

# **Rural Vista USD 481 Board of Education**

## **Regular Board Meeting**

**June 9, 2014**

**White City, KS**

**7:00 p.m.**

### **Unofficial minutes until approved by the Board of Education.**

**Board Members Present:** Jim Barten, Larry Goracke, Vicki Gruber, Jess Hopper, Mike Jacobson, Chad Johnson, Theresa McCreath

**Others Present:** Superintendent Ralph Blevins, Principal Mike Teeter (Hope), Principal Kate Harmison (White City), Joan Anderson (Board Clerk), Joann Kahnt (The Prairie Post), J R Sparke (The Abilene Reflector-Chronicle), Jeremy Harmison, Tanya Coons-Redig, Joni Peterson, Amber Davis

#### **Call to Order**

The USD 481 Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Jim Barten at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Larry Goracke moved to accept the consent agenda. Vicki Gruber seconded the motion. Motion Carried 7-0

#### **Adoption of the April Meeting Agenda**

The changes to the agenda included switching (a) and (b) under old business and adding (e) Hot Water Heaters. Under new business, Larry Goracke would present a handout and there would be an executive session before resignations. Vicki Gruber moved to approve the June meeting agenda with the additions. Mike Jacobson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 7-0

#### **Public Presentation**

Tanya Coons-Redig addressed the board during Citizen's Open Forum and suggested having the board hire KASB to present a board training workshop like past USD 481 boards had done.

The board clerk read a thank you from the family of Bill Tiede.

There was no governmental relations report.

#### **Old Business**

Superintendent Blevins went over the process of figuring the budget, presented proposed cuts, and projected Capital Outlay mill levy revenue and purchases.

Vicki Gruber moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of May, 2014, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 481, Dickinson County, Kansas, by resolution duly adopted, took action to notify Rachel Avery, of the board's intent to nonrenew her contract as a teacher for the 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, the clerk of the board of education gave written notice to Rachel Avery on the 13th day of May, 2014, that it was the intent of the board of education to nonrenew her contract for the 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, after extensive consideration and thorough discussion, the board has determined that the matter should be resolved as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 481, DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS:

Section 1. That the contract of Rachel Avery be nonrenewed for the 2014-2015 school year;

Section 2. That the clerk of the board of education give, personally or by U.S. mail, Rachel Avery a signed copy of this resolution.

Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Theresa McCreath moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of May, 2014, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 481, Dickinson County, Kansas, by resolution duly adopted, took action to notify Susan McConnell, of the board's intent to nonrenew her contract as a teacher for the 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, the clerk of the board of education gave written notice to Susan McConnell on the 13th day of May, 2014, that it was the intent of the board of education to nonrenew her contract for the 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, after extensive consideration and thorough discussion, the board has determined that the matter should be resolved as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 481, DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS:

Section 1. That the contract of Susan McConnell be nonrenewed for the 2014-2015 school year;

Section 2. That the clerk of the board of education give, personally or by U.S. mail, Susan McConnell a signed copy of this resolution.

Mike Jacobson seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

The technology bids were presented by Superintendent Blevins. Discussion was held. Theresa McCreath moved to accept the "Tax Exempt Installment Sale & \$1 Buyout" through Financial Services. Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

The insurance bids from Tim Tyner Insurance and KASB were discussed by the board. Theresa McCreath moved to accept the bid from KASB which included the \$500 deductible on the Workers Compensation proposal. Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Hot Water Heater bids were presented from Stroda Plumbing Service, Inc. and KVK Inc. Discussion was held. Vicki Gruber moved to accept the bid from Stroda Plumbing Service. Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 4-3 (Larry Goracke, Mike Jacobson, Chad Johnson opposed)

### **New Business**

Larry Goracke distributed an Open Meetings Act handout pertaining to regulations concerning items that could and could not be discussed in executive session.

At 8:07 p.m., Theresa McCreath moved that the Board of Education and Superintendent go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board would return to the open meeting in 5 minutes. Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 8:12 p.m.

At 8:12 p.m., Jess Hopper moved that the Board of Education and Superintendent go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board would return to the open meeting in 5 minutes. Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Theresa McCreath moved to accept the resignation of Kate Harmison and not to assess a liquidated damages fee. Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.  
Motion Failed 3-4 (Larry Goracke, Jess Hopper, Mike Jacobson, Chad Johnson opposed)

Larry Goracke moved to accept the resignation of Kate Harmison and to assess a \$3,000 liquidated damages fee per her contract. Chad Johnson seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 4-3 (Jim Barten, Vicki Gruber, Theresa McCreath opposed)

Jim Barten wanted to clear up a rumor and stated that Principal Harmison was not fired.

