

APPROVED

Holton USD #336  
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting  
Oct 12, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shelby Patch, Mike Ford, Allen Arnold, Todd Holaday, Steven Bowser, Jay Watkins (arrived 7:00)

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Bob Phillips

President Bowser called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Work session on board goals. Dr. Karleskint presented BOE members with a draft of four goals. He asked for any changes or input. One member asked if things could be added or removed at any time and he told them yes, it was to be a set of working goals.

**A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Ford** to approve the drafted goals as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

**A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Holaday** to approve the amended agenda of the Oct 12th, 2009 regular board meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

**A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Arnold** to approve the minutes of the Sept 14th, 2009 regular board meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

**A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Holaday** to approve the warrant numbers 47503 through 47680 and Oct payroll as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No one signed up.

A patron did call late this afternoon and asked to speak to board. Dr. Karleskint informed him of the three-day deadline and also the 3-minute time limit for addressing problem. Dr. Karleskint said he would leave it up to the board to see if they would allow patron to speak or if he would need to sign up for following meeting. BOE allowed patron to address them.

Les Wilkerson wanted to let the board know of his dissatisfaction with the middle school athletics. He does not agree with the cutting of kids at this level. Making cuts based on athletic ability at this age does not give the kids the opportunity to try. He offered up the idea of assigning the kids who were interested a number and then have a random drawing to see who would be on the team. He was also not happy that the volleyball was to have cuts but due to an error they did not end up doing any cuts. Then they turn around and make cuts for the basketball season. He said he did talk to the MS Athletic Director and was told there had been a mistake in not having volleyball cuts. He also feels there are fewer girls' sports so more coaching cuts should have been made for the boys sporting events to allow less coaching cuts on the three sports for the girls. The kids were also told that if they attended weights over the summer that they would have more opportunity for playing time during the season and that also wasn't true.

The board thanked Mr. Wilkerson for his input. They also said they appreciated his views and that many of the board members had children in the district and realized the ramifications. It was a discussion that happened many times before the decision was made. We are facing even tougher decisions down the road with more budget cuts. Some which may eventually lead to no middle school sports at all even though that is not something we want to see happen.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Audit Report-Jim Long

Everything looked fine with records and information provided by district. Looking forward to a continued relationship next year.

2. Toshiba presentation –

Sharon Arnold introduced gifted students Nicholas and William Myers and Morgen Smith. They explained their project that was placed into competition last spring. Their project placed in the top 10% of over 5,000 entries.

### 3. PTO-Sara Fox, Terri Smith, Jill Doyle and Melissa Gilliland

The PTO is currently putting together official by-laws and a mission statement. This year they are providing informational programs at the PTO meetings for parents. Attendance at last meeting was around 20 parents, which is outstanding. During coupon sales many business expressed an interest in buying items for the school district. The PTO is currently looking into a fundraising program called Building Blocks. It is where the school district provides a list of items it needs (ex. Yarn, microscope, PE equipment) and the business buys these specific items instead of just giving money out. The PTO is also looking at having a golf tournament in the spring as a fundraiser for the district. Pam Holaday has offered to head this event.

4. Review of renewal of insurance policy- Cindy Hower would like to postpone until November meeting.

Jay Watkins arrived at 7:00 p.m.

### 5. Change of school calendar

Movement of staff Development Day from April 19<sup>th</sup> to November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Patch to change staff dev day from April 19<sup>th</sup> to Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried, 6-0.**

### 6. Board Policies

KASB has updated some of the board policies that Dr. Karleskint provided to BOE members for review.

**A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Ford to approve updated board policies as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.**

### 7. Financial status and state funding

Student count is down approximately 50 kids. The state is facing significant financial issues at this time and the horizon doesn't look any clearer. The state reviews counts and looks at revenue and usually has a better picture towards the end of November. USD 336 will have their final audit over x-mas to have exact numbers for FTE. Currently the state is paying \$4,218 per FTE. That figure will more than likely change and not for the better.

