

MINUTES FOR USD251 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2009
6:00 P.M.
AMERICUS BOARD ROOM, AMERICUS, KANSAS

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by President Bill Leffler.

Members present: Jim Davis, Bill McClellan, Bill Leffler, Wayne Symmonds, Sarah Meenen, Mike Nulton, Superintendent and Cindy Jackson, Board Clerk.

Guests present: Kathy Dreier, Karen Heins, Karen Davis, Cindy Leffler and Mike Meenen.

Jim Davis (Sarah Meenen) moved for approval of the agenda and consensus items listed below with the additions of 1.g (last 3 entries), 1.h, and 6a.:

- a. Minutes of the 11/23/09 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of the 12/2/09 Special Board Meeting
- c. Resignation of Marisa Murray as Bus Driver for Americus School.
- d. Approval of Free Textbook Application #82
- e. Offering contract of Bus Driver for Americus School to Kristi Gadino for the remainder of the 09-10 school year – Step 1 of the Bus Driver Salary Schedule.
- f. 11/30/09 Treasurer Report
- g. 44247-44284 SM payroll
7762-7819 Direct deposit
44285-44288 exception payroll
44289 – 44298 bill listing
44299 – 44343 bill listing
443440-44379 SM payroll
7820 -7872 Direct deposit
- h. Approval of KansasLand Bank ODFI/Organator Agreement

The Board discussed the need for an additional meeting to openly discuss patron concerns and options available to them. Sarah Meenen (Wayne Symmonds) moved to have a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room at the District Office in Americus. The agenda for this meeting will be a work session. There will not be an opportunity for public comment during this meeting, although the public is welcome to attend.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0 motion carried

The Board further discussed moving the Regular Meeting scheduled on January 11, 2010 to Northern Heights High School. Patrons are welcome to give concerns and comments during the Hearing of Delegations at this Regular Meeting as they are at any Regular Meeting. The Board at the January 11th Meeting will discuss the need for additional meetings.

There were no hearings of delegations.

The Clerk asked the Board to sign the Christmas Card to be included in the next newsletter, and informed the Board of a KASB Negotiations Seminar.

The President commented on the patron concerns and comments from the last meeting and emails he has received and thanked the patrons for their positive comments and suggestions. The Superintendent explained to the Board that there is a possibility of some supplemental funding through the present administrations Race to the Top program. He explained that only ten states will be chosen for the program and there are numerous “hoops” that districts will need to jump through if Kansas is chosen. The first step requires the Superintendent, Board of Education President and President of the Teachers’ Association need to sign a Participation Memorandum of Understanding. This needs to be signed by all parties prior to the end of the year. Wayne Symmonds (Jim Davis) moved to approve the “Participating Local Education Agency (LEA) Memorandum of Understanding”.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0 motion carried

Sarah Meenen (Bill McClellan) moved to recess to travel to “The Hideout” for the Board Dinner at 6:27 p.m.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0 motion carried

The Board reconvened at approximately 7:15 p.m. to enjoy dinner at “The Hideout”. Guests present at this time were Karen Davis, Kathy Dreier, Ken Dreier, Anna Symmonds, Susie Nulton, Mike Meenen, Danny Jackson, Marla McClellan, and Cindy Leffler. Sarah Meenen (Bill McClellan) moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0 motion carried

Cindy Jackson, Board Clerk