

USD # 247 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – September 12, 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, September 12, 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) LaDonna Hartman moved to approve the agenda as presented. David Stricklin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

(2) Tara Underwood moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2011 meeting. Jerry Alexander seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

(3) Jerry Alexander moved to approve the bills totaling \$185,741.17. David Stricklin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

(4) LaDonna Hartman moved to go into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel and student issues for thirty minutes to reconvene at 7:20 pm. Sundown Jacobs seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Joe Ulery left the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Joe Ulery returned at 7:20 pm

President Ulery called the meeting back to order.

Ross, Ascanio Resign (5) David Stricklin moved to accept the resignation of Shaunda Ross as Assistant Cook and Lori Ascanio as Paraprofessional. Sundown Jacobs seconded. Motion Carried 7-0.

Personnel Changes (6) Per the Dr. Fortmayer's recommendation, Tara Underwood moved to accept the Personnel changes as presented. (see Appendix A) Jerry Alexander seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

(7) Jerry Alexander moved to go into executive session for ten minutes to discuss negotiations, student issues, and non-elected personnel to reconvene at 7:51 pm. Tara Underwood seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Ulery called the meeting back to order.

(8) David Stricklin moved to go into executive session for five minutes to discuss negotiations to reconvene at 8:05 pm. Sundown Jacobs seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Ulery called the meeting back to order.

Sutton Science Club (9) Per Dr. Fortmayer's recommendation, Sundown Jacobs moved to hire Sara Sutton as the Science Club sponsor. Tara Underwood seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

(10) Tara Underwood moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Sundown Jacobs seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Clerk of the Board

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President

Discussion Items:

Principal Reports:

Mr. Proctor reported a head count of 223 students at the high school as of Friday with only 30 seniors. Two teachers attended the MTSS symposium in Wichita last Thursday and Friday along with a principal and the curriculum director.

The laptops are being checked out to students for the school year at SE.

Tammie Hall reported 144 students at Weir and 76 at McCune. Both buildings had successful open houses to start off the year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students across the district participated in "Paint the Town Red" day in Pittsburg. School pictures will be taken Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. Sandra Martinie and Cyndee Martin will go to Hammer Math training on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. The Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes in all buildings are a recipient of a fruit and vegetable grant for the entire school year.

Teachers, principals and the superintendent participated in a training today on the new KEEP statewide teacher evaluation system. Our district is one of 10 volunteering to pilot the program.

Debbie Clawson reported the new math books are being used and even though there is an issue with the on-line curriculum math at the high school, it is being worked on. She mentioned the free health curriculum that is available to the teachers this year. MAP testing has already taken place at the high school and the 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades will have a testing window from Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. The testing window for Kindergarten is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendents report:

Cherokee has 258 students currently. The district overall is down 42 students at this time. Due to scheduling, the Jr. High sections of English have 25-27 students in each class. We are having some issues with the Powerschool upgrade and the technology director and other staff have been in contact with Powerschool to get it resolved.

Under Food Service, Dr. Fortmayer announced that the district will be utilizing the co-op orders more to save money. This has created some issues regarding storage space, but the saving on purchasing the food in bulk outweighs the cost of the additional freezers.

Dr. Fortmayer gave an update on some facility issues. Cherokee – looking into high voltage power surge protection due to server failures during storms. Weir – still need more info regarding the system to accommodate handicapped people.

It was discussed whether or not to replace the sign in front of the district office as a significant donation was available. The consensus of the board was to not replace the sign because they are not making any non essential expenditures at this time.

For more information about building events, check the district website at [www.usd247.com](http://www.usd247.com).

Appendix A 9-12-11

**Cherokee/SJHS**

AT- RISK TUTOR	Tyler Gray
ASST. COOK	Tammie Taylor
8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE SPONSOR	Mary Colvin
7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL	Tyler Gray
MATH CLUB	Adam Hull
REG. PARA	Carla Thompson

**SOUTHEAST**

CHEER SPONSOR	Meagan Cheney
ASST. SECRETARY	Linda Weston

**WEIR**

4-YEAR OLD PARA	Tricia Wyckoff
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