

West Franklin USD 287

Board of Education Meeting
Education Center
510 E. Franklin
Pomona, Ks 66076
Monday, October 12, 2009
7:00 pm

Call to Order

The regular meeting of West Franklin USD 287 Board of Education was called to order by president Chuck Campfield with the following members present:

Thayne Bush	Dave McClain
Sherry Harris	Nancy Reed
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, Jessica Duvall, Alexa McCurdy, Audra McCurdy, Ryan Sink, John Walburn, Dave Staley, Louis Coppoc, Pattie Piersol, Jon Horne. Karen Renfro, Shane Renfro, Mike Gerhardt, Juanita Sleichter, Christina Blades, Jacob Maichel Beau Hakes, Skye Blades, Charles Hakes and Courtney Servaes

Amend & Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Nancy Reed and seconded by Chuck Campfield to add item 4.4 – Donation to WFHS to the agenda and to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the September 14, 2009 Meeting
- Financial Reports/Pay Bills

Carried: 6-0

Patron Forum

Lou Coppoc voiced concerns regarding the press coverage for middle school sports teams and also updating the district website.

Mike Gerhardt, owner of Pome on the Range, voiced concerns regarding the need for a SRO and Mr. John Walburn's curriculum. He gave examples of how he felt an SRO could help prevent area thefts by students, as he felt the out-of-district students were responsible for many of the thefts. He also invited the school board to an upcoming community crime stopper meeting.

Reports

Principal Rick Smith informed the board that the district web page would be updated very soon. He also stated that the middle school volleyball team is currently undefeated and would be playing in the league tournament on Saturday. The middle school cross country team, who compete at the high school meets, is also doing very well and have placed several times. Elementary and middle school students recently competed in the Vera Mae Schultz Math Day and West Franklin finished 2nd overall.

Mr. Smith also informed the board that the number of high school students taking the ACT test has tripled.

Principal Susan Wildeman introduced Jessica Duvall, WES math bee sponsor. Ms. Duvall congratulated several of her students who had competed in the Vera Mae Schultz Math Day on a job well done. Jacob Maichel; 5th grade, Alexa McCurdy; 4th grade, and Shane Renfro; 5th grade introduced themselves to the board. Other students who competed, but not in attendance, were Issac Smith; 4th grade, Hayleigh Stoneking; 4th grade, Jaymee Woolley; 5th grade, Natasha Smith; 5th grade and Noah Short; 4th grade, who placed 1st in the preliminaries.

Middle school students who placed were Caleb Short; 7th grade; 1st in preliminaries, Adreyanna Sharp; 6th grade; 1st in preliminaries and finals, Derek Peugeot; 7th grade; 3rd in preliminaries and 2nd in finals, and Jay Ball; 8th grade; 3rd in finals.

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

Principal Robert Allen was not in attendance due to a high school activity, but Mr. Bradbury, on Mr. Allen's behalf, introduced Learning Center Paraprofessionals Juanita Sleichter, Jon Horne and Pattie Piersol and Learning Center Teacher Audra McCurdy. He praised them all for going "above and beyond" by volunteering their time at the Learning Center Farm this past summer to mow the grass, feed the animals, tend the garden and even preserve the produce from the garden.

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

Superintendent Dotson Bradbury asked the board for comments and suggestions on the new arrangement of the board table.

Travel Requests,
ARC Donation,
WRC, Appointment,
WFHS Donation,

Travel Requests

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

- Dotson Bradbury to attend KSDE Council of Superintendents meeting in Garden City – Oct. 21st – will go out the night before
- Connie Wadkins to attend KBEA Convention in Wichita – Oct. 15 & 16
- Patrick Bromley to attend FBLA New Advisor Orientation in Orlando, Fl – Nov. 20 – 22 – expenses will be paid by Kansas FBLA

ARC Donation.

A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Nancy Reed to accept the donation of one smart board to Appanoose Elementary. Much discussion was held on this topic.

Failed: 2-4 (“no” votes: Bush, McClain, Harris, Reed)

WRC Appointment

A motion was made by Dave McClain and seconded by Sherry Harris to reappoint Trina Lacey to the Williamsburg Recreation Commission.

Carried: 6-0

WFHS Donation

A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Nancy Reed to accept the \$2,000 donation from the Matt Soper family. This donation is to be used to purchase a piece of weight equipment for the high school weight room. Should the equipment cost more than \$2,000 the Soper family will donate the remainder of the cost.