Theresa McCreath moved to accept the resignation of Rachael Green, the district Vo-Ag teacher. Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Theresa McCreath moved to accept the resignation of Joan Anderson, Board Clerk. Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Vicki Gruber moved to approve Cassandra Phillips as the Hope 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

At 8:26 p.m., Theresa McCreath moved that the Board of Education, Superintendent, and Principals go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board would return to the open meeting in 20 minutes. Mike Jacobson seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 8:46 p.m.

At 8:46 p.m., Larry Goracke moved that the Board of Education, Superintendent, and Principals go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board would return to the open meeting in 10 minutes. Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

The Board of Education returned to the open meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Vicki Gruber moved to approve renewing the employment contracts of the classified employees except for Ruby Davis and Joan Brackney and to eliminate Ilona Rice and Carrie Carlson as preschool aides, but increase their library aide hour to 5 ½ hours per day. Larry Goracke seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Theresa McCreath moved to appoint Kasey Anderson as the temporary board clerk at a rate of \$14.07 per hour and pay \$100 per board meeting. Chad Johnson seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Theresa McCreath moved to pay Joan Anderson up to \$2000 for payroll training and budget work. Mike Jacobson seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Vicki Gruber moved to approve Mike Teeter as the acting Principal at White City and to move Joel Kahnt to a lead teacher position with a stipend being figured at a later date. Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Joann Kahnt, a member of the Council Grove Area Foundation, spoke to the Board about the grants and scholarships awarded by the Foundation to not only Council Grove, but to neighboring towns through money received from people wanting to further their communities. The White City School was being awarded \$10,200 in grants to various classes. Theresa McCreath moved to accept the \$10,200 in grants from the Council Grove Area Foundation. Chad Johnson seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Vicki Gruber moved to accept the following out of district request list conditionally:  
Hope – Katherine Thomas (10<sup>th</sup>), Rachel Thomas (8<sup>th</sup>), Montana Collins (3<sup>rd</sup>), Quentin Collins (K), Brantley Floyd (11<sup>th</sup>), Wesley Floyd (9<sup>th</sup>), Matthew Floyd (6<sup>th</sup>), Grant Eskeldson (1<sup>st</sup>)  
White City – Jake Anderson (11<sup>th</sup>), Dalton Matthews (8<sup>th</sup>), Jhet Johnson (K)  
Larry Goracke seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Theresa McCreath moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 481, Dickinson County, State of Kansas, is authorized by K.S.A. 72-8801, to make an annual tax levy at a mill rate not exceeding the statutorily-prescribed mill rate for a period of time as determined by the Board of Education upon the taxable tangible property in the district for the purpose specified in said law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined to exercise the authority vested in it by said law;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved that:

The above-named school board shall be authorized to make a continuous and permanent annual tax levy in an amount not to exceed 8 mills upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing, maintaining and equipping of school district property and equipment necessary for school district purposes, including (1) Acquisition of computer software; (2) acquisition of performance uniforms; (3) housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board; (4) architectural expenses; (5) acquisition of building sites; (6) undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects; (7) acquisition of school buses; and (8) acquisition of other fixed assets, and for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 calendar days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for that purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the Board of Education of the above school district.

Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Mike Jacobson moved to accept the presented monthly meeting schedule for 2014-15. Chad Johnson seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Vicki Gruber moved to give the Superintendent and Board Clerk authority to commit the unencumbered budget of the general fund for the year end 2013-14 to cash disbursements and transfers to the extent of the unencumbered cash that benefits the cash flow of the district. Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Theresa McCreath moved to allow the district office personnel to destroy old records in accordance with the government guidelines. Larry Goracke seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Vicki Gruber moved to raise the price per meal \$.10 to be in line with state requirements and to raise adult breakfast prices \$.25. Theresa McCreath seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Theresa McCreath moved to have the 2014-15 student material fees remain at \$65 per student for grades K-12 with a maximum fee of \$260 per family and those that qualified for free lunches based on the free meal application status pay \$30 per student for grades K-12 with a maximum fee of \$120 per family. Mike Jacobson seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Theresa McCreath moved that the district substitute teacher pay remain at \$90 for a full day and \$45 for a half day for the first 20 days of work each fiscal year and after the 20<sup>th</sup> day of work during the fiscal year, the pay increases to \$100 for a full day and \$50 for a half day. Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Tate Riedy sent a written request asking permission to do work study during the 2014-15 school year. Principal Teeter stated that this was a common request and he would work with Tate so Tate's schedule would allow for the work study. President Barten stressed to Mr. Teeter that he needed to make sure he followed through on Tate's work study request.

