

BALDWIN CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 348

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting

**DISTRICT OFFICE
708 CHAPEL STREET
BALDWIN CITY, KS. 66006**

**MONDAY
June 7, 2010
6:30 PM**

- A. President Alison Bauer called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Board Members Alison Bauer, Ruth Barkley, Blaine Cone, Ande Parks, Scott Lauridsen, Joshua Mihesuah and Bill Busby. Also attending were Superintendent Paul Dorathy and Clerk of the Board, Laura Morford. See attached attendance sheet.

**Call to Order by
Board President**

- B. Blaine Cone moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to approve the amended agenda. The board agreed to add BHS Culinary to Item E, Recognition, PAC bids to Item I, Old Business and attorney client privilege to Item C, executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

**Approval of
Amended Agenda**

- C. Blaine Cone moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of the individuals to be discussed, and that we return to open session in this room in 15 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:33 p.m.

Executive Session

Alison Bauer moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to go into executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and that we return to open session in this room in 12 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Time: 6:48 p.m. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- D. Blaine Cone moved and Bill Busby seconded to approve the Consent Agenda

Approval of

and the *May 3 and 10, 2010 minutes, monthly operating account in the amount of \$456,051.99, bond account in the amount of \$1,351,003.85 and payrolls in the amount of \$622,014.22.* Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Consent Agenda

- E. The board recognized the Journal World Academic All Star students, Lauren Barnes, Molly Bostwick and Alison Berg. The board also recognized Lauren Barnes and Molly Bostwick for placing in the Douglas County legal essay contest.

Recognition

- F.
- Crystal Harris thanked the board for all their work. She spoke to the board about a petition that appears to be sponsored by the board of education. She suggested pay to ride. Use of facilities at VES is heavy and said fees should be imposed. Expressed concerns about closing schools. We need to be one district.
 - Susan England gave the board a petition. Susan also shared her concerns about the financial situation of the district. She encouraged the board to make decisions based on facts not emotions.
 - Chad Christy talked about cuts already made in the district the past three years.
 - Kim Bielfuss agreed with Chad that we are in a crisis situation. Kim spoke about equity among the schools. Kim gave board members a print out of numbers she gathered from the Lawrence school district and county courthouse. She stated the tax rates and how much is paid by rural farms.
 - Amy Christy asked about the number of people that attend schools and live outside the school boundaries.
 - Kimberly Wolff shared comments and concerns about when the programs that have been cut will be replaced and when will textbooks be replaced. Buildings are crumbling, busses are run to the ground and libraries need to be open. We should be offering additional classes not taking away. Six buildings is a drain on the district. Consolidation needs happen the district.
 - Mindy Gilliland stated she has three students in the district. She is concerned for her kids education.
 - Ed Kite spoke about the financial situation and stated that it is not a short term situation. Mr. Kite said we need to consolidate.
 - Christy Darnell is the future president at the BESIC and BESPC PTO and spoke about how exciting it would be to come together. She hopes that if and when we come together we can all get along for our kids.
 - Jennifer Letner aligns with what Christy said. It is hard to keep emotions out of it, but says if you know what needs to be done, to rip off the band-aid and do it.
 - Marilee Valentine said she has been teaching in the district for six years. She stated she doesn't even know how to fill out a requisition because she never has since we don't have money. She added she has received her Masters and was supposed to move on the salary

Public Comment

- schedule, but has not been able to do so because of money.
- Grace Wagner said she wrote a letter and hadn't decided if it needed to go to the board or the Signal. Grace said she decided to read it to everyone in the room. She read her concerns of the division that is happening and how it saddens her. She understands there is not an easy solution, we need to come together.
- Ann Christy doesn't want to lose those teachers at the outlying school. She said we are going to lose good teachers if we don't pay them.
- Amy Carlson grew up here and has listened to everyone, she has a 6th grader and 10th grader. It breaks her heart to hear her kids upset knowing they may lose their teacher. She said it floors her to have to pay for the supplies.
- Amy Berg gave a packet to each board member. Amy addressed the website that states the mission and goals. She stated we also want those same things. She talked about technology how important it is to our district. If we do not have financial stability, those things cannot be gained.
- Amy Anderson read several questions concerning the budget for next year. She asked the board to consider all the points listed.
- Kent Johnson said his son just graduated BHS. He said you have to create the environment for the students to learn. He said he is concerned that we don't have a plan to reinvest in our schools. He also said that when it comes down to closing buildings, his hope was that everyone can come together and all be proud.
- Lisa Patrick said she has three kids in school. She has noticed over the years with her own kids the slow decline over the years beginning with field trips. My kids are now at an age where their interests lie in programs. She is concerned that making cuts to programs will affect the growth.
- Kim Bielfuss asked why we have K-2 and 3-5? Alison said the board cannot answer that question at this time.

A parent group gave a 15 minute presentation about the financial responsibility of the board and showed pictures of areas throughout the district that need attention.

Board took a 5 minute break.

- G. Cynde Frick reported to the Board regarding the school district's present cash balances and budget standing. **Financial Report**

Ruth Barkley moved and Bill Busby seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Cynde presented a bid for HP Procurve switches for board action. This is the remaining equipment we need to bring the new building online and complete our network infrastructure as part of the bond issue.

