

West Franklin USD 287

Board of Education Meeting
Education Center
510 E. Franklin
Pomona, Ks 66076
Monday, March 8, 2010
7:00 pm

Call to Order

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

Thayne Bush	Dave McClain
Sherry Harris	Lisa Reece
Stacy Hower	

Also present: Mr. Dotson Bradbury, Superintendent, Teresa Hawkins, Clerk, Principals Rick Smith, Susan Wildeman and Cathy Brandt, Curriculum Director Andy Azwell, Virginia Cook, Jim Kerns, Vicky Homer, Gerald Nitcher, Tanner Nitcher, Megan Patton, Shannon Carlson, Justin Webb, Terri Webb, David Bowman, Cody Bowman and Jacob Bush.

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Stacy Hower and seconded by Nancy Reed to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the February 8, 2010 Meeting
- Financial Reports/Pay Bills

Carried: 6-0

Patron Forum

Gerald Nitcher voiced concerns regarding the boys basketball season and requested an executive session to further discuss the matter.

David Bowman also voiced concerns regarding the boys basketball season and requested an executive session to further discuss the matter.

A motion was made by Dave McClain and seconded by Sherry Harris at 7:10 pm to enter executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

Carried: 6-0

Mr. Nitcher was asked to join executive session at 7:11 pm.

Mr. Nitcher exited executive session at 7:15 pm

Mr. Bowman was asked to join executive session at 7:15 pm.

Mr. Bowman exited executive session at 7:17 pm

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 7:20 pm

Reports

Principal Susan Wildeman informed the board that Williamsburg Elementary is finished with reading assessments and they most likely will not meet AYP. Although, she did state that they are making gains and scores are improving.

Principal Cathy Brandt reported that Appanoose Elementary's preliminary testing scores show that they will be in the 85% range.

Principal Rick Smith reported that the junior class has taken the reading assessments and all that needed to pass in order to meet AYP have done so. He also stated that math assessment will be taken after spring break.

The middle school has scored 88% proficiency, with the 7th grade scoring 90%, on their assessment tests. He also stated that those students who had been on academic warning are improving and raising their scores.

Curriculum Director Andy Azwell had nothing to add to his report in the board management letter.

Superintendent Dotson Bradbury had nothing to add to his report in the board management letter.

WFHS/MS Site Council: Mr. Rick Smith reported that both site councils have been working together and at their last meeting Mr. Bradbury was there to talk to them about state funding.

Travel Requests, **KSHSAA Board of Directors/** **Appeal Board Ballot,** **WFHS/MS Class Schedule,** **2010-2011 Cost Containment,** **Summer 2010 Capital Improvements**

Travel Requests

A motion was made by Lisa Reece and seconded by Nancy Reed to approve the following travel request:

- WES 2nd grade classes to Crown Center and Kaleidoscope – April 9th

Carried: 6-0

KSHSAA Board of Directors/Appeal Board Ballot

Any board member who would like to be considered for the Board of Directors or the Appeal Board could submit a ballot with their name.

No one was interested

WFHS/MS Class Schedule for 2010-2011

Mr. Smith explained some of the options he is considering while developing both the middle and high school schedules. Some of those options are:

- High school would remain on a seven period day, while the middle school would change to an eight period day. This would allow for sharing of teachers, along with offering some intro courses at the middle school.
- Offer Intro to Carpentry, Intro to Agriculture, Intro to Consumer Science and possibly some foreign language to 8th graders.
- Offering intro classes at the middle school level would also generate approximately \$8,000 of additional vocational money for the high school.
- Sharing of a math teacher, and possibly a social studies teacher – which would be a more effective utilization of staff.

2010-2011 Cost Containment Recommendations

Mr. Bradbury reviewed a handout given to the board that explained options to consider in planning for the possible state funding cuts. These cuts could be as much as \$600 in 2010-2011 to the Base State Aid per Pupil. He also shared that February tax collections were down \$71,000,000.

Some of the options to be considered are:

- Increasing the LOB to the state average
- Reducing building budgets by an additional \$50,000
- Reduce Contingency Reserve
- Shift operational costs to Capital Outlay – if the Otto bill is passed. If the bill does not pass, then ending balances in all funds would have to be reduced.
- Shift allowable capital outlay expenses from the general fund to the capital outlay fund.
- Reduce eight certified teaching positions

Other possibilities to consider:

- Eliminate all out of county field trips
- Impose Pay to Play
- Eliminate days from the school calendar and add minutes to the remaining school days
- Eliminate funding for FFA, FBLA & FCCLA clubs
- Increase fees for certain classes (ex. Woods, Vo Ag, Art, FACC)

2010-2011 Cost Containment Recommendations cont.

Other possibilities to consider cont.:

- ½ day kindergarten – this would reduce 1 ½ staff
- 4 day school week

Mr. Bradbury also reminded the board that in another year there would be no more federal stimulus money – thus meaning another \$417 loss on the BSAPP, unless another federal stimulus package is reinstated.

A copy of the above handout is made a part of these minutes.

Summer 2010 Capital Improvements

A motion was made by Stacy Hower and seconded by Lisa Reece to approve scheduling the gym floor cleaning and boiler inspections, but to table everything else on the list until a later date.

Carried: 6-0

**Executive
Session**

A motion was made by Lisa Reece and seconded by Stacy Hower at 8:12 pm to enter executive session for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed and for discussing real property to protect the public interest in negotiation of a fair and equitable contract.

Carried: 6-0

Mr. Rick Smith was asked to join the executive session at 8:27 pm

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 8:32 pm

A motion was made by Lisa Reece and seconded by Nancy Reed at 8:32 pm to re-enter executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed and for discussing real property to protect the public interest in negotiation of a fair and equitable contract.

Carried: 6-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 8:42 pm

Employment Recommendations

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

Non-renewal of the following non-tenured teachers

- Jessica Duvall – WES Elementary Teacher
- Thomas Hornung – WFHS – Mathematics Teacher

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- Nathan Craft – WFHS/MS – Music Teacher

Carried: 6-0

Adjournment

A motion was made by Lisa Reece and seconded by Stacy Hower to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Carried: 6-0

Teresa Hawkins, Clerk

Nancy Reed, Vice President