

Board of Education Minutes
Fort Leavenworth, U.S.D. 207
16 October 2008 - 1300 Hours

1. Pursuant to authority of K.S.A. 72-8205, the Board of Education, U.S.D. 207, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas held a regular board meeting at 1300 hours, 16 October 2008 in the Board Office Conference Room.

Members Present: COL (Ret) Stephen J. Kempf - President
Mrs. Teresa K. White - Vice President
COL (Ret) Edith M. Rob - Member

In addition to the members present, the meeting was attended by Ms. Deborah A. Baeuchle, Superintendent; Mr. Keith A. Mispagel, Deputy Superintendent; COL (Ret) William J. Heinen, Clerk of the Board; Mrs. Birgitta Melick, Recording Secretary; Mr. Bryan Brown, Director of Technology; Dr. Jeanne Berg, Mrs. Marlene Black, Mr. Brian Schwanz, USD 207 Principals; Ms. Glenda LaBarbera, Assistant Director LCSEC; Mr. Arlen Bunge, Mrs. Wendy Cook, Ms. Mary Vardeman, USD 207 Counselors; Ms. Sheila Klosterman, Administrative Intern from the University of Alaska; Ms. Melissa Bower, LAMP Reporter;

2. A motion was made, seconded and carried 3-0 to amend the agenda by removing Item 7 (Review of correspondence) due to no correspondence this month and Item 9 (Report on math program at Patton SY08-09) due to a coaching commitment of presenter Mr. Charlie Stillian, Assistant Principal Patton Jr. High . (Encl 1)
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2008 were reviewed and a motion was made, seconded and carried 3-0 to approve as written. (Encl 2)
4. The financial reports for September 2008 were reviewed and a motion was made, seconded and carried 3-0 to approve as written. (Encl 3)
5. The warrant report starting with check number 38213 thru 38422 was reviewed and a motion was made, seconded and carried 3-0 to approve as written. (Encl 4)
6. The MAXIMUS presentation could not take place due to absence of the presenter. The Maximus presentation was moved to next month.
7. The superintendent reported the following:
 - a) Preliminary reports on Standard of Excellence: Mr. Keith Mispagel, Deputy Superintendent, provided a report from Mr. Dave Bowman, Kansas State Department of Education, in which it states that USD 207 made 100% AYP district wide. We also made

Standard of Excellence in all 4 buildings, while Standard of Excellence was met in 20 out of 26 categories (later corrected to 30 of 36 categories). Mr. Mispagel stated that the categories which did not meet the standards will be reviewed at the building and district level. (Encl 5)

b) NAFIS conference update:

Ms. Deborah Baeuchle, Superintendent, stated that she, along with COL (Ret) Edith Rob, Board Member and Keith Mispagel, Deputy Superintendent attended the NAFIS conference in September. She also provided an email from NAFIS stating that the House and Senate have agreed to \$40 million in the DOD FY'09 funding for military impacted schools. She also stated that the overall message they received from the conference was that due to the current economic situation there is no extra money for programs. (Encl 6)

c) Construction updates: COL Heinen reported on the following:

Renovation of Biddle Blvd.: Starting Monday, October 27, 2008, the post will resurface Biddle Boulevard between Kansas Avenue and the Board of Education building. South entrances to the Board of Education and MacArthur Elementary will not be accessible. North parking lot and circle drive will be accessible for MacArthur. Board of Education must be accessed from the North and employees need to still park in the regular parking lot.

Maintenance Facility: The moving of materials has started. On October 27, 2008 the buses will be moved to the Maintenance Facility due to construction on Biddle Boulevard. COL Rob was concerned about safety and security. The main concern was exterior lighting. COL Heinen stated that there should be enough outdoor lighting at the facility to discourage mischief and that the gates should be installed within the next couple of weeks.

Patton Jr. High: Laying sod is the last action required to complete the Patton addition.

d) Snow policy for SY08-09: Ms. Deborah Baeuchle, Superintendent, presented the updated SY08-09 snow policy. Delayed start on snow days was brought up for discussion. COL Rob stated that the Post is unsure why the schools do not support delayed start. Ms. Baeuchle replied by stating that parents working off post count on schools being open and having bus drivers available at a later time might also be a problem. It was mentioned that a delayed start for Post confuses parents. Mr. Mispagel mentioned that an Automated Response System is being evaluated for purchase. COL Rob requested a building administration matrix to look at all perspectives of a delayed start, i.e. financial and safety. Mrs. White stated that communication might become a problem. She recommended to either completely go along with Post or not at all. COL Rob stated that if school parking lots and roads are cleared by 0700 hrs a delayed start should not be necessary. Ms. Baeuchle reminded everyone that most staff arrives from off Post where roads might not be cleared by 0700 hrs. She recommended no delayed start. Students should attend either a full day of school or receive a snow day. A motion was made, second and carried 3-0 to approve the snow policy as written. (Encl 7)

- e) Official State Count Day: Ms. Deborah Baeuchle, Superintendent, reported that the State Count Day enrollment was 1795 as reported to the Kansas State Department of Education. (Encl 8)
 - f) November professional development activities: Due to a dental emergency of Mrs. Geri Parscale, Director of Professional Development and Instruction, no presentation was made. Ms. Baeuchle stated that the next professional development day will be November 10, 2008. The topics of this day are technology in the morning and 403(b) Plan presentation in the afternoon. The first visit of the APQC Benchmarking Group will be on November 4, 2008.
 - g) Information on National Teacher Certification: Ms. Deborah Baeuchle, Superintendent, stated that this program is a financial commitment. There are still pro and con questions. COL Rob requested a survey of the teachers to determine if there would be an interest. She also wanted to know where the cost came from. Mrs. White stated that she thinks this is positive and an opportunity for the military wives to receive national certification. She also thought more research is required. Motion was made, second and carried 3-0 to get information about National Teacher Certification to the teachers and survey the interest. An information sheet from Geri Parscale, Director of Professional Development and Instruction, to be presented at the December Board meeting was requested. (Encl 9)
 - h) Information on Counseling Programs for Students with Deployed Parents: The Board of Education commended the counselors for their programs involving students with deployed parents. COL Rob mentioned that integration between TriCare and the schools to provide a universal program would be beneficial. The Board of Education tasked the counselors to check into other ways to support the program, i.e. the military resources or tapping into other sources. (Encl 10)
8. A motion was made, second and carried 3-0 to approve a first semester field trip to the Agriculture Hall of Fame on October 21, 2008. COL Rob requested to look into the option of having the field trips approved at the superintendent level. Mr. Keith Mispagel was tasked with compiling a list of all field trip locations. (Encl 11)
9. The *Facility Use* policy was checked and several suggestions for improvement were made. Mrs. White suggested shortening the policy. Other suggestions were narrowing facility use to just one building, spelling out sound system usage, and getting the policy checked by a lawyer. The Board of Education has requested a revision of the policy to be presented in November 2008.

Regarding Attendance Guidelines, the question rose what is personal illness? Truancy needs to be looked at. The policy is about 90% complete but needs additional clarification. The Board of Education has requested to keep working and revisiting the guidelines. No date has been set for Board Presentation. (Encl 12)

10. A motion was made, second and carried 3-0 to approve the revised budget and allocation of 30% Impact aid funds. (Encl 13)
11. A motion was made, second and carried 3-0 to approve the Employee Assistance Program with Professional Associates.
12. A motion was made, second and carried 3-0 to approve the Jump for Heart Fundraising. COL Rob requested to have fundraisers approved at the superintendent level. (Encl 14)

Board President COL (Ret) Stephen Kempf announced at 1442 hours to delay executive session and continue with Item 16.

13. A motion was made, second and carried 3-0 to approve ING National Trust as the 403(b) and 457(b) Retirement Plan Provider. COL Heinen informed the Board of Education that the 403(b) Committee had chosen the above named company by an anonymous vote. ING had been chosen over 11 other applicants. The committee narrowed the applicants to 5, then 3. ING provides a bundled package: investment options, record keeping, and education. The educational process will start November 10, 2008 with the initial enrollment to be complete by December 10, 2008. (Encl 15)
14. A motion was made, second and carried 3-0 to approve the purchase of transportation buses and maintenance vehicles. The Board of Education approved the purchase of three camera ready school buses and two maintenance trucks. The Board approved the second lowest bid for the maintenance trucks due to the fact that the dealer is local. Mrs. White did not agree with the purchase of a box truck with high mileage for the quoted amount. She requested further research on this type of vehicle. COL Kempf agreed, and requested that further research be conducted to find a vehicle with fewer miles and to contact the board with the results of the search. (Encl 16)
15. A motion was made, second and carried 3-0 to go into executive session at 1530 hours for the purpose of discussing:
 - Personnel matters of non-elected personnel: To protect the privacy interest of an identifiable individual.The Board will return to open meeting at 1640 hours.

Ms. Baeuchle and Mr. Mispagel were invited into the executive session.
16. The open meeting reconvened at 1640 hours.

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17. The Superintendent, Ms. Deborah A. Baeuchle, has been directed to contact the family on their determination of nonresident enrollment, as approved by the Board of Education. (Encl 17)
18. A motion was made, second and carried 3-0 to approve the Board Meeting for next month to be held at MacArthur Elementary on November 19, 2008 at 1600 hours.
19. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1645 hours.

STEPHEN J. KEMPF
COL, USA (RET)
PRESIDENT

WILLIAM J. HEINEN
CLERK