

**Goddard USD No. 265
Board of Education Meeting/Budget Hearing
Administration Center
Board of Education Room
201 S. Main Street
Goddard, Kansas 67052
August 8, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 265, Sedgwick County, Goddard, Kansas, met at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, August 8, 2011, 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. John Robb, board attorney; and Annette Singletary, clerk of the board.

1. Call to Order

BOE President Doug Griswold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Flag Salute

The flag salute was given by those in attendance.

3. Adopt Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Merritt, second by Mrs. Farris, to adopt the agenda with the following additions: Resignations – Paula Heinz, ACA science teacher; Lee Keller, GHS head boys' golf coach; Letters of employment – Mariuschka Lovera, ELL Specialist; Letter of Employment – Cheri Stangle, transportation. The motion carried 7-0.

4. 2011-12 Budget Hearing

Director of Finance Doug Maxwell presented a review of the proposed 2011-12 budget and background information. He explained that under the proposed 2011-12 budget, the overall mill levy would be 0.85 mills less than the 2010-11 budget mill levy. Mr. Maxwell noted that this is the opportunity to set the mill levy for 2011-12, and while the budget can be republished if there are changes in enrollment, etc., the mill levy cannot be changed after it is adopted at this meeting. There were no comments from the audience regarding the budget.

5. Adoption of 2011-12 District Budget

A motion was made by Mr. McWhorter, second by Mr. Blubaugh, to adopt the 2011-12 budget as presented and published. The motion carried 7-0.

6. Information from the Superintendent

- a. Retreat Review — Dr. Henry expressed appreciation for the success of the leadership retreat. He also expressed appreciation to everyone involved in planning and conducting 1-Stop Enrollment. He noted that new teacher orientation began on August 8.
- b. South Central Kansas Education Service Center Partnership – Dr. Henry explained that membership in the South Central Kansas Education Service Center would cost \$6,300; however, some services USD 265 is currently purchasing from SCKESC would be included in that fee, including Blackboard and inservice training. With the included services, the membership fee would essentially pay for itself vs current charges for the individual services purchased as a non-member district.
- c. Legislative Update — Information was received on August 8 from US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan that indicates some waivers will be granted to states for No Child Left Behind. Dr. Henry said our priorities should be educating the community on the value of education, explaining that “suitable” funding must be equitable, preserving at-risk funding, improving retention, supporting an independent elected State Board of Education (vs a governor-appointed secretary of education, and impacting the erosion of the tax base.

7. Approve Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2011, Board of Education Meeting

A motion was made by Mrs. Farris, second by Mrs. Jamison, to approve the minutes of July 18, 2011. The motion carried 7-0.

8. Construction Update/Construction Financial Update

Construction Projects Manager Dan Stoehr presented the construction update.

- Apollo Elementary School and Eisenhower Middle School – Straub Construction has agreed to replace the dead trees around these buildings. Mr. Stoehr has requested that Straub wait until late September to replant the trees to avoid the current heat wave. He noted that the original trees died within the first year of planting, and had not yet been replaced.
- Eisenhower Sports Complex — the contractor is still working on expansion joints around the tennis courts
- Eisenhower High School
 - Working on exhaust hood for the kiln (final cost not available at this time)
 - Working on sound system for auditorium and production studio. Mr. Stoehr is working directly with the sound contractor to install the sound system.
 - Adjusting humidity and temperature controls.
 - Additional electrical for computers will be finalized this week.
 - Added 200 computer drops throughout the building. A change order request is pending for approximately \$45,000 for these drops. The additional drops were needed after determining that computer labs would not be able to run as envisioned on a wireless network. Moving the projector outlets will cost approximately \$8,000.

The City of Wichita is requiring a separate phone line for each elevator in the building. (Sedgwick County only required 1 phone line for all elevators in a building.)

As of August 8, 2011, USD 265 still did not have a full occupancy permit. School will be able to start on time, but there are a few items that need to be resolved.

Lights above the auditorium catwalk area cost an additional \$10,523.

Mr. Maxwell reviewed the construction financial report. Actual amount spent to date for construction projects is \$86,012.595, and \$212,175 remains outstanding. Not included in contracts is additional equipment needs totaling an estimated \$478,000. More than \$300,000 remains in reserve for additional needs. Former BOE Member Mark Richards, construction projects liaison to the board, stated that prices for items overlooked by the architect have been negotiated with GLMV and/or the contractors.

9. District Athletic Fields

Eisenhower High School Athletic Director/Assistant Principal Curtis Conrad advised board members that representatives from the youth football league called during the summer expressing interest in using a district turf field for that program. Director of Community Relations Annette Singletary directed the league representatives to talk to the athletic directors to discuss the request and consider possible options. The league representatives contacted Curtis Conrad and Tracy Giddens and provided information about their organization and its growth over the past eight years. They requested the use of one of the artificial turf fields to play four games on four Saturdays this fall. Mr. Giddens and Mr. Conrad expressed the concerns of Goddard School District to support the junior program, but not at the expense of hindering school district programs. Mr. Conrad advised the board that with the addition of the turf field on the Eisenhower campus, the youth football program could be accommodated for the four Saturdays requested in 2011. The junior football league will pay for a building engineer to be on duty for the games, and they will also hire a clock keeper. The youth program has requested Category A status for facility usage, with no fee for the use of the field. Mr. Conrad explained that the youth program has a concession trailer, and will only need ice for their concessions. Mr. Conrad also said that allowing the junior football teams to play on the turf would relieve some of the wear and tear on the grass football field behind Challenger Intermediate School that is used for middle school football games.

