

# West Franklin USD 287

Board of Education Meeting  
Education Center  
510 E. Franklin  
Pomona, Ks 66076  
Monday, February 9, 2009  
7:00 pm

## Call to Order

The regular meeting of West Franklin USD 287 Board of Education was called to order by President Nancy Reed with the following members present:

Dave McClain	Janie Dillon
Keith Milliken	Lisa Reece
Chuck Campfield	

Also present: Superintendent Dotson Bradbury, Board Clerk Teresa Hawkins, Principals Rick Smith, Cathy Brandt, Robert Allen, Curriculum Director Andy Azwell, and numerous staff and patrons.

## Amend and Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Janie Dillon add item 4.3 IDL/Technology to the agenda and to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- Financial Reports/Pay Bills

Carried: 6-0

## WFHS Forensics

Samantha Paulson, WFHS sophomore, explained forensics competitions and the variety of events that students may compete in. Jessica Brittingham and Joshua Ferris, WFHS seniors, both demonstrated a small piece of one of the speeches/solos they have performed during a forensics competition.

## Public Forum

Merritta Combs voiced concerns regarding possible budget cuts to the current vocational programs and the need for a capital outlay mill levy.

Cheryl Thomas voiced concerns regarding possible budget cuts to the technical and vocational programs.

Gene Hirt shared information he received while attending a recent legislative coffee. He also voiced concerns for the FFA program, school SRO and wind energy.

Helen Hood shared her opinions on why the FFA program should not suffer any budget cuts.

**Public Forum Cont.** Liz Smith voiced opinions and concerns regarding possible budget cuts to the technology and vocational programs, freeze on technology purchases, and the need for a capital outlay mill levy.

Kelly Slavens gave comments on the importance of the cross country team and possible ways to help fund it.

Lou Coppoc presented the school board with a handout stating why the FFA program should not suffer any budget cuts.

Angelle Higbie, vocational agriculture instructor, explained the FFA program and competitions. She also had several handouts for the school board.

Wanda Hamilton voiced concerns for possible budget cuts to the FFA program.

Dee Short voiced concerns for possible budget cuts to the FFA program and he also had comments regarding a capital outlay mill levy.

Lori Thompson voiced concerns for possible budget cuts to the FFA program.

Aaron Higbie voiced concerns for possible budget cuts to the FFA program.

Ryan Higbie voiced concerns for possible budget cuts to the FFA program.

Gene Hirt commented on a possible four-day school week.

Garrett Steed, FFA member, voiced concerns for possible budget cuts to the FFA program.

Evan Hamilton, FFA member, voiced concerns for possible budget cuts to the FFA program.

Juanita Sleichter gave comments on the National FFA Convention.

**Administrative  
Reports**

Mrs. Cathy Brandt had nothing to add to her report in her board management letter

**Administrative  
Reports Cont.**

Mr. Rick Smith had nothing to add to his report in the board management letter.

Mr. Robert Allen reported on the "Back Pack" program that distributes backpacks filled with food to thirty (30) Appanoose Elementary students and thirty (30) Williamsburg Elementary students each Friday. The West Franklin Learning Center students, as a community service project, fill the backpacks with the food. This project was made possible with a grant written by Mr. Allen.

Mrs. Susan Wildeman was ill and not in attendance.

Mr. Andy Azwell had nothing to add to his report in the board management letter, but he did give the board a draft copy of the proposed Technology Plan for their review. The proposed plan is for the 2009-10 school year.

Superintendent Dotson Bradbury reviewed the recent bills passed by both the senate and house. He explained how the house and senate bills will cause the district to lose \$110,000 in budget authority this school year and why the school district must plan for a loss of 1.6 million in budget authority next year (09-10).

**Travel Requests,  
Cost Reduction,  
IDL/Technology**

**Travel Requests:**

A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Nancy Reed to approve the following travel requests:

- Angelle Higbie and students – FFA contest, May 4 & 5 in Manhattan
- Cheryl Thomas, Liz Smith and students – FBLA Conference, March 24 & 25 in Topeka
- Merritta Combs, Kyle Warner and students – FCCLA Conference, March 30 & 31 in Wichita
- Connie Hoyt, Kaci Gull, Angelle Higbie & Robert Allen – Career Cluster Institute, February 23-25 in Wichita

Carried: 6-0

**Cost Reduction Recommendations:**

Mr. Bradbury reviewed possible budget cuts. Discussion was held on various options. No action was taken.

Carried: 7-0

**IDL/Technology:**

Mr. Bradbury explained he had received new information on the IDL lab grant. The amount of potential grant money is based on the number of free lunch students. We do not have enough free lunch students and therefore our cost will greatly increase from the original estimate. Consensus of the school board was to opt out and not pursue the grant.

Tim Larkin, technology analyst, was offered free use of a \$22,000 technology security system for one year. However, after the initial year the cost would then be \$22,000. Consensus of the school board was to not accept the offer.

**Break**

A motion was made by Nancy Reed and seconded by Lisa Reece at 9:05 pm to take a 10 minute break

Carried: 6-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 9:15 pm

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Nancy Reed and seconded by Lisa Reece at 9:15 pm to enter executive session for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed and for the purpose of discussing negotiations to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract..

Carried: 6-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 9:45 pm

A motion was made by Nancy Reed and seconded by Dave McClain at 9:45 pm to reenter executive session for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed and for the purpose of discussing negotiations to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract..

Carried: 6-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 10:15 pm

**Executive Session** A motion was made by Nancy Reed and seconded by Janie Dillon at 10:15 pm to reenter executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed and for the purpose of discussing negotiations to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract..

Carried: 6-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 10:30 pm

A motion was made by Lisa Reece and seconded by Janie Dillon at 10:30 pm to reenter executive session for 5 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed and for the purpose of discussing negotiations to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract..

Carried: 6-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 10:35 pm

**Employment Recommendations**

A motion was made by Janie Dillon and seconded by Lisa Reece to accept the following employment recommendations:

**Employment**

- Audra McCurdy – WFLC Teacher – 09-10 school year
- Elizabeth Giffin – WFMS Teacher – 09-10 school year

**Resignation**

- Jeff Raby – Williamsburg Elementary – Custodian

**Negotiation Team**

- Keith Milliken
- Chuck Campfield

Carried: 6-0

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lisa Reece and seconded by Chuck Campfield to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 pm.

Carried: 6-0

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Teresa Hawkins, Clerk

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Nancy Reed, President