

**USD 353 Wellington
Board of Education Meeting
April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order: Jackie Berryman, President
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call: Stephanie Frazier, Clerk

- Jackie Berryman
- Carol Hadorn
- Larry Mangan
- Jason Newberry
- Jackie Glasgow
- Angie Ratcliff
- Pat Zeka

1.4 Review and Approval of Agenda

Angie Ratcliff motioned, seconded by Carol Hadorn to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 7/0.

2. Recognition of Patrons and Staff

Jackie Berryman recognized Mr. Jim McNiece.

3. Public Comments

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 State Board Member Jim McNiece Presentation

State Board Member Jim McNiece presented "The Challenge Awards" to Lincoln, Washington, and WMS. Mr. McNiece also presented on Redesign.

4.2 Calendar for 19-20

The draft calendar for 19-20 was presented. The draft represents a change from the first draft provided to the BOE. Changes include moving spring break and conferences one week later. All other schools in our league have scheduled spring break for the third week in March next year.

4.3 IKE Playground

Mr. Hatfield presented on plans for the IKE playground. Last year, the playground equipment was replaced at Washington, and IKE is tentatively scheduled for this summer. Adding ADA play equipment at each elementary is part of the district strategic plan.

4.4 KESA Goals

The district is in year two of the five-year accreditation cycle. The next accreditation visit is scheduled for April 29th at 10:30 a.m. At this meeting, our Outside Visiting Team (OVT) will review the district's goals for the cycle. The draft goals are as follows:

Relevance

The district will increase student learning outcomes through the development of a K-12 aligned curriculum.

Responsive Culture

The district will increase kindergarten readiness through development of a comprehensive early learning program.

These goals were developed after teachers, administrators, and SITE Councils scored district progress on rubrics based on the Four R's (Relevance, Responsive Culture, Relationships, and Results).

4.5 Edgenuity Software

The district uses Edgenuity software for the Fresh Start Program and for credit recovery at WHS. Additionally, the software is used for students who are placed on expulsion. For the last two years Maize has allowed us to use their licenses. For the 19-20 school year, the district will need to purchase licenses. The cost will be approximately \$25,000. This will be an action item in May and board members can view the software upon scheduling with Dr. Kern.

4.6 Staffing

The district is seeking to add two new positions for the 19-20 school year including Agriculture at WMS and a Public Relations Specialist. The ag. position will not be adding staff. By adding introductory ag courses at WMS, the district will receive funding for 9th grade students in ag classes in subsequent years. The goal is to move (over time) all intro to CTE coursed to WMS so all classes will be funded at the 9th grade level. (The intro. to ag. class relates to the district strategic plan.)

5. ACTION ITEM

5.1 Approve Reading Series

The board has received reports on the Reading Committee work related to the selection of a new basal series during the last three meetings. The current series has been in place for over a decade. Under the leadership of Dr. Kern, the committee narrowed the selection to two basal series. Teacher were then allowed to view the materials and voted via a survey. The teachers and the committee selected CKLA as the new reading series. The series is rated "green" (highest rating) by Ed Report (United States Department of Education).

Jackie Glasgow motioned, seconded by Pat Zeka to approve the purchase of CKLA Reading Series for grades 1-5 as presented.

Motion carried 7/0.

5.2 Approve Gift

The All Star Scholars Fund recently gave the district a gift of \$37,647.80 to be used to support the educational programs of USD 353.

Angie Ratcliff motioned, seconded by Jason Newberry to approve the gift from the All Star Scholars Fund as presented.

Motion carried 7/0.

5.3 IDEA VI-B Assurances

We receive over \$350,000 annually from in Federal VIB funds which are passed through the state to USD 353. These funds are to be spent toward the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Act. We primarily use this fund toward salaries of special education staff. By approving this application, the district is making assurances to the students of USD 353 that it will identify and serve students with disabilities and abide by all federal requirements.

Carol Hadorn motioned, seconded by Jackie Glasgow to approve the IDEA Assurances as presented.

Motion carried 7/0.

5.4 Approve Travel for Art Students

Request by Amy Groom

I need to get school board approval for Mr. Larkey and I to take Crusader Creator students to Des Moines, Iowa this summer. While there we will visit the Des Moines Art Center, Papa John Sculpture Park, the Farmer's Market, Art Fest Midwest and the Des Moines Arts Festival. I don't have exact dates yet, but the festival runs June 28-30 so it will span that weekend. Last time (2016) we went we left on Friday and returned on Monday. I think I might have 10-14 students going so the length of the trip will depend on how much money we have by the end of the school year and how many can go.

Carol Hadorn motioned, seconded by Angie Ratcliff to approve the out of state travel request for Crusader Creator students as presented.

Motion carried 7/0.

5.5 Approve Early Completers

Each year some students qualify for early graduation. By law, any student in foster care may graduate with 21 credit hours. Another group of students that we would consider eligible for early graduation would be Fresh Start students that are at least 18 and have earned 21 credits and students classified as "homeless".

Angie Ratcliff motioned, seconded by Jackie Glasgow to approve the early completers for graduation as presented.

Motion carried 7/0.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Janet Doud was recognized for induction into the Southwestern Teachers Hall of Fame.

Dr. Whitener congratulated the high school broadcasting team for receiving 1st place at the K-State Digital competition.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

7.1 Personnel

Angie Ratcliff motioned, seconded by Jason Newberry to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under the Kansas Open Meeting Act, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:00 p.m. to include administration.

Motion carried 7/0.

At 8:00 p.m. the meeting was back in open session with no binding action taken.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1. Approve March 2019 Regular & Special Meeting Minutes

8.2 Approve Financials

Transfers:

\$100,000 at-risk

\$25,000 latch key

\$50,000 vocations

Bills: 396,771.32

Payroll: 1,046,396.54

8.3 Approve Personnel

New Staff

Maggie Fink: Classroom Teacher, Kennedy

Tracie Ross: Classroom Teacher, Kennedy

Sharon Periera: Para Educator, WHS

Will Maddox: Para Educator, WHS

Haleigh Kierl: Para Educator, WMS

Devin Metzinger: WHS Math

Tiffin Meyer: Classroom Teacher, Kennedy

Tamberlyn Hendrix: 5th Grade Teacher, Lincoln

Transfers

Shelly Kline: WMS Para Educator to WMS Library Aide for 19-20

Resignations

Jill Kiker: 3rd Grade, Kennedy

Katie Franke: Fresh Start

Hannah Shuck: P.E. WMS

Ben Olson: Band

Hana Thomas: Special Education, Washington; Assistant WHS Cheer

Teresa Whitener: Special Education, Kennedy

Victoria Barton: Special Education, Kennedy

Jordan Crouch: Special Education, WMS

Mary Camp Hollis: Special Education (Speech Path)

Heath Peine: Assistant Superintendent for Special Programs

Nachele Gonzalez: Library Aide, WHS

Angie Ratcliff motioned, seconded by Larry Mangan to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 6/1.

9. Board Member Comments

Angie Ratcliff congratulated Dr. Doud on her recognition. She also noted several good things going on in the district.

Larry Mangan – Lions Club JR Award will be held at the high school on April 16th.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Jackie Berryman adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.