The district athletic directors recommended allowing the youth football program to play on the artificial turf field at the Eisenhower campus for the 2011 season, then evaluating the situation at the end of the season. The games would be played on September 10, September 17, September 24, and October 8, 2011. Mr. Conrad said the youth football league is a not-for-profit organization. Some concerns were expressed about use of the field in the future due to band use of the turf field. It was noted that if the Eisenhower High School marching band were not combined with the Goddard High School marching band for this school year, there would be potential conflicts on September 17 and September 24.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jamison, second by Mr. Merritt, to approve the recommendation of the athletic directors to allow Goddard Youth Football league to use the Eisenhower campus turf field

for 4 game days in September and October 2011, and evaluate the situation at the end of the season.

Mr. Blubaugh left the BOE room at 7:45 p.m.

The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Blubaugh returned to the BOE room at 7:46 p.m.

10. Division II Pioneer League Vocal Music Festival at Eisenhower Middle School

Eisenhower Middle School Assistant Principal Greg Clamons presented a request to grant EMS students a day off from school on April 25, 2012, in order to host the Pioneer League Division II Music Festival at EMS. Teachers and other staff members as needed would report as usual to assist in supervising students attending the music festival. Mr. Clamons explained that hosting the event on a rotating basis is required for members of the Pioneer League. Superintendent Dr. Justin Henry recommended approval of the excused absence for EMS students not participating in the music festival.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jamison, second by Mrs. Farris, to approve the recommendation to grant an excused absence for EMS students not participating in the Pioneer League Division II Music Festival on April 25, 2012. The motion carried 7-0.

11. Sick Leave Bank

Mr. Tignor reported there are two sick leave banks for USD 265 employees. One is for the bargaining unit, for teachers only. The other bank is for classified staff, administrators, and counselors. This bank is healthy, with 5,114 hours in the bank. A committee decides who does/does not receive time from the bank when requests are made. Only new employees or those employees who have not joined in the past will donate a day of sick leave to the classified/administrative/counselors sick leave bank this year.

12. Enrollment Report and Staffing

Mrs. Singletary reported 300 new students were enrolled on August 2, 2011, at 1-Stop Newcomer Enrollment. In addition, 22 new students were enrolled since the Spring of 2011. Estimated head count enrollment as of August 8, 2011, was 5,228. (Audited head count for 2010-11 was 5,180.) A total of 26 open enrollment applications were received during the open enrollment period August 1-8, 2011. Principals will be reviewing space available to determine the number of open enrollment applications that may be accepted for 2011-12.

Mr. Tignor reported USD 265 has 28 new certified staff members, including one new administrator at GHS (replacing Doug Bridwell's position resulting from his promotion to principal), and a new counselor at Eisenhower High School (replacing Janet Doud's position, resulting from her transfer to ELL coordinator). No additional staffing was requested.

13. Consent Agenda

a. Resignations/Retirements – Paula Heinz, Goddard Academy science teacher; Dale Hart, assistant soccer coach; Jeff Taylor, GHS assistant football coach; Lucas Schroeder, GHS ISS paraprofessional; Ryan Bell, building engineer; Caroline Hensley and Jeff Jones, transportation
Retirement – Mary Hunter, paraprofessional; Bruce Hicks, Explorer Elementary School head building engineer

b. Contracts – Mariuschka Lovera, ELL specialist; Mel Hussey, GHS assistant track coach; Jordan Ungles, GHS assistant track coach; Deborah Macias, GHS language arts teacher; Charlie Nally, EHS head softball coach; Paul White, EHS assistant softball coach; Diamond Gulick, EHS assistant softball coach; Anne Heskett, EHS scholars bowl sponsor; Russell Fluty, GMS assistant 8th grade football coach

Letters of Employment – Peggy Fritschle, IDL para; Christine Jones, at-risk para; Josh Hansen, GHS assistant girls soccer; Kelly Kolarik, Alicia Beavers, Chrystal Miller and Cheri Stangle, transportation; Nancy O’Neal, para; Cody Aregood, building engineer; Amy Atkins, CDS Title I para; Tara Larson, EMS building engineer; Anthony McGraw, GHS building engineer; Deserai Talbert, GMS building engineer

A motion was made by Mr. Merritt, second by Mr. Blubaugh, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the additions noted in agenda item #3. The motion carried 7-0.

14. Monthly Business Report

Mr. Maxwell recommended approval of bill and transfers totaling \$3,426,113.22. He explained that checks for GLMV and Progressive Sound were being held until additional work is completed at Eisenhower High School. Payments to National Contractors are included in the bills, bringing them to “substantial completion” level.

A motion was made by Mr. McWhorter, second by Miss McDonald, to approve the payment of bills and transfers totaling \$3,426,113.22 as recommended. The motion carried 7-0.

In response to a question about water issues with the City of Goddard, Mr. Maxwell reported that the water issues have been resolved.

15. Student Information

Dr. Henry reported that a variety of requests for variances from district policies have been received for a variety of reasons. He noted that although there are some requests to vary from district boundaries policies, there would be more issues without the boundaries.

Dr. Henry also reminded board members that everyone is invited to the districtwide staff orientation on Wednesday, August 10, 2011. The meeting has been posted as a BOE meeting to allow all board members who wish to do so to attend the orientation.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Annette Singletary, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:

Douglas A Griswold, President of the Board