Carried: 6-0

Discussion

Schools for Fair Funding

Mr. Bradbury explained the background of Schools for Fair Funding. Nineteen school districts organized the group in 1999 in an effort to bring about fair funding for education. This became the Montoy case, which resulted in the Kansas Supreme Court finding that K-12 education was not being adequately funded and therefore the BSAPP was increased for the

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07-08 school year and was also to be increased for 08-09 and 09-10 school years. Instead of increasing, the state has reduced the BSAPP and is expected to reduce it even further in the next couple of months.

Cost to join the Schools for Fair Funding group is \$2 per FTE and then another \$3 per FTE if the suit goes to court. This fee would be used to pay attorney fees.

Pros of joining – this would send a strong message to legislators regarding the funding for K-12 education.

Cons of joining – there would most likely be much publicity, especially from those who do not support school districts bringing law suits against the state.

The School Board asked that Superintendent Bradbury provide them with more information before they make a decision. It was recommended that this be an item on the November agenda.

Break

A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Sherry Harris at 8:05 pm to take a 5 minute break.

Carried: 6-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 8:10 pm

Board Goals

Current and proposed revised goals were discussed. The following are revised goals that the board would like to see on the November agenda.

1. Employ and retain highly qualified educators and support staffs that have high expectations for themselves and the students entrusted to them.
2. Ensure all district staff is sufficient to provide instruction and educational supports so that all students continue to meet, or exceed AYP targets in reading and mathematics.
3. Provide state-of-the-art technology to enhance the teaching and learning process and prepare students to be successful life-long learners in a highly technological world.
4. Manage resources and identify additional revenue streams to provide for continued upgrading of existing facilities so they are equal to current educational standards and once achieved, maintained to those standards.
5. Promote opportunities which encourage parental and patron involvement in the programs and activities of the school district.

**Superintendent
Comment**

Superintendent Bradbury asked for the floor. He addressed the public stating that he wished the gentleman who had commented on the SRO during the public forum would have stayed. Mr. Bradbury assured the public that the School Board is not anti-SRO, nor insensitive to that position. At this time, priorities have to be with the education of our children and that the district could pay for one teacher and one para with the amount that had been spent on the SRO salary (\$41,000).

Mr. Rick Smith assured the School Board and the public that the current out-of-district high school students were not a behavior problem and that part of their approval for attendance was a behavior contract with steep consequences.

Mr. Lou Coppoc stated that Mr. John Walburn had contacted him and given him a copy of his curriculum. Mr. Coppoc stated that Mr. Walburn's thesis was "Let's do everything we can to change attitudes". Mr. Coppoc also stated that he had not read the curriculum and was neither for nor against it. He also commented that he did realize teachers were addressing this topic every day in classrooms.

**Executive
Session**

A motion was made by Nancy Reed and seconded by Stacy Hower at 8:30 pm to enter executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed. Mr. Smith was asked to remain for executive session.

Carried: 6-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 8:45 pm

A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Sherry Harris at 8:45 pm to re-enter executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

Carried: 6-0

Mr. Bradbury and Mr. Smith exited executive session at 8:47 pm

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 9:00 pm

Executive Session Cont.

A motion was made by Stacy Hower and seconded by Nancy Reed at 9:00 pm to re-enter executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

Carried: 6-0

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

A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Nancy Reed at 9:15 pm to re-enter executive session for 5 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

Carried: 6-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 9:20 pm

A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Sherry Harris at 9:20 pm to re-enter executive session for 5 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

Carried: 6-0

The Board of Education returned to open meeting at 9:25 pm

Employment Recommendations

A motion was made by Nancy Reed and seconded by Chuck Campfield to approve the following resignations, terminations and employment recommendations:

Resignations:

- Anthony Gott WFMS Custodian

Terminations:

- Howard Darr District Custodian

Employment Recommendations Cont.

Employment:

- Aaron Poston WFMS Asst. FB Coach
- Joni Jones WFMS Asst. VB Coach
- Stephany Counter WFHS Custodian
- Brad Snodgrass WFHS Custodian

Carried: 5-1 (“no” vote – Hower)

Adjournment

A motion was made by Chuck Campfield and seconded by Thayne Bush to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Carried: 6-0

Teresa Hawkins, Clerk

Chuck Campfield, President