

Crawford County R-II Schools

<u>Open</u> Kind of Meeting	<u>Administration Building</u> Place	<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Time	<u>10/27/2014</u> Date
Members		Present	Absent
<u>Cheri Schuette</u> Presiding Officer		Present	
Angie Britton		Present	
Dan Hewkin		Present	
Darin Layman			Absent
Woodrow Martin		Present	
Jason Mehl		Present	
Jennifer Moreland		Present	
<u>Johnny Thompson</u> Superintendent of Schools		Present	
<u>Kimberly Robinson</u> Asst. Superintendent		Present	
<u>Angela Jenkins</u> Board Secretary		Present	

Call to Order

President Cheri Schuette called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Roll Call: Angie Britton, present; Dan Hewkin, present; Darin Layman, absent; Woodrow Martin, present; Jason Mehl, present; Jennifer Moreland, present; Cheri Schuette, present

Vote: 6 present; 1 absent (Layman)

Approve and Adopt Agenda

Motion by, Woodrow Martin; seconded by, Jason Mehl to approve and adopt the agenda as presented.

Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent (Layman)

Closed Session

Motion by, Angie Britton; Seconded by, Jason Mehl to go into closed session in accordance with the provisions of Section 610.021, Sub Section (1), (3), and (13) of the revised statutes of Missouri in order to discuss personnel

Roll Call: Angie Britton, present; Dan Hewkin, present; Darin Layman, absent; Woodrow Martin, present; Jason Mehl, present; Jennifer Moreland, present; Cheri Schuette, present

Vote: 6 present; 1 absent (Layman)

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Martin, Board member, led the Board in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Citizen Participation

None at this time.

Consent Agenda

Motion by, Angie Britton; Seconded by, Jason Mehl to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A. Minutes: Regular Meeting September 22, 2014; B. Calendar of Events; C. Average Daily Attendance; D. Personnel as Presented: Accept the Following Classified Resignations: Michael Cooper, Bus Driver (effective October 24); Anthony Corbett, Bus Driver (effective October 17); Connie Rohan, MS Head Cook; Steve Callahan, Custodian; Tracy Gibson, Assistant Volleyball Coach; Employ Classified Personnel: Paul Montgomery, Custodian (September 30); Lorrie Bosick, Cook; Christie Harmon, Head Cook (transfer); Remove the Following from Probationary Status: Dwight Fischer, Custodian; Paul Montgomery, Custodian (effective November 1, 2014)
Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent (Layman)

Financial Statement and Action on the October Bills

Motion by, Jason Mehl; Seconded by, Angie Britton to approve Financial Statement and Action on Bills

Vote: 5 yes, 1 abstain, 1 absent (Layman)

Board and Committee Reports

The MSBA Fall Regional Meeting is on Wednesday, October 29 in St. Clair.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Personnel as presented in closed session. Mrs. Robinson presented the Playground Safety Report to the Board. We received a 21 which is an A rating.

There was a question: Is a separate playground for kindergarten a current goal? We will not because the only spot we have for a second playground is the football practice field. There was a question of whether we will replace the slide that is over eight feet. We are not changing the slide but we are monitoring the usage to try to prevent injuries.

Building Principals

Dr. Peterson was present to answer any questions about her report that was in the board packet. November 12th is reading day and Board members are welcome to come and read to a class.

Mrs. Shoemaker was present to answer any questions about her report that was in the board packet.

Mr. Earnhart was present to answer any questions about the high school report that was in the board packet. Both the Middle School and High School will have Veteran's Day assemblies. The Middle School will also have a lunch for the Veterans. Elementary teachers do a Veteran's Day activity in their classrooms.

Superintendent's Report

- Construction & Renovation: the floors in the Safe Room have been cleaned, the sound panels have been installed, the HVAC is running, and they will be ready to lay flooring once the humidity is gone.
- We will receive a 10% reduction in property insurance from M.U.S.I.C. for the 2015 calendar year.
- Mr. Thompson gave the Board some information on Superintendent search options. He wants the board to have plenty of time to make this decision. There was a question about hiring a financial advisor when hiring a superintendent. Larger districts hire financial advisors with superintendents.

Unfinished Business

2014-2015 Budget Update

Mr. Thompson gave a brief update on the 2014-2015 budget.

Amend 2013-2014 Audit

When Mr. Leathers presented the 2013-2014 audit report to the Board, he inadvertently omitted two questions that were new this year. These questions dealt with professional development and the money spent for it. We have resubmitted the audit with the corrections. Mr. Thompson would like the Board to approve the amended audit. The portion of the audit that was omitted was included in the packet with the appropriate information.

Motion by, Woodrow Martin; Seconded by, Angie Britton that the Board approve the amended audit as presented.

Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent (Layman)

New Business

Approve 2013-2014 ASBR

A copy of the Annual Secretary of the Board (ASBR) report was included in the Board packet. It has been finalized by DESE and the adoption is a formality. It is an accurate and clean report for the District for the past fiscal year.

Motion by, Woodrow Martin; Seconded by, Jason Mehl that the 2013-2014 ASBR be approved as presented.

Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent (Layman)

Appoint Board Members to Salary Committee

The Board President has in the past asked for volunteers to serve on the salary committee to work with the Superintendent on salary issues. In the past, two Board Members have served on this committee. Date, time and place of a meeting need to be agreed upon at a later point.

