

McLouth USD 342
Board of Education Meeting
February 11, 2008

Present: Mrs. Leah Bristol, Mr. Mitchel Campbell, Mr. Edward Courtney, Mr. Andy Sullivan, Mr. Mike Tullis, Mrs. Jean Rush and Mrs. Lorie Patterson

Absent: Mr. Dan Evans, Mr. Doug Walbridge

Also Present: Mr. Robert Batman, Mr. Mike Bogard, Mr. Tom Pierce, Dr. Linda Aldridge, Ms. Rhonda Denning and Ms. Sheila Smith

I. Call to Order

Mr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

A. Welcome

B. Roll Call

C. Adoption of agenda – Mrs. Bristol moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Request to speak reminder

II. Consent Agenda

Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the consent agenda including the approval of minutes and the treasurer's report; authorize payment of bills (checks #23788-23873); and accepting a resignation from Mr. Harry Hester-Middle School Head Boys Basketball Coach. Mrs. Bristol seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

III. Student Presentation

A. None.

IV. Recognitions

The board recognized Mrs. Booth and the Scholars' Bowl Team for their state qualifying performance at regional competition and their achievements at the state competition. The board also recognized Mr. Lobb for assisting the transportation department during the recent winter weather.

V. Communications

A. Citizens Open Forum – None.

B. Board Members' Report – None.

C. Principals' & Supervisor Reports – Mr. Batman invited the board to visit and observe the student smart board use in the preschool classroom. He also reported that Mrs. Sheri Thomas was elected to the State Board of the Kansas Staff Development Council. Mr. Pierce reported that the Scholars' Bowl team made it out of pool play at the state competition and received 6th out of 16 teams. He also reported on the middle school boys' basketball tournament and the need for a junior varsity schedule in baseball and softball.

Mr. Dan Evans arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Bogard reminded the board about student recognition at the February 12th and February 18th basketball games. He also reported that Kassidie Kramer is being nominated for the 2008 Academic All-State Team by the Topeka Capital-Journal and Kassidie Kramer and Martin Lucas are being nominated for the 2008 Academic All-State Team by the Lawrence Journal-World.

Mr. Bogard reported that state assessments would begin on February 25th.

D. Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Rush reported that the E-rate applications were done, the district was approved for donations from the 190th Air-Refueling out of Topeka for technology equipment, budget weighting in transportation will be up a little and discussed the supplemental general fund revenue.

VI. Student Learning and Support Services – Information Only

A. NEKESC Report – Dr. Aldridge, Ms. Smith and Ms. Denning discussed NEKESC

revenue, expenditures, district assessments, AYP, state assessments and strategies to improve student achievement.

Mr. Doug Walbridge arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Wes Patterson and Mr. Paul Reed arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Rush requested that the board move to item VII.B and then return to item VI.B.

B. Coaches & Sponsors Report – Mr. Pierce discussed the coaches and sponsors handbook, eligibility and junior varsity programs for baseball/softball. He also answered board questions regarding activities.

Mr. Tullis left the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

VII. Student Learning and Support Services – Action Items

A. NEKESC Inter-Local Agreement – Mr. Evans moved to approve the Northeast Kansas Educational Service Center Inter-Local Agreement. Mrs. Bristol seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Tullis returned to the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

B. Facilities and Transportation – Mr. Reed discussed the bus bids. Mr. Tullis moved to purchase the 2006 Blue Bird for \$55,900. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried 6-1. Mr. Patterson discussed the information from Dresser Consulting Engineers Incorporated. Mr. Walbridge moved to accept the proposal from Dressler to provide the design services for a replacement roof on the gold gym in the amount of \$8,475.00. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Campbell moved to approve purchases not to exceed \$6,000 for light fixtures in the remaining elementary rooms, hallways and exterior of the building. Mr. Walbridge seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Campbell moved to take a 5 minute break at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Returned to regular session at 9:00 p.m.

C. Policy Changes-2nd Reading – Mr. Evans moved to approve the second and final reading of policy 2.16 and the high school handbook-Activity Accounts changes as presented. Mr. Walbridge seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Auditor – Mr. Walbridge moved to approve Lowenthal, Singleton, Webb and Wilson for the 2007-2008 school year for \$5,025. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Entrepreneurship Proposal – Mr. Evans moved to approve the entrepreneurship class field trip and requested a student report be presented to the board after the trip. Mr. Courtney seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Executive session – Mr. Evans moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that the board return to open session in the library at 10:05. In addition to the board, Mr. Evans invited Mrs. Rush, Mr. Batman, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Bogard into executive session. Mrs. Bristol seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Rush, Mr. Batman, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Bogard attended executive session. Returned to open session at 10:05. Mr. Campbell moved to return to executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that the board return to open session in the library at 10:30. In addition to the board, Mr. Campbell invited Mrs. Rush into executive session. Mr. Walbridge seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Rush attended executive session. Returned to open session at 10:30.

Mr. Walbridge moved to extend the meeting past 10:30 p.m. Mr. Tullis seconded. Motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Walbridge moved to return to executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and that the board return to open session in the library at 10:46. In addition to the board, Mr. Walbridge invited Mrs. Rush into executive session. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Rush attended executive session. Returned to open session at 10:46. Mr. Walbridge moved to return to executive session

to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and that the board return to open session in the library at 10:57. In addition to the board, Mr. Walbridge invited Mrs. Rush into executive session. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Rush attended executive session. Returned to open session at 10:57. Mr. Campbell moved to return to executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that the board return to open session in the library at 11:08. In addition to the board, Mr. Campbell invited Mrs. Rush into executive session. Mr. Walbridge seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Rush attended executive session. Mrs. Rush left executive session at 11:05. Returned to open session at 11:08. Mr. Campbell moved to return to executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that the board return to open session in the library at 11:15. Mr. Walbridge seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Returned to open session at 11:15. Mr. Campbell moved to return to executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that the board return to open session in the library at 11:31. Mr. Walbridge seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Returned to open session at 11:31. Mr. Sullivan moved to return to executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that the board return to open session in the library at 11:38. In addition to the board, Mr. Sullivan invited Mrs. Rush into executive session. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Rush attended executive session. Returned to open session at 11:38. Mr. Sullivan moved to return to executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that the board return to open session in the library at 11:44. In addition to the board, Mr. Sullivan invited Mrs. Rush into executive session. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Rush attended executive session. Returned to open session at 11:44.

G. Personnel – Mr. Walbridge moved to approve a one year extension on Mr. Batman and Mr. Bogard's contracts. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Sullivan left the meeting at 11:48 p.m.

Mr. Walbridge moved to retain Butch Patterson as presented in the packet. Mrs. Bristol seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Sullivan returned to the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

VIII. Board Meeting Calendar

Mr. Campbell requested a Booster Club presentation at the next board meeting to include membership, goals and future plans. Mrs. Bristol seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Walbridge moved to post signs in the gymnasiums reminding citizens to have pride and respect for the facilities and to pick up their trash and to send a letter to those who will be using the facilities for non-school events with a list of usage responsibilities. Mrs. Bristol seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Evans moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Courtney seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:07.

Mr. Mitchel Campbell, President

Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Clerk