

APPROVED

Key: A.I. – Action Item

I.I. – Information Item

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 336

BOE – First Regular Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bob Phillips, Mike Ford, Orin Marshall, Rex Frazier, Allen Arnold

Members Absent: Carl Matousek, Shelby Patch

President Ford called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

1.A.I. Adopt the agenda as prepared or amended.

A motion was made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Phillips to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried, 5-0.

2. A.I. Consent Agenda:

A. Approve minutes from Mar 7th, 2016 regular board meeting.

B. Approve payment of warrant numbers 59654 through 59794 for the amount of \$1,654,979.52

C. Approve April Payroll for the amount of \$1,127,384.82

D. Resignations:

- a. Ryan West-MS Soc Studies
- b. Matt Goetz- HS Business Computer/Web Design
- c. Meredith Williard- Sped School Psych
- d. Heather Hundley- Colo Elem Kdgt
- e. Lane Lassiter – MS Asst FB coach
- f. Karen Pruitt- HS Spirit Squad coach
- g. Brittany Vollenweider- Cent Elem 5th grade
- h. Lisa Tynon – Axtel SE Teacher

E. New Hires:

- a. Carlene McManigal- HES Teacher
- b. Williard Noland – Seasonal Mower/Grounds
- c. Colby Wilson – HES Teacher
- d. Brittany Vollenweider – Sped Coop Gifted Teacher

F. Retirements:

- a. Diane Butler – RV Sped Para
- b. Pearl Williams-MS Para/Asst Secretary

G. Donations:

Cent – Karen Ford-\$25.00, Dorothy Boswell \$20.00, Sally Holliday \$40.00, Wanza Saxton \$15.00, Ken & Ann Sloop \$30.00, Donna & Allen Simmion \$20.00

HHS – Golf Boosters donated \$986.00 to purchase golf jackets.

HHS – Mike Ireland HHS Athletic Memorial Fund. \$3,000 for the HHS Football to purchase Zone Chutes with memorial plaque on equipment. \$1,192.50 for the HHS Basketball program and \$1,192.50 for the HHS Golf program.

A motion was made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Arnold to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

3.A.I. Updates from David Lassiter on new elementary building:

David said that the bus lane and curbing dirt work are almost complete. Windows are going in and should be completed in the next two weeks. All the sheetrock is almost complete in all areas but one. That all should be completed in the next few weeks. The loading dock should be started this week. All projects are moving along at a brisk pace. The piping and electrical is ongoing. Things are looking good. BOE members asked if we are on schedule to move in like we thought. So far we are on target. We won't know until last minute if we will be on plan A – to move directly into teacher classrooms or plan B- to move classroom stuff to the fair building until building is ready to move in. The determining factor will be the completion of the floors and if we will be able to walk on them at that time.

Greg Porter and Kate Moeder from Hollis and Miller were at the meeting as well. They presented the list for the FF&E (furniture, fixtures & equipment) that will be purchased for the new building. Multiple questions were asked by BOE members for clarification of items presented. Greg said he wanted to express that Nabholz was doing a great job of staying on top of any issues that arise and are doing a great job of sticking to the architecture plans.

A motion was made by Member Phillips and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the cost of FF&E expenditures in the amount of \$ 499,089.08. Motion carried, 5-0.

3.B.A.I. Central grade school

Supt Stones would like consensus of the BOE to get an appraisal done on the Central school building and grounds. This way we will know what we are working with. We can then pursue what options we have for the assets and make necessary decisions.

BOE gave consensus for Supt Stones to have appraisal completed on Central building and property.

4. I.I. Legislative up-date

Below is a written explanation by Supt Stones of the two bills that would directly impact our district.

Now that the Governor has signed the school finance bill into law and sent it to the Supreme Court, we would like to explain the financial implications it has for our district.

