiss was asked to be present.

The board returned to open session at 9:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.