Theresa McCreath moved to approve the supplemental list as presented (see attachment) with the removal of Ashley Wey as the JH volleyball assistant coach and to approve Stephanie Laudemann as the cheerleading coach as long as she had a signed letter from 5 students stating that they would participate for the 2014-15 school year. Vicki Gruber seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried 7-0

Superintendent Blevins informed the Board that once the budget is finished, he will get with the negotiating team to finalize negotiations.

### **Administrative Reports**

Principal Teeter updated the board on various events at school and the reports submitted. He also stated that Dustin Davidson and Quenton Adkins went to state in track at Hope. Dustin Davidson was in the 8-Man All-Star football game.

Principal Harmison reported that Sam Morgan and Terrence Egger also competed in the 8-Man All-Star football game. She announced that Paula Young had made it to state in track. The

board was updated on various topics including enrollment which will be August 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00 p.m. and on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

There was no superintendent report.

**Adjournment**

Theresa McCreath moved to adjourn. Chad Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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Board of Education President

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Board Clerk

Approved:

Supplemental Administrative Recommendation			
2014-15	Rural Vista	Hope	White City
Athletic Director		Steve Riedy - .5	
HS Football	Jeff Hostetter		
HS Asst. Football	Joe Ross		
HS Asst. Football			
HS Volleyball	Marlene Teeter	NA	NA
HS Asst Volleyball		NA	NA
HS Boys BB	Joel Kahnt	NA	NA
HS Asst. Boys BB		NA	NA
HS Girls BB	Joe Ross	NA	NA
HS Girls Asst. BB	Marlene Teeter	NA	NA
HS Head Track	NA	Gordon Polston	Denny Crable
HS Asst Track	NA	Kane Hensley	Darby Jones
		Kim Kroupa	
HS Scholars Bowl	NA	Melissa Schrader	Nancy Morgan
Dual Credit			
Forensics	NA	XXXX	XXXX
Yearbook	NA	Melissa Schrader	Misty Wren
Senior Class Sponsor	NA	Gordon Polson	Denny Crable
			Joel Kahnt
Junior Class Sponsor	NA	Kelli Elliott	Stacy Kahnt
Soph Class Sponsor	NA	Dallas Friedli	Kari Hinkle
Freshman Class Sponsor	NA	Jessica Painter	Darby Jones
8th Grade Sponsor	NA	Chris Johnson	Kari Hinkle
Cheerleading	NA		Stephanie Laudemann
STUCO	NA	Jessica Painter	Debbie Fairbanks
Weight Room	NA	Joe Ross	Joel Kahnt
FCCLA	Donna Ryff	NA	NA
FBLA	NA	Jessica Painter	XXXX
NHS	NA	Melissa Schrader	Lorrie Kasten
Head Teacher	NA	Greg Berens	Joel Kahnt



FFA		NA	NA
Vocal Music Director		Joetta Nagely	Amy Harms
Pep Band Director			
Dist Instrumental Music Dir	Amy Harms		
Driver's Ed	NA	Steve Riedy	Denny Crable
JH Football	Steve Riedy	NA	NA
JH Football Asst	Darby Jones	NA	NA
JH Volleyball	Nancy Brockmeier	NA	NA
JH Volleyball Asst	<del>Ashley Wey</del>	NA	NA
JH Boys BB	Darby Jones	NA	NA
JH Boys BB Asst.	G. P. Floyd	NA	NA
JH Girls BB	Kane Hensley	NA	NA
JH Girls BB Asst.	Casey Riedy	NA	NA
JH Scholars Bowl	NA	Vernetta Hammersmith	Kelly Glanville
Mentor Teachers		Pam Krause	
Bldg Technology Asst	NA	Nancy Brockmeier	Joel Kahnt 1yr.
	Totals	Totals	