

USD # 247 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – March 14, 2011

A regular meeting of the USD #247 Board of Education was called to order by President Tara Underwood at 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2011, at the Cherokee Attendance Center. Other members present were LaDonna Hartman, Greg Hite, and Joe Ulery. Also present were Superintendent Glenn Fortmayer and Board Clerk Roberta Sellers.

(1) Joe Ulery moved to approve the agenda as presented. Greg Hite seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The board members and audience toured the Cherokee Attendance Center.

Mindy Dainty arrived at 5:25 pm.

Keith Ritchey arrived at 6:25 pm.

(2) Keith Ritchey moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting. LaDonna Hartman seconded. Motion carried 5-1.

(3) Keith Ritchey moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$153, 245.81. Greg Hite seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

CAP Program (4) Greg Hite moved to sponsor the Civil Air Patrol, contingent on budget approval. Tara Underwood seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Health Curriculum (5) LaDonna Hartman moved to participate in the Healthteacher.com curriculum as presented for five years if there no cost to the district. Greg Hite seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Learning Plan (6) Greg Hite moved to approve My Learning Plan PDC instrument to be paid for by the School Improvement Grant. Keith Ritchey seconded. Motion carried 5-1, the one abstaining.

Dr. Fortmayer read the first reading of a new policy- Prohibiting Pocket knives, box cutters, or exacto knives on Campus, Buses, or at school functions without specific direction from a staff member (Appendix A)

Dr. Fortmayer read the first reading for a revision of Anti-Bullying Policy to incorporate statutory, regulatory, and State Board Of Education directive changes. (Appendix B)

Mailbox Wall slot (7) Greg Hite moved to approve a mailbox wall slot be installed in the west wall of the board office south of the front door to enter the storage room. Tara Underwood seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

handicapped access (8) LaDonna Hartman moved to approve appropriate signage regarding handicapped access to the Weir Attendance Center and the District Office. Mindy Dainty seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

New activity BOE card (9) Keith Ritchey moved to approve a new activity and sports ticket card for former elected USD #247 board members and their spouse (Appendix C). Greg Hite seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

April 15th School day (10) Joe Ulery moved to make April 15th 2011 a regular school day instead of an inservice day. LaDonna Hartman seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

April 25th School day (11) Joe Ulery moved to make April 25th 2011 a regular school day for the 2010-11 school year. Greg Hite seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Classified Snow days (12) Greg Hite moved to require the classified staff to deduct 6 days pay due to snow or use personal days then sick days to retain their compensation . Tara Underwood seconded. Motion carried 5-1.

(13) Tara Underwood moved to go into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for ten minutes to reconvene at 10:35 pm. Greg Hite seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Underwood called the meeting back to order.

(14) Mindy Dainty moved to go into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for ten minutes to reconvene at 10:47 pm. LaDonna Hartman seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Underwood called the meeting back to order.

(15) Tara Underwood moved to go into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for ten minutes to reconvene at 11:08 pm. Joe Ulery seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Underwood called the meeting back to order.

(16) Greg Hite moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 pm and continue it Thursday March 17, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the District Office. Tara Underwood seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Tara Underwood called the meeting back to order on 3/17/11 at 6:35 pm at the district office. Other members present were Mindy Dainty, Greg Hite, Keith Ritchey, Joe Ulery, and LaDonna Hartman. Also present were Superintendent Glenn Fortmayer and Board Clerk Roberta Sellers.

(17) Tara Underwood moved to go into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for one hour to reconvene at 7:35 pm. LaDonna Hartman seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Underwood called the meeting back to order.

(18) LaDonna Hartman moved to go into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for one hour to reconvene at 8:45 pm. Joe Ulery seconded. Motion carried 5-1.

President Underwood called the meeting back to order and called for a 5 minute break.

(19) Tara Underwood moved to go into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for thirty five minutes to reconvene at 10:00 pm. Mindy Dainty seconded. Motion carried 5-1.

President Underwood called the meeting back to order.

(20) Tara Underwood moved to go into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for three minutes to reconvene at 10:15 pm. Greg Hite seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

C. Squire
Resign

(21) Per Dr. Fortmayer's recommendation, Greg Hite moved to accept the resignation of Curtis Squire as the principal at Cherokee Attendance Center effective at the end of the school year with great regret and many thanks for his years of service. Mindy Dainty seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

S. Sutton
Hire

(22) Per Dr. Fortmayer's recommendation, Tara Underwood moved to hire Sara Sutton for the 2011-12 school year. LaDonna Hartman seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

(23) Joe Ulery moved to adjourn at 10:55 p.m. Tara Underwood seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Clerk of the Board

President

Discussion:

In addition to action items as presented in the minutes of the meeting:

The board members toured the Cherokee K-8 facility to discuss some structural issues such as a water leak in the library, the beams in the gym, and air around the windows in some of the classrooms.