#### 8. Previous gifts to district and committee update

Bob Phillips was to give an update and he isn't here at this time.

Dr. Karleskint did say that the Channel 19 project is underway and should be up and running by the end of this week.

#### 9. Facilities update

Security system up and running at HMS and HHS.

Building rental – Renter provided with card and card has specific times and days that renter is allowed to access facility. System notes when person enters and also when someone tries to use card and they are denied access. A denial report is sent to designated admin when card is used and it isn't within the renter's timeframe for use.

Central - stucco above bricks on North side is holding moisture and mold is growing. Dr. Karleskint has visited with ADS about giving us an estimate to fix it.

Colorado – there is a water leak somewhere (think under the building) but haven't found it yet. Water usage is up but haven't been able to pinpoint location yet.

HHS – Glycol heating system is on hold due to the early cold snap and McElroy's has been swamped.

Fire Marshall is new this year and was previously a state food inspector. Due to budget cuts the inspector positions are now combined and so she covers several areas. There were many items on the list that have never been brought up with our previous inspector. There was an office in the old wrestling gym that was blocking an exit that had to have a wall removed. Dr. Karleskint had some items taken care of and others were under discussion with her superiors.

Member Arnold has been approached by several patrons about the visibility on the steps in the football stadium. He would like to visit with the Lion's Club about painting the steps. Each year they do community projects and he would like to see if they would be interested in doing this one. May not happen until spring due to the weather conditions. They would have to see. He would also like to see center handrails on the isles so people in need of assistance could utilize them. Asked Dr. Karleskint to check with Jason Larison to see if the welding class or FFA group could take on as a project.

#### 10. Schools for fair funding

Dr. Karleskint presented the board with information on districts participating in the Schools for Fair Funding project. Superintendents from other school districts are seeking support from school districts across Kansas for participation in school finance litigation.

BOE would like to be provided with additional literature and internet links to do some research before the next board meeting. A decision will need to be made by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### 11. FEMA Mitigation plan

Jackson County is currently holding workshops in which Dr. Karleskint will be attending as a representative of the school district. If there happens to be a catastrophe in Jackson County they are putting a plan together to deal with it. The committee members are making recommendations to the group for what would be needed in our area. Anyone involved in the committee will then be eligible for FEMA funding if this should occur.

#### 12. P/T Conference questions

Member Ford said he and member Phillips had received questions about hours for the P/T conferences and why they had been extended.

Dr. Karleskint said he had told Principal Cooney 16 hours, which was incorrect. Teachers normally work a 7.5-hour day so over the two P/T conference days they should work 15 hours. Since we receive funding for these two days just like a normal student contact day we need work the required hours.

The Superintendent, Administrators and BOE members have had multiple complaints from parents about the lack of availability of the teachers on P/T conference days. In response to the parental concerns and issues each building will be responsible for 7.5 hours on each P/T conference day. Each building will designate their specific hours.

President Bowser called a 5-minute break at 8:07.

Open meeting resumed at 8:12.

**A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Holaday** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:15 p.m. for 15 minutes returning to regular session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a. Matters pertaining to non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s). Motion carried, 6-0.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Holaday** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:30 p.m. for 5 minutes returning to regular session at 8:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a. Matters pertaining to non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s). Motion carried, 6-0.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 8:35 p.m.

## **PERSONNEL:**

### **1) New employment/Resignations**

**A motion was made by Member Arnold and seconded by Member Ford** to approve contracts for Kristi Dohl; JH Elem SE Para.

And to approve resignations for Kristi Coleman; JH Elem Para, Micki Schultz; RVES SE Para. Gina Niehues; Colorado EC.

Motion carried, 6-0.

No further action taken.

President Bowser adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 16th - End of 1st Quarter  
October 26-27 - Parent Teacher Conferences  
November 9th - Board of Education Meeting  
November 16- Staff Development Day

Minutes as recorded by:

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