The chart below shows that we will receive \$65,919.00 more than we received this year in Capital Outlay state aid, but we will be REDUCED in LOB state aid by \$239,384.00. The net affect will be a negative \$173,465.00 in state aid. The legislators arrived at this figure by subtracting the increased Capital Outlay state aid from the LOB state aid (for example, \$239,384 - \$65,919 = \$173,465.00). We will receive a total of \$173,465.00 in what is being called HOLD HARMLESS state aid. "Hold Harmless" means that we will not have less money than we had this year, when combining the overall sum of the two accounts; however, it also means that we will need to increase the LOB mill levy by about 1.7 mills

in order to just break even in revenues in that fund, as we cannot transfer money from Capital Outlay to make up the difference. The legislators are treating those two funds, which, by law, serve different purposes, as one pot of money. For example, LOB money can be used to pay for salaries, but Capital Outlay cannot. In order to make up for the loss of LOB revenue, local property taxes would have to be raised.

All that the legislature did was move money around in a shell game.

The bottom line is that we are \$65,919.00 short of where we are this year if we don't raise the LOB mill levy and in essence more property taxes on the patrons.

The bill is now on its way to the Supreme Court for their approval or rejection. The Supreme Court has put the bill on the fast track. Their first step is legal briefs from both sides and they are due to the courts by April 18, response briefs no later than April 28, and for both sides to appear for oral arguments at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 10.

		Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
		Cap Outlay Aid Inc / Dec SF16-117 Col 4	LOB Aid Inc / Dec SF16-126 Col 4	Estimated Inc / Dec (Cols 1+2)	Estimated Payment Hold Harmless
USD#	County Name	USD Name			
336	Jackson	Holton	65,919	-239,384	-173,465 173,465

we would also like to give you some points about the PROPOSED SCHOOL FINANCE FORMULA for the 2017-18 school year. Remember this is only a proposal sponsored by Senator Abrams, chair of the Senate Education Committee, and Representative Highland, chair of the House Education Committee. The bill is HB 2741 and was introduced just before the first adjournment of the legislature. If passed, it will become law and take affect July 1, 2017. This bill may or may not be worked when the legislature returns for the cleanup session at the end of April 2016. I will list some of the bullet points of the bill I received from a Superintendent's Council meeting on Thursday.

Schools will receive state aid in the following manner:

- per pupil enrollment based on the previous year's average enrollment
- transportation aid on a reduced formula
- low income (formerly at-risk) aid based on census and not free lunch
- Bi-lingual based on per student and not actual instruction provided
- Hold harmless state aid that deducts from any cash balance the district had on July 1, 2014.

Things to be aware:

Key provisions of the bill;

- It raises the statewide mill levy from 20 mills to 35 mills, but eliminates all Local Option Budget Mill Levies.
- No state aid can be spent on extra curricular activities.
- School districts could levy a local tax subject to a public vote to pay for activities but this

- revenue would not be equalized by the state.
- No state aid can be spent on food service.
- Bond and interest aid is for instructional purposes. No aid for any athletic facility or administrative or support buildings.
- Requires every school district to participate in a new state-wide health insurance pool that is limited to a high deductible policy.
- Creates the Kansas Education Freedom Act which allows students who leave public school to take a 70% of their state aid with them to pay for private school.
- Reduces state aid over a three-year period by 1/3 per year of the amount of excess cash carryover as of July 1, 2014.

It appears that this bill caters to certain special interest groups and it does not appear very friendly to students and schools. We will need to keep a close watch on it to see where it goes. Hopefully this information will give you some talking points to visit with your representatives about if you so chose. We don't think that HB 2741 will be worked this year because it is an election year but you never know. We will keep you informed as things change when the legislature comes back into session in a couple of weeks.

5.1.1. Community pre-school up-date

Pre-enrollment continues for the new pre-school. If you know of anyone who hasn't completed their applications please encourage them to do so. Currently we have 42 students, not counting those on an IEP. We are currently taking applications for the pre-school teaching and para positions. We did receive notice that we did not receive the grant from PBPN. We are still waiting to hear from another grant we applied for. We will continue to apply for new grants as an ongoing process.

6.1.1. Hear from the following:

Public – none

Principals – Building Reports are in BOE packets.

Principal Kimberlin had two students, Paige Crouch and Kinleigh Rhodd, attend to do a presentation. They both participated in the KS Tech Leaders conference and received 1st place in graphic design. Their presentation was a power point that displayed a ticket, shirt and banner design for a Fragile X event they were participating in. The MS also had other participants who placed in the multiple categories at the conference. He also announced he had just received a text from Mr. Malsom that the 6th, 7th & 8th grade bands just received a 1 rating at the Washburn Rural MS Band festival they were attending today.

Kelli Thompson attended a MACE conference and presented some of the new ideas that are out there for teachers to utilize. One is a new device called an OSMO that allows an iPad to be an interactive learning tool with different subjects such as math, words and tangrams. Mrs. Thompson said the set she purchased through friends and families donations was \$100.00. It has a mirror device so the iPad can see what the student is doing with the tiles provided to see if they are correct or not. She has made it a center for the students. It allows teachers to assign students their own accounts and this then allows them to move at their individual pace in different subjects and be challenged according to what level they are on. She can assign specifics or allow free choice at the center. The students have really enjoyed working with the new technology. She also learned about an application that is called

Seesaw. It is an app where she can set up all the individual parents and each student on it and it allows her to send pictures and videos to the parents of their kids without going onto a social media site. It is very user friendly and really cuts down on her time of sharing student activities with their parents. BOE member Frazier has a student in her class and he said it has been great getting to see things his child is doing in the classroom and knowing that only he has access to it.

Mr. Wittmer wanted to let the BOE know that on Saturday we had 3 vocal groups (Notables, Notables Men's & Women's ensembles) who received a 1 rating at Regionals and will be headed to State competitions end of April. Blayne Folk received two-1 ratings for his band solo's for his Alto and Soprano Saxophone and Kourtnee VanDonge received a 1 rating for her flute solo. They will both be attending the State competition end of April.

Many other awards have been earned by our HHS students recently.

Journalism- Students did well in regional competitions and are headed to state May 7th.

Mary Gorden – 3 poems published in the KS Assoc of Teachers of English magazine Voices of Kansas.

Lyndie Copeland – Internship with TK Magazine in Topeka to edit stories.

Janae Skaggs- Received top award from Topeka's Helping Hands Humane Society for an essay contest.

FCCLA – 8 students competed in the State FCCLA Star Event competition in Wichita.

Abigail Hundley & Faith Holaday – Food Innovations Jr. division, received gold rating and qualified for Nationals in San Diego this summer.

Lauren Moore & Regan Baum – Life Event Planning Jr. division, received gold rating and qualified for Nationals in San Diego this summer.

Kaitlyn Peven & Sydney Snyder – Illustrated Talk Jr. division, received gold rating and were state runner-up in their category.

Emma Gilliland & Shay Tanking – Life Event Planning Sr. division, received a gold rating.

FBLA- Anne Bowser & Sonora Sheldon competed at State FBLA in the Digital Video category and placed first and qualified for the National Leadership conference in Atlanta, GA this summer.

Mr. Wittmer also told the BOE that Brooks Barta had been selected by K-State to be a fellow speaker to the College of Education. He spoke to the department about things in the classroom and how times have changed and what they have to look forward to.

7. I.I. Update on HS bleachers in the JV gym.

Not much interest so far. There will be an add placed in the local paper this week. Really need to get them sold and out of gym so we can order new ones.

8. A.I. Approve the teachers and Para's for summer school , Jump Start & ESY

Summer School 2016:

Colorado:

Susan Baum	Kelli Thompson	Michelle Jones
Melissa Peven	Janci Smith-Sullivan -Para	Trisha McAlexander - Para

Central/HMS:

Diann Strader	Sarah Newton	Jackie McAsey	Randee Balocca – Para
Debbie Harshaw	Sheila Price	Keri Miller	Barb Shea – Para

Admin:

Michael Kimberlin & Beth Smith

Jumpstart:

Trayce King	Ronda Delay – Para
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ESY: Cost of \$6,360

Karla Tanking	Julie Marston
Jennifer Paxton	Jennifer Taylor
Mary Porter	

A motion was made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Arnold to approve the staff for summer school, Jumpstart and ESY as presented for 2016. Motion carried, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. A.I. Resolution to Extend Term of Office

Due to the changes by the Legislature any elected board member whose term expires at any time in 2017 must be extended until the second Monday in January 2018 when newly elected members shall take office.

A motion was made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Phillips to approve the resolution as presented for extending term of office. Motion carried 5-0

10.A.I. Set BOE meeting dates

Handed out BOE meeting dates for next year.

