

MINUTES
USD #325 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

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The Board of Education of Unified School District #325 met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2011 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Panther Stadium. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Deb Kennedy, President; Todd Kennedy, Vice President; Patty Northup, member; Michele Powell, member; and Jeremy Sauer, member. Camie Schneider, member, arrived at 6:03 p.m. Patrick Hewitt, member, was absent.

Officials present: Michael Gower, Superintendent; Russ Bowman, Treasurer; and Mary Jackson, Clerk.

Representing the press: Tad Felts, KKAN/KQMA Radio.

Other interested persons: Todd Bowman, High School Principal; Angela Bruning Thompson, Joanne Miller, Jim Miller and Fred Robinson, patrons.

CALL TO ORDER

Deb Kennedy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Panther Stadium for a walk-through of the facility.

Superintendent Michael Gower explained the purpose of the stadium visit was to determine facility needs, which included painting, seat anchoring, bathrooms not ADA compliant, end-zone space too close to cement wall, concession windows needing repair, nets at goals needing replaced. Mr. Bowman explained the Kansas State High School Activity Association rule requiring a 5-yard space at the goal for safety reasons and a 2-yard no walk zone around the entire playing field. The current location does not have space for either of these requirements. The Board viewed damage to re-bar and crumbling cement under the current seating area and also discussed the overflow portable bleachers and safety issues. Other areas of concern discussed were the press box, bathrooms and general safety issues.

Todd Kennedy moved the Board adjourn at the stadium and reconvene at the track facility near the high school. Camie Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Deb Kennedy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the high school track facility.

Discussion included possibility of moving the scoreboard, parking and providing handicapped parking to this facility, seating for the visitor side and lighting in the area between the school and the track. Patron comments included: "the school has the beginning of something better started, why repair old, outdated facility that has served it's purpose" and "the repair cost at the current stadium would be well over the cost to put up nice bleachers on the visitor side of the track location to provide a facility everyone could be proud of."

Todd Kennedy moved the Board adjourn at the track facility and reconvene at the Board of Education office. Jeremy Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Deb Kennedy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m. at the Board of Education office.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA**

Todd Kennedy moved the consent agenda including August 8, 2011 regular meeting minutes; treasurer's report; and warrants be approved as presented. Patty Northup seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS None

COMMUNITY
PRESENTATIONS None

REPORT TO THE BOARD BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT

Michael Gower shared current enrollment figures with the Board reminding them that the September 20 count would be the official numbers. Current head count is 616 compared to last year's head count of 636. He also shared a Long Term Care Plan that Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be offering. Following discussion, the Board authorized Mr. Gower to include the LTC plan in our 2012-13 125 Plan and offer to employees as an optional insurance they may purchase if desired.

Further discussion regarding the stadium was held with the Board's greatest concern being student and community safety. Results of the 2008 survey done resulted in over 50% in favor of moving the stadium to the high school location. The Board's biggest concern is safety and non-compliance of several items at the current location. One student being injured is too many; steps need to be taken to avoid that if possible. Following extensive discussion, Todd Kennedy moved the Board begin using the high school location for all football games beginning with the 2012-13 season and begin working on the improvements needing attention at the new location. Michele Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board directed the Superintendent to visit with the current scoreboard sponsor regarding continued sponsorship if the scoreboard is moved to the new location, to offer the current Panther Stadium lights for sale after the football season is over and to get quotes to remove the press box following the football season.

OLD BUSINESS

AGREEMENTS WITH
OTHER GROUPS

Following discussion of the vending machine agreement with Darin Moon, Michele Powell moved the Board approve the agreement as presented with Mr. Moon for the 2011-12 school year. Jeremy Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF
2011-12 SITE COUNCIL
MEMBERS

Following discussion, Todd Kennedy moved the Board approve the updated membership list for the school improvement and site council committee for 2011-2012 as presented. Michele Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. (A copy of the list is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

KASB SUMMIT
FALL MEETING

This was an information item regarding the KASB Summit meeting in Colby, KS on October 6, 2011. The format for this meeting has changed and will begin at 11:00 a.m. Board members were asked to let the central office know as soon as possible if they would like to attend so registrations can be made.

OUT OF DISTRICT REQUESTS
TO ATTEND USD #325

Camie Schneider moved the Board approve the list of out of district requests to attend USD #325 as presented. Patty Northup seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. (The list is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

NCKSEC INTERLOCAL
#636 REPORT Michele Powell reported on recent activity.

PERSONNEL None

CONTRACT
APPROVAL Todd Kennedy moved the Board approve the following contract for 2011-12:
Schemper, Elizabeth – Elementary school half-time teacher for the 2011-12 school year
Deb Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

KASB CONVENTION Early commitment of attendance was requested from Board members in order to streamline the registration process. A delegate and alternate for USD #325 at the convention will need to be selected at the October board meeting.

REQUEST FOR USE OF
SCHOOL FACILITIES Information

BOARD TRAINING
OPPORTUNITIES Information

ADJOURNMENT With no further business, President Deb Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: