

**MINUTES FOR REGULAR USD251 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**MARCH 8, 2010**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**BOARD OFFICE – AMERICUS, KANSAS**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bill Leffler.

Members present: Jim Davis, Bill McClellan, Sally Anderson, Bill Leffler, Wayne Symmonds, Mike Hanks, Sarah Meenen, Superintendent Mike Nulton and board clerk, Cindy Jackson.

Guests present: See attached sign in sheet attached as if incorporated herein.

Sally Anderson (Wayne Symmonds) moved to approve the agenda with addition in bold as consensus agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of minutes from February 22, 2010
- b. 44762-44793 SM payroll  
8254-8310 Direct Deposit
- c. Approval of an anonymous donation of a vaulting pole for NHHS track team
- d. Approval of Free Textbook Applications #86, #87
- e. Approval of Treasurer's Report 2/28/10

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried

Prior to the Hearing of Delegations, the Superintendent explained to those in attendance that patrons cannot discuss in open session any issue involving a specific employee of the district without going into executive session. The Superintendent also gave a brief explanation of tenure and the procedures the Board is required to follow regarding tenure.

Hearing of Delegations: D.J. Bronson, Vice President of NHHS Student Counsel presented the Board a Petition and wanted to speak concerning support for a faculty member. Sarah Meenen (Wayne Symmonds) moved to go into executive session for five minutes for discussion of personnel and invited Mr. Nulton and Mr. D.J. Bronson to attend at 7:06 p.m.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried

The Board returned to open session at 7:12 p.m. The Board thanked Mr. Bronson for his comments and commended him on his presentation.

The next patron to address the Board was Joan Grother. Mrs. Grother requested executive session for the discussion of personnel. Sarah Meenen (James Davis) moved to go into executive session for a period of five minutes for discussion of personnel. Mrs. Grother and Mr. Nulton were invited to attend at 7:14 p.m.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried

The Board returned to open session at 7:19 p.m.

The next patron to address the Board was Brook Wilson, Americus resident and NHHS class of 1999. Mrs. Wilson requested executive session for the discussion of personnel. Sarah Meenen (James Davis) moved to go into executive session for a period of five minutes for discussion of personnel inviting Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Nulton to attend at 7:20 p.m.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried

The Board returned to open session at 7:25 p.m. and thanked all patrons who addressed the Board in executive session and expressed their appreciation for the comments.

The Clerk reminded the Board that the next meeting would be at the Board Office at 8:00 p.m. on March 22, 2010 and would begin with a Hearing on the Published Amended Budget.

The President had nothing to report.

The Superintendent reported to the Board regarding recent legislative actions, shared with the Board ideas received from other districts regarding the mobile classrooms at Admire School and informed the Board that the Title Search was complete and had been forwarded to an attorney for review. The Superintendent also updated the Board regarding the Calendar Committee meetings to date and hoped to have a rough draft for the Board to consider at the March 22, 2010 meeting. The Superintendent also handed out a copy of the District's Reduction In Force policy as set out in the 2009-2010 Negotiated Agreement and explained the district's present situation and the need to use the policy at this time.

The Board discussed extra-curricular activities for the 2010-2011 school year. The Board reviewed costs of numerous activities and asked the Superintendent and Clerk to get information from the principals regarding number of participants presently and in recent past for each of the activities. The Board will place this item back on the agenda for discussion at the next board meeting.

Sarah Meenen (James Davis) moved to go into executive session for the discussion of personnel and negotiations and invited Mr. Nulton to attend at 7:50 p.m. for a period of 30 minutes.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried

The Board returned to open session at 8:20 p.m. and Sarah Meenen (Sally Anderson) moved to return to executive session for discussion of personnel and negotiations inviting Mr. Nulton and Mr. Boline to attend at 8:21 p.m. for a period of 30 minutes.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried

The Board returned to open session at 8:51 p.m. and Sarah Meenen (Sally Anderson) moved to return to executive session for discussion of personnel inviting Mr. Nulton to attend for 5 minutes.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried

The Board returned to open session at 8:57 p.m. Wayne Symmonds (Sarah Meenen) moved to approve offering contracts for the 2010-2011 school year upon the completion of negotiations to the certified staff as recommended by the Administrative Team (list attached to these minutes and incorporated as part of these minutes).

Yeas: 5

Nays: 2 motion carried

Sarah Meenen (Sally Anderson) moved for a resolution for nonrenewal of Kristy Dekat's contract for the 2010-2011 school year, a nontenured teacher with regrets. The Clerk read the resolution.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried – All Board members voting in favor of said resolution, signed the resolution and the same will be attached to these minutes as if incorporated herein.

Mike Hanks (Wayne Symmonds) moved for a resolution for nonrenewal of Shawn Wilson's contract for the 2010-2011 school year, a nontenured teacher with regrets. The Clerk read the resolution.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 2 motion carried – All Board members voting in favor of said resolution, signed the resolution and the same will be attached to these minutes as if incorporated herein.

Wayne Symmonds (Sally Anderson) moved for a resolution for nonrenewal of Joseph Vincent's contract for the 2010-2011 school year, a nontenured teacher with regrets. The Clerk read the resolution.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried – All Board members voting in favor of said resolution, signed the resolution and the same will be attached to these minutes as if incorporated herein.

Bill McClellan (James Davis) moved for a resolution for nonrenewal of Amanda Newman's contract for the 2010-2011 school year, a nontenured teacher with regrets. The Clerk read the resolution.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried – All Board members voting in favor of said resolution, signed the resolution and the same will be attached to these minutes as if incorporated herein.

James Davis (Mike Hanks) moved for a resolution for nonrenewal of Megan Thomas' contract for the 2010-2011 school year, a nontenured teacher with regrets. The Clerk read the resolution.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 1 motion carried – All Board members voting in favor of said resolution, signed the resolution and the same will be attached to these minutes as if incorporated herein.

Sally Anderson (Wayne Symmonds) moved for a resolution for nonrenewal of Gina Lyon's contract for the 2010-2011 school year, a tenured teacher with regrets. The Clerk read the resolution.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried –All Board members voting in favor of said resolution, signed the resolution and the same will be attached to these minutes as if incorporated herein.

Sally Anderson (Mike Hanks) moved for adjournment at 9:20 p.m.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0 motion carried

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Cindy Jackson  
Board Clerk