July 11 & July 25, 2016	January 16, 2017
August 8, 2016	February 13, 2017
September 12, 2016	March 13, 2017
October 10, 2016	April 10, 2017
November 14, 2016	May 8, 2017
December 12, 2016	June 12 & June 26, 2017

All meetings will be held Monday's at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Marshall and seconded by Member Arnold to approve the BOE meeting dates for the 16-17 SY. Motion carried, 5-0.

Delta Dental rates for the year have increased a small amount.

	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>16-17 Rates</u>
Employee	\$29.74	\$30.57
Employee +1	\$57.44	\$59.03
Family	\$98.07	\$100.79

President Ford called for 10 min break at 7:45pm. Returned to regular session at 7:55.

11. I.I. Report from Michelle Evans on trip to Guatemala

Michelle Evans our ELL and Migrant Liaison for USD 336 gave a short presentation on her trip to Guatemala. As she spoke she also ran through slides of her trip. She said it was a great opportunity to learn about the language and learning barriers we are facing with our incoming Guatemalan students. First off there are 23 various languages that are from Guatemala and most are not written. She said that most students start school when they are 8 years old and only attend first through sixth grades. Only the elite families continue on to higher education. The school she visited had 36 kids per classroom with no supplies provided and they are given one workbook to teach out of. All supplies are provided by the teachers but most of them are underpaid so they can't afford the extras needed. The classroom she was in had 9 out of 36 students absent that day and that is the norm. There are no attendance rules so they come to school when they want to. It was a first grade classroom and the age range in it was 6-10 years old with one teacher and no other staff. All the desks were so close together that there was no ability to move around and assist children. The students at the back of the room had no hope of seeing anything on the chalk board because they were so far away. Many of the children live in 3 wall shanties built on the side of bigger buildings. 59.5% of the population gross less than \$1,200/year, 24.5% of the population gross less than \$560/year. This is why so many migrate to the United States. They can provide for their families better here than to stay in Guatemala. Guatemala has the 2nd highest infant mortality rate falling only behind Haiti. The country was in a civil war from 1960-1996 in which 400,000 people were killed and the army was responsible for over 90% of the deaths. The indigenous people are considered "Dogs" and so many hide their language and have learned to speak broken Spanish. Approximately 16 families run the country and they are not interested in making any changes to the way things are. There are many gangs and an extreme prejudice against different social groups. There is no law so the town congregates and then goes in mass to confront the person they have a problem with. She happened to see this in action while she was there. So now that she has seen the culture and conditions our students are coming from she has a much better perspective as to what their situations have been and what barriers we have facing us in educating them in America.

11.B.A.I. Student Trip Requests

FCCLA – 4 students to compete at the National Star Event contest and conference in San Diego, CA

Trip is July 3-7, 2016. 1 sponsor – Mrs. Oldehoeft will attend. District will pay out of CTE funding for registration, meals, airfare and lodging at a cost of \$1,584. Club will pay \$100 and students to pay out of pocket \$3,200.

FBLA – 3 students and 1 sponsor to attend the National Leadership conference in Atlanta, GA. Trip is June 29th through July 3rd. District will pay out of CTE funding for registration, meals, airfare and lodging at a cost of \$1,625. Club will pay \$2,828.

A motion was made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Phillips to approve the two trip requests as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

12.A.I. Executive session for non-elected personnel.

A motion was made by Member Arnold and seconded by Member Marshall that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:31PM for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 8:41PM 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, 5-0.

Dennis Stones and Joe Kelly remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 8:41pm with no decisions made.

A motion was made by Member Arnold and seconded by Member Phillips that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:41PM for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 8:51PM for the purpose of discussing:

- b. Matters pertaining to non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s). Motion carried, 5-0.

Dennis Stones and Joe Kelly remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 8:51pm with no decisions made.

13.A.I. Executive session for negotiations

A motion was made by Member Marshall and seconded by Member Frazier that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:51p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 9:01p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a. Discuss negotiations. To protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract. Motion carried, 5-0.

Dennis Stones and Joe Kelly remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to open session at 9:01p.m with no decisions being made.

14. A.I. Adjourn

President Ford adjourned the meeting at 9:01p.m.

Important Dates:

April 15 – Staff Dev Day, NO SCHOOL

April 16 – PROM

April 22 – NO SCHOOL for KDGT students

Minutes as recorded by:

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