

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113
Board of Education Office
Sabetha, KS

Regular Meeting, Bern, KS October 3, 2011 7:00 PM

President Roger Brockhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roger Brockhoff, Brent Lortscher, Tim Aberle, Cheryl Wenger, Julia Alferts, Mary Jane Ronnebaum and Ed Reznicek were present; also present were Superintendent, Dennis Stones, Board Clerk, Dr. Volora Hanzlicek and others who are listed on the attached sheet that becomes a part of these minutes.

Amendments to the agenda included: Add an additional bill to item C for fencing at Wetmore in the amount of \$3,389 changing the total amount of bills to approve from \$315,757.19 to \$319,146.19. Addition to resignations included Vicki Ploeger to retire on June 30, 2012. Include the FCCLA National Cluster request from Bern to item 17. A motion was made by Mary Jane Ronnebaum and 2nd by Brent Lortscher to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda as amended:

- A. Approve minutes Sept. 6, 2011 regular meeting.
- B. Hear Clerk's report. Approve it.
- C. Approve payment of bills for the amount of \$319,146.19.
- D. Approve payment of bills from bond issue in the amount of \$15,955.21.
- E. Payment of September Payroll in the amount of \$722,974.87.
- F. Accept a donation from Nemaha Co. for United for Youth in the amount of \$4,500.00 and a STEP Foundation Grant to the United for Youth organization in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- G. Resignations: Julie Droge will retire on JUNE 30, 2012.
Leslie Scoby will retire on JUNE 30, 2012.
Vicki Ploeger will retire on JUNE 30, 2012.

A motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2nd by Cheryl Wenger to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Brockhoff thanked Mrs Droge, Mrs. Scoby, and Mrs. Ploeger for their years of service and dedication to the district.

Rick Schnacker gave his building report and introduced Anne Werner, 5/6-combo teacher. She introduced three students, Rebecca Haverkamp, Matthew Baumgartner, and Martika Harrison. The students helped her demonstrate a FOSS science lab they had been working on in class during science.

Brian Rottinghaus, Bob Bartkoski, Tom Palmer, Matt Garber, David Schmitz, and Todd Evans gave their building reports.

Ken Kickhaefer representing Kickhaefer & Associate, P.A., presented the FY2011 CPA audit for approval. A motion was made by Tim Aberle and 2nd by Brent Lortscher to receive the audit as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Brent Lortscher and 2nd by Cheryl Wenger to approve Ken Kickhaefer & Associate, P.A.'s contract as presented for the 2011- 2012 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Stones shared the FTE History by PreK – 12 Facilities (rounded) with 11-12 numbers being unaudited. The History started with 2007-08 and he read through 2012 for each building. Bern's numbers were 135, 131, 121, 107, 116 respectively. Wetmore numbers were 175, 180, 175, 178, 167. Axtell/Summerfield numbers were 164, 163, 173, 160, 155 and Sabetha's numbers were 746, 749, 743, 737, 747. He then shared a slide that broke down the FTE Prek – 12 by Facility for 11-12. Axtell/Summerfield = 154.7, Bern = 115.7, Sabetha = 747 and Wetmore = 167. The total FTE for the district totaled 1184.4.

He then showed a history of FTE in a chart with FTE's broken out by year from 2007 – 08 through this year. These were the same numbers as reported earlier, only broken down further. The numbers for Bern were 134.5, 131.3, 120.7, 106.9 and 115.7. Axtell/Summerfield were 163.8, 163.4, 172.8, 160.4 and 154.7. Wetmore numbers were 174.5, 179.5, 175, 177.5, and 167 and the Sabetha numbers were 746, 749, 743, 737, and 747.

Preschool in Bern, Summerfield, Sabetha preschool numbers FTE history was then displayed from 2008 to 2012.

The next section of slides showed a comparison of the FTE History Comparison of PreK – 12 and K – 12 in Bern, Axtell/Summerfield, and then Sabetha. Each building was graphed with the PreK –12 above the K-12 to show a comparison of the FTE with and without preschool.

The last slide was an FTE history of the four high schools and the number of foreign exchange students from 2008 – 2012.

A patron from the crowd asked why the preschool and foreign exchange students were pulled out in separate graphs. Mr. Stones explained that he had a number of persons asking questions and he was trying to present information that answered the questions he was receiving. Julia Alferts shared that in the April meeting of last year, she had asked for these numbers. Foreign exchange students and preschool were part of the discussion as the board talked about the sustainability of FTEs.

Jeff Grossenbacher presented a report on the Bern community committees. He started by sharing that the daycare is now open and running. The school is now at 130 headcount, even with the loss of 17 students from last year. He shared that the community website has been built and is now ready to be put on the web. They are still working on housing,

which will provide additional homes for families. Other accomplishments highlighted included: the café, park, ballfield, and the track. He shared that the community has been working hard to make a better place to raise a family and encouraged patrons to become more involved.

On the evening of Sept. 26th, Doug Moeckel, KASB representative, met with the strategic planning committee to look at the future of the district. The highlights of this meeting can be found on the district website. The team discussed a vision, mission and core values for our students. They agreed that the non-negotiable for our district included resources (time, money, people), supportive perception, committed educational families, highly qualified staff, and affordable facilities.

Strengths and weaknesses were discussed for the district as a whole. The meeting lasted about 3 hours. Mr. Stones recommended that KASB stay involved in the process and that the next meeting include the entire Board, as it will focus on facts about the district. Eventually this group will include community members as part of the process. The next meeting will be scheduled for a Monday evening. Mr. Stones will work on securing a date and will report back to the Board a few dates to choose from as they move forward with the next meeting.

Mary Jane Ronnebaum said that she realized through this meeting that we all have to work together. She stated that it became evident to her during the meeting that we need to be open-minded as we work together for all the district students.

A motion was made by Julia Alferts and 2nd by Cheryl Wenger to approve the easement and right-of-way agreement with Fastenal Co. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Reznicek shared information pertaining to starting an outdoor classroom at Wetmore Academic Center. This project would be educational as well as improve the landscaping in front of the building entrance. He shared that there are various resources that we could tap into as we look at the curriculum and structure of the classroom. If we move forward there are a few things that need to be examined further such as parking and the availability of sunlight. Consensus of the Board was to move forward in researching the project.

At 8:34 PM Roger Brockhoff called a recess. Board meeting was called back to session at 8:45 PM.

A motion was made by Julia Alferts and 2nd by Mary Jane Ronnebaum to approve the contract for the PowerSchool system upgrade 7.0 (\$7995) and test bed server (\$2500) as presented in the contract. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Julia Alferts and 2nd by Cheryl Wenger to approve the list of site council members for each building. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Tim Aberle and 2nd by Mary Jane Ronnebaum to approve Grains for Hope to attend the National Convention as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Brent Lortscher and 2nd by Cheryl Wenger to approve the hiring of Ethan Claassen as the district network administrator. Motion carried 7-0.

Business Pathway Curriculum Competencies were presented to the board for the first read to be approved at the November Board meeting.

Board was presented with the first read of the District Technology Plan to be approved at the November Board meeting.

A motion was made by Brent Lortscher and 2nd by Mary Jane Ronnebaum to hire Heather Howell as the Title I teacher at Bern Elementary. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Mary Jane Ronnebaum and 2nd by Tim Aberle to approve the trip requests from both Axtell and Bern to attend the FCCLA meeting at Rock Creek, Bern FCCLA organization to attend the National Cluster meeting in Minneapolis, MN, and Axtell FBLA organization to participate in the district conference in Topeka, KS. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Tim Aberle and 2nd by Julia Alfors to approve the Axtell requests to Abilene, Manhattan, and Holton as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Stones asked the Board members to notify Elaine by morning if they are going to attend the KASB fall meeting in Topeka.

At 9:17 a motion was made by Brent Lortscher and 2nd by Tim Aberle to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Clerk