

USD # 247 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – October 10, 2011

A regular meeting of the USD #247 Board of Education was called to order by President Joe Ulery at 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 10, 2011, at the District Office. Other members present were Tara Underwood, Jerry Alexander, LaDonna Hartman, Wade Kirby, David Stricklin, and Sundown Jacobs. Also present were Superintendent Glenn Fortmayer and Board Clerk Roberta Sellers.

(1) Tara Underwood moved to approve the agenda as amended. Sundown Jacobs seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

(2) Jerry Alexander moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting. David Stricklin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

(3) LaDonna Hartman moved to approve the bills totaling \$218,245.30. David Stricklin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Ulery called for a five minute recess.

(4) Tara Underwood moved to go into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel, negotiations and student issues for forty five minutes to reconvene at 9:00 pm. LaDonna Hartman seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Ulery called the meeting back to order.

(5) Jerry Alexander moved to go into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel, negotiations and student issues for fifteen minutes to reconvene at 9:20 pm. David Stricklin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Strukel
Position (6) Per the Dr. Fortmayer's recommendation, LaDonna Hartman moved to correct Cathy Strukel's position to At-Risk para as planned under the 2011-12 staffing plan. Tara Underwood seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

K-8
Handbook
Approval (7) Sundown Jacobs moved to change the K-8 Handbook as presented and to recognize the 4.0 students with an award in lieu of naming a valedictorian and a salutatorian. (see Appendix A) David Stricklin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Long-term
Suspension (8) Tara Underwood moved to accept the first reading of the long-term suspension and appeal process policy. (See Appendix B). Sundown Jacobs seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Abuse
Policy (9) Joe Ulery moved to accept policy GAAD for reporting abuse. (See Appendix C) Jerry Alexander seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Work Comp
Pay policy (10) LaDonna Hartman moved to accept policy GAOE regarding work comp pay. (See Appendix C). David Stricklin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

- Multiple Policies (11) Jerry Alexander moved to accept the following policies:
 JDDDB on sexting
 JRB on FERPA update
 KGD Criminal possession of a firearm
 Military families & attendance policies at the discretion of the superintendent
 Head injury
 Epinephrine in schools
 preventing sexting
 Confidentially counts form with a refusal signature block. (see Appendix C.
 Wade Kirby seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- Comm. Surge Protectors (12) Jerry Alexander moved to accept the bid from ECO RO1 for Surge suppression at Cherokee in the amount of \$7,248.81. Joe Ulery seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- Site Council (13) Sundown Jacobs moved to approve the Site Council lists as presented. (See Appendix D) Tara Underwood seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- Algebra Credit (14) Joe Ulery moved to make Algebra A a one hour credit and Algebra B a one hour credit. Jerry Alexander seconded. Motion carried 6-1.
- (10) David Stricklin moved to adjourn at 10:35 p.m. Jerry Alexander seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Clerk of the Board

President

Discussion Items:

Principal Reports:

McCune/Weir

Tammie Hall reported the McCune kids will making signs to display in the local businesses. McCune's school carnival is October 28th and Weir's is November 4th. Parent Teacher conferences will be Monday October 17th and Tuesday October 18th from 3:30 – 7 pm at both McCune and Weir. Nurse Bole is conducting hearing and vision tests at both schools this month.

Southeast

Ben Proctor announced the first parent advisory group meeting will be Tuesday Oct. 11. If anyone is interested in being a part of this group call the high school. Wednesday October 12th will be the KAYS health walk and Friday October 14th will be the blood drive. October 26th during the day will be the induction of new National Honor Society people.

Cherokee

It was reported that the Junior High teachers would like to alter the TEAM time to one hour.

Superintendent's report:

Facilities:

New Handicap buzzer system has been installed at Weir. Craw Kan has completed the IDL hook up that were needed in the district. The restroom in the Music modular at Weir is nearing completion. The thermostat issues in the buildings are being addressed. After the commercial grade surge protectors have been installed at Cherokee the need for more lightening rods will be assessed. A room at McCune for staff to work with students one on one is being remodeled to fit those needs. Some changes are being made in the Food Service area. Co-op orders will be utilized more. Under budget info, Dr. Fortmayer reported our FTE sent in on the SO66 report Monday was 662 versus 700 last year, resulting in approximately \$256,000 less in state funding for the 2011-12 year compared to the 2010-11 year. He also discussed possibly revising the website page to make it more user friendly, and putting the older unsupported IDL system at McCune to save transportation costs when utilizing the IDL for the younger kids.

It was also announced that if you have Craw Kan fiber optic cable that Channel 6 will provide community events, such as ball games.

It was the board consensus to leave the transportation policy alone regarding seating arrangements and leave it up to the bus driver, so that the safety of the kids will be considered on a bus by bus case.

First Reading of Hotel policy:

Hotel use for Professional Days-

Professional day activities or other school business events requiring travel over 2 hours and a start time on or before 8 AM are eligible for district payment to be approved by the superintendent or designee. Trips of shorter travel and or beginning after 8:00 AM will only be authorized for district hotel expense coverage with the approval of the superintendent or designee. The superintendent or designee will consider extenuating circumstances, but as a guide, travel requiring a departure after 6 AM should not require a hotel. The superintendent can use other costs versus hotel expense calculations in determining approval or disapproval of hotel expense coverage by the district.

For more information about building events, check the district website at www.usd247.com.