

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Unified School District No. 363
January 10, 2005 - 6:30 p.m.

Room 132, Holcomb High School

MINUTES

Board of Education Members:

Tim Miller (President), Anne Jones, Russ Komlofske, John McClelland,
Cindy Messenger, Mike Pfeifer, Jay Powers

Members Present: Anne Jones, Russ Komlofske, Cindy Messenger, Tim Miller, Mike Pfeifer, Jay Powers

Administrators Present: Bill Biermann, Steve Johnson, Phil Keidel, W.S. Landis,

Others: Mike Amos, Arden Koehn, Deb Nicholson, George Rapp, Doug Stanton, Matisha Stanton, Michael Stegman, Mary Ann Bennett

At 6:30 p.m., Tim Miller called the meeting to order. John McClelland was not present.

Agenda

Russ Komlofske moved, seconded by Mike Pfeifer, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried: 6-0

Additions: 10(a) LTC 40 Bus

Consent Agenda

Anne Jones moved, seconded Russ Komlofske, to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried: 6-0
Items E and C, high school math contract and full time employment status of Edith Pennington, respectively, were designated as executive session items.

- **minutes** – December 13, 2004
- **resignations**
 1. Joe Hagood – high school math
 2. Terry Wallace – food service
- **supplemental contract**
 1. Erik Base – middle school assistant boys' basketball coach

Claims

Russ Komlofske moved, seconded by Jay Powers, to approve the expenditures - \$351,329.24 Motion carried: 5-0 with Mike Pfeifer abstaining due to a mileage reimbursement.

Presentation/Recognition

The high school principal gave an instructional strategies demonstration using the Classroom Performance System. CPS is a technology tool used in classroom instruction.

Reports

-superintendent/buildings and grounds

- the high school HVAC controls project has been delayed until the latter part of January
- mechanical engineers have been contacted to review the north end of Holcomb Elementary; engineers have requested working through an architect.

-updates

- last filing date for board of education positions is January 25th
- a request from parents to incorporate a wrestling program - parents will conduct a survey to indicate the number of prospective wrestlers

-principals

- Ann Knoll is one of the designated elementary teachers in the state serving on the state level curriculum committee which is providing input to develop standards and guidelines for early childhood education. The committee is in its second year of existence and meets every three to six months. Recently, Governor Sebelius invited Ann to attend a meeting where the governor was presenting her vision for the future of early childhood education in Kansas.
- Holcomb Middle School was awarded a Certificate of Recognition as part of the third Annual Challenge Awards recognizing the school for outstanding achievement based on Kansas Assessment results from 2004. The award was given based on results of the middle school's performance on the eighth grade reading assessment.
- Bob Krug won the contest between classroom teachers in which his students showed the most improvement by decreasing the percentage of failing grades from the end of the first nine week until the end of the first semester
- Steve Johnson gave an update on the middle school and high school activities

- no report -Recreation Commission
- audit report was given at the monthly meeting and administrative goals were established -High Plains Educational Cooperative
- no report -Southwest Plains Regional Service Center

Recess

At 8:00 p.m., Anne Jones moved, seconded by Mike Pfeifer, to recess for ten minutes. Motion carried: 6-0

Executive Session

At 8:10 p.m., Russ Komlofske moved, seconded by Cindy Messenger, to enter executive session for thirty minutes to consult with attorney relating to a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege. Motion carried: 6-0
Bill Biermann, Steve Johnson, and Deb Nicholson were included in the session.

At 8:40 p.m., Cindy Messenger moved, seconded by Russ Komlofske, to extend executive session for an additional ten minutes for the aforementioned matters. Motion carried: 6-0

At 8:50 p.m., Anne Jones moved, seconded by Russ Komlofske, to extend executive session for an additional ten minutes for the aforementioned matters. Motion carried: At 9:00 p.m., the board reconvened in open session.

Old Business

-valedictorian and salutatorian

A consensual decision was reached by members to continue the calculation of grades at the end of seven semesters to determine the valedictorian and salutatorian. Commencing with the 2005-2006 school year, language in the handbook will reflect "at the end of eight semesters".

New Business

-Holowach Scholarship

Committee members will establish new scholarship guideline/requirements and present a recommendation to the board for review/approval. The new guidelines will be in place for the 2005-2006 school year.
Committee Members: Alva Burch, Bill Biermann, Anne Jones, Phil Keidel, Skip Landis, Cindy Messenger, Deb Nicholson, Dave Novack, Joe Weaver

Action Item

-LTC40 Bus

Russ Komlofske moved, seconded by Jay Powers, to purchase a 2000 LTC40 activity bus from Masters Transportation, Inc. – Kearney, NE. The price is not to exceed \$139,750. Motion carried: 6-0
Base price - \$142,000 "87" Blue Bird All American trade-in allowance - \$5,000 Custom paint and lettering - \$2,750

Executive Session

At 9:50 p.m., Russ Komlofske moved, seconded by Cindy Messenger, to enter executive session for thirty minutes to discuss personnel matters and negotiations. Executive session is necessary to protect the privacy rights of an individual(s) and to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest, respectively. Motion carried: 6-0 Bill Biermann was included in the session.

At 10:20 p.m., the board reconvened in open session. Russ Komlofske moved, seconded by Jay Powers, to offer Gilbert Guterrez a contract for the high school math position for the second semester of this school year. Motion carried: 6-0

Anne Jones moved, seconded by Cindy Messenger, to approve Edith Pennington as full-time head cook at the high school and to increase the hourly wage by fifty cents per hour. Motion carried: 6-0

Jay Powers moved, seconded by Mike Pfeifer, to extend the superintendent's contract by one year, 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried: 6-0

At 10:30 p.m., Russ Komlofske moved, seconded by Tim Miller, to adjourn. Motion carried: 6-0

Submitted:

Approved: