

**Goddard USD No. 265
Board of Education Meeting
Administration Center
Board of Education Room
201 S. Main Street
Goddard, Kansas 67052
January 16, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 265, Sedgwick County, Goddard, Kansas, met at 7:02 p.m., on Monday, January 16, 2012, in regular session in the Board of Education Room of the USD 265 Administration Center. Board members present: Mr. Jeff Blubaugh, Mrs. Lisa Farris, Mr. Doug Griswold, Mrs. Gail Jamison, Miss Sara McDonald, Mr. Kevin McWhorter, and Mr. Bob Merritt. Also present: Dr. Justin Henry, superintendent; Dr. Teresa San Martin and Mr. George Tignor, assistant superintendents; Mr. Doug Maxwell, director of finance; and Annette Singletary, clerk of the board. Prior to the board meeting a reception was held from 6:40-7:00 p.m. to honor the Goddard school board during BOE Appreciation Month.

1. Call to Order

BOE President Doug Griswold called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Flag Salute

The flag salute was given by Apollo Elementary School Principal Kevin McKay.

3. Adopt Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Farris, second by Mr. Merritt, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

4. Information from the Superintendent

a. BOE Appreciation

Superintendent Justin Henry expressed appreciation to the Goddard Board of Education and read an article prepared by Kansas Association of School Boards describing the work of the school board and the significance of their service to the district.

b. Legislative Update

Dr. Henry reviewed information on the Governor's plan for funding education, the democrat's plan for funding education, and the new career and technical education plan. He stated that Assistant Superintendent Teresa San Martin would attend the Career & Tech Ed workshop in Wichita on February 7-8. Dr. Henry noted that he delivered a legislative update to the Goddard Chamber of Commerce at their January meeting. Dr. Henry will send a link to BOE members to sign up to receive daily KASB Capitol Updates.

c. Committee Updates

Dr. Henry reported a recommendation regarding All-Day Kindergarten will be presented at the February 13 BOE meeting. The Fee Study Committee will have a summary to present at the February meeting and will provide information for the budget committee to consider. The Social Media Committee will also bring recommendations for social media use guidelines to the February meeting.

d. Out of District Policy Update

Dr. Henry reminded the board of the limit of 100 students accepted through open enrollment, per board policy. No change was recommended to the policy since the number of students admitted through out-of-district enrollment was fewer than 100 in both 2010 and 2011.

e. Upcoming Meetings

Dr. Henry reminded board members of the special meetings scheduled for February 27, 2012, for a State of the District Address and mini retreat, and April 16, 2012, for a facilities tour.

f. Board of Education Pictures

Assistant Superintendent George Tignor advised board members that Lifetouch would take individual BOE member photos at 6:30 p.m. on February 13, and a group photo at 6:45.

5. Approve Minutes of December 12, 2011, Board of Education Meeting

A motion was made by Mrs. Jamison, second by Mr. Merritt, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011, Board of Education meeting with a change to the 4th sentence of item #5 to read: "Dr. Henry indicated that the lottery model does not seem like a good idea for Goddard." The motion carried 7-0.

6. Lions Club Presentation

Goddard Lions Club members Dan and Becky Funke and Dave Curtis presented a report on the Mitten Tree Project in 2011. More than 41,000 food items were donated, along with \$11,000 in cash and clothing and gifts for 230 children. Three boxes of food were given to each family for Thanksgiving. Families also received Heartland Shares food boxes. Additional boxes of food and a ham were distributed for Christmas along with toys and gifts. Certificates were presented for each school in appreciation of their support of Mitten Tree.

7. 2010-11 Audit Report: Busby Ford & Reimer, LLC

Randy Ford of Busby Ford & Reimer, LLC, presented the audit report and reviewed the report with the board. The auditors gave a clean, unqualified opinion. Two items were noted regarding two employees paid directly from activity/concession funds. Mr. Ford noted this procedure has been addressed and corrected. He noted that according to the anticipated sunset of the current law, the contingency reserve should be reduced to 6% by June 30, 2012. He noted that board action in December would achieve that goal. Mr. Ford reported that his firm audits 22 school districts, and they have audited USD 265 for 5 years.

A motion was made by Mrs. Farris, second by Miss McDonald, to accept the 2011 audit report as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

8. Report from George K. Baum & Company

a. Bond Refinance Approval

Chuck Bouilly presented information for refinancing funds from the December 2005 issue as approved by the board on December 12, 2011. He noted the refinancing would save more than \$590,000.

A motion was made by Mr. McWhorter, second by Mr. Blubaugh, to adopt Resolution No. 01-16-12 authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation refunding bonds, Series 2012, of Unified School District No. 265, Sedgwick County, Kansas (Goddard). The motion carried 7-0.

b. Compliance Policy Approval

Mr. Bouilly explained there is a new U.S. Treasury Department requirement to have on file a procedure for reviewing compliance annually. He recommended that District Treasurer Doug Maxwell be named compliance officer, noting he is currently doing this procedure but now there will be a formal item/checklist to file.

A motion was made by Mr. Merritt to adopt Resolution 01-16-12A providing for the adoption of a tax-exempt financing compliance policy and procedure relating to obligations issued and to be issued by Unified School District No. 265, Sedgwick County, Kansas (Goddard).

Mr. McWhorter requested the motion be amended to include the appointment of Doug Maxwell to be bond compliance officer.

An amended motion was made by Mr. Merritt, second by Mr. McWhorter, to adopt Resolution 01-16-12A providing for the adoption of a tax-exempt financing compliance policy and procedure relating to obligations issued and to be issued by Unified School District No. 265, Sedgwick County, Kansas (Goddard), and to appoint Mr. Doug Maxwell as the bond compliance officer. The amended motion carried 7-0.

9. GHS Band Trip Request to New Orleans, LA

GHS Assistant Principal Susan Perkins presented a request for a band trip to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans for New Year's 2013. GHS Band Director Jared Rawlings was unable to attend the meeting to make the presentation due to a flight schedule delay. The Sugar Bowl officials requested that GHS participate in the event. This will be an adjudicated event, and students will work with Loyola University students during the time they are there. Fundraising activities are planned to help students accumulate funds needed for the trip. Approximate cost per student is \$1,250, and an estimated 130 students will participate. Board members expressed appreciation for the thoroughness of the trip request, including educational objectives and detailed itinerary.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jamison, second by Mr. Merritt, to approve the request for the GHS Band Trip to New Orleans, LA, for the Sugar Bowl in January 2013. The motion carried 7-0.

10. Schools for Fair Funding

Dr. Henry presented a request from the Schools for Fair Funding group for a mid-year increase in dues and assessments for SFF. Attorney John Robb added that more than \$3 billion in education funds are at stake. Initially it was estimated a \$5 per pupil per year assessment would be needed to fund the lobbying and litigation, and the initial assessments were actually set lower at \$3.10 to \$3.95, in the hope that these lesser assessments could fund the effort. This now appears not to be the case. Some reasons for the additional amount needed include the Patrella lawsuit by the Shawnee Mission parents and the Gannon case, which is a battle over how the State of Kansas spends more than one-half of its budget. Dr. Henry recommended approval of payment for the mid-year increase.

A motion was made by Mr. McWhorter, second by Mrs. Farris, to approve the mid-year increase in dues and assessments for Schools for Fair Funding as recommended. The motion carried 7-0.

11 Consent Agenda

a. Resignations – Julie Leatherby, transportation

b. Contracts – none

Letters of employment – James Peters, transportation

c. Acceptance of gifts and grants --

Grant: Advancement Placement – \$9,556 to GHS, for Advance Placement Incentive Program Sub grant. The grant was submitted by Michelle Murray-Cline.

d. Summer Camp Requests – as presented

e. Request for Homebound Services – for a 10th grade student at Eisenhower High School

A motion was made by Mr. Merritt, second by Mr. Blubaugh, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

12. Monthly Business Report

a. Updates

Mr. Maxwell reported he had filed the semi-annual IRS filing to receive the Build America Bond credit of \$517,894.56 towards the April 1, 2012, bond payments.

Mr. Maxwell said premium information for the February 15, 2012, property and liability insurance renewal was presented for information. Goddard will experience a 15% increase due to high claims for the June 2011 hailstorm and the water damage at Amelia Earhart Elementary School in July. Mr. Maxwell explained that he investigated the cost for earthquake insurance, but does not anticipate recommending it due to the cost and the fact that there would be a deductible per building for this coverage. Final insurance information will be presented for approval at a later date.

b. Payment of bills & transfers

A motion was made by Mr. McWhorter, second by Miss McDonald, to approve payment of bills and transfers totaling \$958,504.19 as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Maxwell noted that the final payment to Progressive Electronics was being held pending receipt of information that has been requested from Progressive.

12. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Griswold, second by Mrs. Farris, to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 8:50 p.m., to discuss employer-employee negotiations to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating positions and the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and to resume in open session in the BOE room at 9:00 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

The board resumed in open session in the BOE Room at 9:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Annette Singletary, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:

Douglas A Griswold, President of the Board