In the principal building reports, all buildings are progressing well with the state assessments.

In the superintendent's report, the budget was reported in regard to the bills being introduced at the state level and what that could potentially mean for the district. Capital outlay needs were reviewed.

Appendix A

Policy- Knives, Box cutters, exacto knives, and dangerous instruments

Students are not permitted to possess any form of Knives, box cutters, exacto knives, and other dangerous cutting instruments, other than classroom approved scissors, on their person or in their items or lockers at school or during a school event; without specific permission from a classroom teacher for classroom use or from an administrator for prescribed use or time period. Any knife blade carried out of view on a person with a blade length greater than four inches from the hilt to blade tip is considered a concealed weapon in Kansas and will be reported to law enforcement.

Appendix B

Policy- Bullying/Harassment (K.S.A. 72-8256) To be inserted after current policy as an extension.

The USD 247 Cherokee Board of Education believes in providing physically safe and emotionally secure environments for all USD 247 students and school staff. The Board recognizes bullying, including cyber bullying, and harassment as a serious issue that creates a negative school environment and inhibits students' ability to learn. For this reason, the Board supports current state statute through the implementation of a district plan to address bullying, including a provision for the training and education of school staff members and students. The plan will include a method to report incidents of bullying. The plan will include a framework for appropriate responses to bullying activities that reinforces and encourages positive conduct and ensures the safety of all students.

1. Administration will ensure that discipline data specific to bullying, including cyber bullying, and harassment is collected, compiled, and reported to the BOE and Kan-Dis reports as required annually.
2. Administration will implement either one or a combination of more than one evidence-based Character education/anti-bullying programs that model Social, Emotional, Character Development Standards.
3. Administration will ensure schools recognize the Kansas Anti-Bullying Awareness Week through a variety of awareness enhancing and educational activities. Students who have bullied others in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion. If appropriate, students who violate the bullying policy shall be reported to local law enforcement.
4. Administration will comply with the Kansas Safe Schools Manual upon its adoption and subsequent editions.
5. Administration will ensure students and staff have exposure to and access to Kansas Anti-Bullying resources including but not limited to: hotlines, reporting contacts, reporting procedures, and literature.
6. Administration will document investigation of bullying incidents and maintain on file until student June 30 of the students high school cohort's graduation year.
7. Administration will develop and implement a framework of consequences and corresponding positive based educational interventions to support a safe and positive school environment.


8. Administration will notify parents of incidents involving their students as required by statute.
9. Administration will report an incident which resulted in, or was substantially likely to have resulted in, serious bodily injury to others; to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Further the administration will report incidents to law enforcement in which conduct which, if the pupil is an adult, constitutes the commission of a felony or, if the pupil is a juvenile, would constitute the commission of a felony if committed by an adult; or conduct at school, on school property, or at a school supervised activity which, if the pupil is an adult, constitutes the commission of a misdemeanor or, if the pupil is a juvenile, would constitute the commission of a misdemeanor if committed by an adult. The report shall be given as soon as practicable, but not to exceed 10 days from the date of the pupil's act.
10. Administration will develop and implement procedures to protect the confidentiality of persons reporting bullying.
11. Administration will develop and implement procedures for the deterrence of cyber-bullying using school property off campus.
12. Administration will annually survey students regarding acts of bullying in the school environment. The information collected will be reported to the state department of education as directed.
13. Administration will develop and implement procedures, discipline framework, and educational interventions for the prevention and response to incidents of hazing. In accordance with Kansas statute, any staff member promoting or allowing hazing will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Appendix C

**Activity & Sports ticket card
for former elected USD #247 board members and their spouse**

RULES:

1. Must have been elected and served on the board.
2. Approval and card issued by Superintendent.
3. Card is for former board members and spouse only, not their family or family members.
4. Card is non-transferable and can be revoked if used by anyone other than the member.
5. Card does not expire.
6. Card is good for all activities and sports in USD# 247 district.

	ACTIVITY & SPORTS TICKET CARD (FORMER BOE MEMBER & SPOUSE)
Name _____ Superintendent _____ This ticket is good for all activities and sports in USD #247 district.	