Joshua Mihesuah moved and Blaine Cone seconded to approve the bid from SHI International for \$20,429.00. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Cynde discussed with the board a purchase for furniture for the new primary center. Blaine Cone moved and Alison Bauer seconded to approve a purchase for furniture from Virco in the amount of \$74,180.48. Motion carried with a

vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Cynde explained that every year at this time, the board needs to make a motion to authorize necessary transfers.

Alison Bauer moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to authorize the Director of Financial Operations to make any necessary transfers, as allowed by law, to the Food Service Fund, Special Education Fund, Contingency Fund, Textbook Fund, Vocational Fund and to pay bills from the unencumbered cash balance of the General Fund and Supplemental General Fund monies as of June 30, 2010, and not to exceed budget expenditures as set by Kansas Law. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Gabriel Hinshaw presented a recommendation for a bid on playground equipment for the new primary center.

Bill Busby moved and Joshua Miheuah seconded we approve the bid from Abcreative, Inc in the amount of \$85,885.00. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Gabriel also updated board members on the budget of the bond projects to date.

- H. Gary Stevanus presented the activities report to board members. Gary asked the board for permission to use the district's helmets during camp. Blaine Cone moved and Joshua Miheuah approved the camp attendees use the school district's helmets during camp.

**Administrative
Reports**

Shaun Moseman requested board approval for a new course at BHS for Kansas Math Standards.

Bill Busby moved and Alison Bauer seconded to approve the Kansas Math Standards Course at BHS. Motion was approved with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- I. Ande Parks and Ruth Barkley reviewed two versions of a possible policy on naming facilities. The board had discussion about what direction they could agree upon. Scott said it can be manageable and shared some ways we could make it work. Scott suggested defining what "facilities" means. Mr. Dorathy explained how some district's have a hall of fame to recognize and explained how he has seen this work. The board agreed to get public input. The board agreed to have Mr. Dorathy name the Primary Center building.

Old Business

Alison talked about the 360 degree superintendent evaluation tool. She explained some of the wording does not match with our district. Alison will be bringing this item to the table at the next meeting.

- J. The board was given a list of records due for destruction. The board will review the list and may take action at the July regular board meeting.

New Business

- K. Blaine Cone updated board members on the Coop.

**Board Member
Input**

Scott said we need to keep the budget on the agenda for each meeting. Since the last meeting we have lost the opportunity to save teacher's jobs. Scott said we need to make a decision one way or the other and that he supports closing

at least one building for next year. He would also like to investigate using the BESPC to maximize the waiting monies and to look at this very hard to get the most out of it.

Ande agreed with Scott and supports discussion happening soon, but not necessarily voting on it at the next board meeting. Ande said the board needs to continue with discussion. He also said we need to look at class sizes to make sure we know how to keep them balanced. Ande stated he does not support increasing activity fees.

Mr. Dorathy told board members he and Cynde have been looking at the fees for next year and feel like the recommendation will be not to raise fees.

Joshua said he wanted to say he appreciated the comments from parents. He also hoped the parents would continue their support.

- L. Mr. Dorathy updated the board of the sale of bonds approved at an earlier meeting. Since the board approved the sale of bonds, the market changed and the cost savings was no longer available. He explained that we are currently sitting on this sale until the market is back and the savings previously approved by the BOE is back to the same level.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Mr. Dorathy said previously the board had scheduled a second meeting in June, but doesn't feel it is necessary. Scott Lauridsen moved and Alison Bauer seconded to cancel the June 28, 2010 Board of Education meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- M. Alison Bauer moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to go into executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and that we return to open session in this room in 10 minutes. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Time: 9:32 p.m.

Executive Session

- N. Blaine Cone moved and Alison Bauer seconded to approve the personnel report as presented.

**Consider
Executive Session
Matters**

Recommendations:

			Hours	Days	Effective
Eric Jamison	BESIC/BESPC	Custodian-evening	8	5	6/8/2010
Shannon Brown	BJHS	Custodian-evening	8	5	6/8/2010
Mark Joslyn	BHS	Head Soccer Coach			6/8/2010
Susan Jansen	BHS	Summer Drill Team Sponsor			6/8/2010
Lindsey Sola	District	PAT Educator	.5 FTE		6/8/2010
Paul Dorathy	District	Superintendent			Extend contract to 2011-2012
Shaun Moseman	BHS	Principal			Extend contract 2010-2011
Dan Wallsmith	BESIC	Principal			Extend contract 2010-2011
Bret Jones	BHS	Assistant Principal			Extend contract 2010-2011

Resignations:

Brock Hartshorn	BHS	Head Baseball Coach	5/21/2010
Sue Schmidt	BESPC	Kindergarten Instructor	5/24/2010

Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Ande Parks moved and Alison Bauer seconded to approve resolutions to non-renew contracts for the 2010-2011 school year for Brooks Heath and Tony Schwager. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0.

O. No other discussion at this time.

Discussion Items

p. Alison Bauer moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 10:01 p.m.

Adjournment

Approved:

Attest:

Alison Bauer, President
Board of Education

Laura Morford
Clerk of the Board