

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 402
AUGUSTA, KANSAS 67010**

A REGULAR MEETING OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 402 BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD MARCH 9, 2015, 6:30 P.M., IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, 2345 GREYHOUND DRIVE, AUGUSTA, KANSAS 67010.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BOB MCCALLA:	PRESIDENT	CHARLES GARCIA:	MEMBER
BILL RINKENBAUGH:	V. PRESIDENT	ANDY HALL:	MEMBER *6:33
MATTHEW BLANK:	MEMBER	JIM BROWN:	MEMBER
KIM BRAUNGARDT:	MEMBER		

OTHERS PRESENT: JOHN BLACK, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS; HOLLY FRANCIS, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT; CONNIE HUMMEL, BOARD OF EDUCATION CLERK; AND BELINDA LARSON, AUGUSTA DAILY GAZETTE

PRINCIPALS: Donna Zerr, Matt Ward and Lyle Dosser
ASST. PRINCIPALS: Ryan Muhlig
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Absent

WORD OF PRAYER – Pastor Cross from First Christian Church

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

REGULAR PROCEEDINGS

President Bob McCalla called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Mr. Hall made a motion to add an additional Executive Session for Personnel prior to the Executive Session already on the agenda.

Ms. Braungardt provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

AGENDA

Mr. Rinkenbaugh made a motion to approve the agenda as amended by adding an additional Executive Session - Personnel.

Mr. Brown provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

RECOGNITIONS

8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

The Board recognized the middle school 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team. The team completed a dominate two-year run by winning the Pioneer League Div. II, once again. Augusta finished this year's season with a 13-2 record.

2015 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Marcie Bowman, Elementary 2015 Teacher of the Year and Todd Hollis, Secondary 2015 Teacher of the Year, were both recognized by the Board of Education. They were told they would each be receiving \$250 to be used in their classrooms or with their students. Money is from the interest earned from funds originally donated by Crossland Construction to USD 402 in the Fall of 2013. It is the board's intent to continue to make these donations to district's teachers of the year.

LINCOLN PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Lincoln staff shared with board members on how "Inclusion" for special education students is working in their building.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Rinkenbaugh made a motion to approve the consent agenda as printed.

Mr. Hall provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CURRICULUM REPORT

Holly Francis provided to board members her February Curriculum and Instruction Report.

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE PURCHASE AHS STUDENT COMPUTERS

The Board was presented information for the district to lease purchase AHS student computers. The Board was told the existing student laptops at the high school are four years old and the majority of them have significant wear and tear, they function too slow to meet the needs and it is time to replace them. Mr. Black told board members that it is the recommendation from the Tech/Adm Committee that the laptops be replaced for the 2015-2016 School Year.

Mr. Black told Board Members it is the recommendation from the committee for the board to lease the sufficient number of laptops, approximately 700 to cover the needs of the AHS and not to exceed a lease of \$80,000 per year, with a three-year lease anticipated.

After discussion, Mr. Rinkenbaugh made the motion to enter into a lease agreement for approximately 700 laptops to cover the needs of the AHS and not to exceed \$80,000 per year, with a three-year lease agreement.

Mr. Brown provided the second and the motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Blank casting the "no" vote.

CAPITAL OUTLAY RESOLUTION

Mr. Black presented his recommendation to the board for a Capital Outlay Resolution to increase authority from 6 to 8 mills, not exceed 8 mills. He said action from the board does not automatically increase the capital outlay mill levy. He said it would provide the option to do so when planning next year's budget.

After discussion, Mr. Rinkenbaugh made the motion to approve the presented Capital Outlay Resolution to increase the authority from 6 to 8 mills, not to exceed 8 mills and that approving the resolution does not result in the automatically levying more mills. (See Attached)

Mr. Garcia provided the second and the motion carried 5-2 with Ms. Braungardt and Mr. Blank casting the "no" votes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESCIND OF MOTION

Mr. Black shared with the Board of Education to rescind its motion from February 9 regarding approving Steve Pazzie's retirement and re-employment. He said he had been made aware of the definition for separation from employment as defined by KPERS and the IRS. Mr. Black said he immediately brought the information to Steve's attention and consulted with the board's attorney.

Mr. Black told board member that he shared with Mr. Pazzie that KPERS retiree returning to work for the same employer must have a separation from service for a 12-month period of time. Any less of a separation could result in a tax penalty.

After discussion, Mr. Hall made a motion to rescind the motion made on February 9 regarding approving Steve Pazzie's retirement and re-employment.

Mr. Rinkenbaugh provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

Mr. Black shared with board members that after the discussion from the February Board Meeting regarding allowing students who live outside the city limits and less than 2.5 miles from their school, to ride district buses, the transportation department checked records and determined there are only five students (four families) who live outside the city limits and less than 2.5 miles from school. He said it was also determined buses drive past these residences on routes.

Mr. Black said he has given permission the students who live outside the city limits and less than 2.5 miles from their school to ride on regular bus routes. He said two of the families have accepted the offer. He also shared with board members that the district will not receive state aide for these students.

After discussion, board members agreed they would like to look at a district policy and spend some time deciding if a change needs to be made in time for parents to make arrangements for next school year.

BOARDMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

Mr. Black went over "Qualifications of a Good School Board Member" provided by KASB. (See Attached)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Black shared with board members the latest legislative update, HB 2403, Block Grant School Funding bill. He said the intent of the proposed bill is to provide a funding process that it is more stable, predictable and easier to understand. Mr. Black told board members, the proposed bill would result in a decrease of \$163,000 to the district, starting this semester and then provide the same amount of reduced funding for the next 2 years.

OTHER

Mr. Blank – None
Ms. Braungardt - None
Mr. Brown – None
Mr. Garcia - None
Mr. Rinkenbaugh - None
Mr. McCalla – None
Mr. Hall – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Mr. Hall made the motion to go into Executive Session (at 8:10pm) for discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that the board return to the open meeting, (not to exceed 10 minutes), at 8:20pm o'clock in this room.

Ms. Braungardt provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:20pm. (Rinkenbaugh, Braungardt, Hall and Brown)

Mr. Hall provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Mr. Hall made the motion to go into Executive Session (at 8:21pm) for discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that the board return to the open meeting, (not to exceed 10 minutes), at 8:30pm o'clock in this room.

Mr. Rinkenbaugh provided the second and the motion carried 4-0.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:30pm

GARFIELD PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Rinkenbaugh made the motion to approve hiring Trever Lockamy as Garfield Principal for the 2015-2016 School Year.

Mr. Blank provide the second and the motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hall made the motion to adjourn the board meeting at 8:33pm.

Mr. Blank provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Connie Hummel, Board Clerk
Board of Education