Motion by, Cheri Schuette; Seconded by, Woodrow Martin that Dan Hewkin and Angie Britton be appointed to serve on the Salary Committee for the 2015-2016 budget year.

Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent (Layman)

Approve Regulation 2310

It was brought to our attention that the wording in Regulation 2310 didn't correspond to what was being used in our handbooks. The administrators worked on this as a group and the regulation now reflects what we are currently doing in each building. I have included a copy of the old regulation and the new proposed regulation.

There was a question: why are verified absences in the regulation? One of the reasons we call to verify absences because if there is an appeal we have documentation. There was a question: does the 3 days excused absence for a death in the family count toward the 10 absences. Yes, it does.

Middle School now gets 14 days and previously it was 20. Anything beyond 14 must attend summer school.

A Board member sees kids walking around all over town. Our SRO is also used as a truancy officer.

Motion by, Dan Hewkin; Seconded by, Woodrow Martin that Regulation 2310 be approved as presented.

Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent (Layman)

Approve Updated Local Assessment Plan

Mrs. Espinoza updated the Local Assessment Plan last year. This plan provides the type of tests given and the grade level, how assessments are given to the special needs students, professional development opportunities, test taking strategies and test security policy. The plan presented last year will remain in place with the exception of the following that is included in your packet: at the 8th grade level, the ACT Explore will no longer be given and will be replaced by the

ACT Aspire at the end of the 7th grade year. At the 10th grade level, the ACT Plan is being replaced with an upper level version of the ACT Aspire. I did not include a complete Local Assessment Plan, but will have one at the board meeting. Mr. Earhart and Mrs. Shoemaker explained the difference in the tests. It takes about 1 ½ hours to take the test. Stanford 10 was the previous test.

Motion by, Angie Britton; Seconded by, Jason Mehl that the updated Local Assessment Plan be approved as presented.

Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent (Layman)

Early Childhood Special Education Facility

Last year I mentioned to you that we were looking into the possibility of bringing our Early Childhood Special Education children back to our campus. Currently we have about 17 students split between Bourbon and Steelville. I would like to bring those students back to Cuba and house them in a modular classroom that will be placed in the vicinity of old central office. This would eliminate two trips to Bourbon and Steelville daily. I will provide more information as to the process and the initial cost to the District. In the long term, it will actually be saving the District money. Co-op supplies the teachers and we supply the space. There was a question about building a facility for the Early Childhood Special Education. Mr Thompson will check on the funding from DESE.

Motion by, Jason Mehl; Seconded by, Dan Hewkin that the Superintendent be granted permission to seek bids for a facility that will be necessary to house the Early Childhood Special Education students.

Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent (Layman)

Approval to Seek Bids for Football Scoreboard

We have experienced numerous problems with the scoreboard at the football field this year. It is getting old as it was installed in 1995 and is constantly having issues with it. I would like to seek bids from scoreboard providers for a replacement to be installed over the summer. Wallis Oil and Peoples' Bank had a lot to do with the Field of Pride, so I would like to ask them for a donation to partially offset the cost in exchange for a sponsorship ad on top of the scoreboard.

Motion by, Woodrow Martin; Seconded by, Jason Mehl that the Superintendent be granted permission to seek bids for a new scoreboard at the Field of Pride complex.

Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent (Layman)

Summer School Contract

The District has received the contract from Newton Alliance (formerly Edison Learning) to provide the 2015 summer school learning programs and is included in your packet. The fees are based on Average Daily Attendance again. The contract does allow for the District to opt out of the contract if the state reduces the funding rate by 15% or more as long as notification is made at least 5 days prior to the beginning of the scheduled 2015 summer school. I have included a copy of the contract. We also have an option to enter into a three-year agreement to utilize Newton Alliance that would freeze the cost to the District, but will also carry all the same opt-out features as the one-year contract. I would recommend the 3-year option as this will lock in the cost to the District for three years.

Motion by, Angie Britton; Seconded by, Dan Hewkin that the contract with Newton Alliance for the Summer School Extended Learning Program be approved as presented for three years summer of 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Vote: 5 yes; 1 no; 1 absent (Layman)

Approve Regular Board Meeting

Motion by, Jason Mehl; seconded by, Dan Hewkin to schedule the regular November Board Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014; 7:00 p.m. for open session and 6:00 p.m. for closed session.

Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent (Layman)

Return to Closed Session

Motion by, Dan Hewkin; Seconded by, Woodrow Martin to return to closed session in accordance with the provisions of Section 610.021, Sub Section (1), (3), and (13) of the revised statutes of Missouri in order to discuss personnel after a 5 minute recess

Roll Call: Angie Britton, yes; Dan Hewkin, yes; Darin Layman, absent; Woodrow Martin, yes; Jason Mehl, yes; Jennifer Moreland, yes; Cheri Schuette, yes

Vote: 6 present; 1 absent (Layman)

Adjournment

Motion by, Angie Britton; seconded by, Jason Mehl to adjourn.

Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent (Layman)

Adjournment at 8:40 p.m.

Board Secretary

Presiding Officer

In attendance:
Renee White
Sue Ryle