

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE USD #110  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
January 19, 2009**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of USD #110 was called to order by President Joel Hrabe at 7:30 p.m. Other members present were Becky Levin, Tracy Atchison, Bob Ragsdale, Ron Rahjes, and Brian Dettmer. Also present were Jeff Yoxall, Beth Norris, Sheila Dues, Phil Riedel, Linda McDowell, Scott Panter, Darren Grauerholz, Alia Rice, Ryanne Rahjes, Sammy Krueger, Carol Rahjes, Patty Kuhlman and Amy Bienhoff.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Additions to the Action Items \*)Kilmer-Milller Scholarship Request; additions to the Information Items: Thunder Ridge Steering Committee. Becky Levin moved to approve the amended agenda. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**III. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Thunder Ridge Steering Committee Booster Club Officers Amy Bienhoff (Co-President), Patty Kuhlman (Co-President) and Carol Rahjes (Secretary) addressed the board regarding their support of school activities. They explained community members are excited to support the school, and have requested activities be held to further build spirit and sportsmanship. Discussion followed with Steering Committee Officers offering their assistance with Post Prom, the Achievement Banquet, Middle School Playground and any other activity in which they are needed. Lisa Capps entered the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Discussion continued. The Board expressed their appreciation to the Steering Committee for their enthusiasm and support of our school.

Phillips County Election Officer Linda McDowell addressed the board regarding the January 27<sup>th</sup> filing deadline for running in the upcoming election. Discussion was held regarding member districts and board member position numbers. Linda McDowell, Amy Bienhoff, Carol Rahjes and Patty Kuhlman left the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Darren Grauerholz, Alia Rice, Ryanne Rahjes and Sammy Krueger requested to address the Board regarding non-elected personnel.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Bob Ragsdale moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel; and the board return to the open meeting at 8:08 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Lisa Capps seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues and Scott Panter left the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The administration (Jeff Yoxall, Phil Riedel and Beth Norris), Darren Grauerholz, Alia Rice, Ryanne Rahjes and Sammy Krueger were invited to stay. The board returned to open session at 8:08 p.m. Sheila Dues returned to the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Bob Ragsdale moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel; and the board return to the open meeting at 8:13 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Lisa Capps seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues, Darren Grauerholz, Alia Rice, Ryanne Rahjes and Sammy Krueger left the meeting at 8:08 p.m. The administration (Jeff Yoxall, Phil Riedel and Beth Norris) was invited to stay. The board returned to open session at 8:13 p.m. Sheila Dues returned to the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Bob Ragsdale moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel; and the board return to the open meeting at 8:18 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Lisa Capps seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues left the meeting at 8:18 p.m. The administration (Jeff Yoxall, Phil Riedel and Beth Norris) was invited to stay. The board returned to open session at 8:18 p.m. Sheila Dues and Scott Panter returned to the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

No action was taken.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Becky Levin moved that the minutes from the USD #110, December 8, 2008 Regular Meeting which originally read (Item I. Kilmer-Miller Scholarship): Scholarship requirements for application of the Kilmer-Miller Scholarship were discussed. Jeff Yoxall presented a recommendation for eligibility from Student Success Coordinator Kathy Boden and Teachers' Association President Scott Panter....." be approved as corrected to read: Scholarship requirements for application of the Kilmer-Miller Scholarship were discussed. Jeff Yoxall presented a recommendation for eligibility from Student Success Coordinator Kathy Boden, and Teachers' Association President Patricia Walters....." Brian Dettmer seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Bob Ragsdale moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel; and the board return to the open meeting at 8:45 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Lisa Capps seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues, Scott Panter, Jeff Yoxall, Phil Riedel and Beth Norris left the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The board returned to open session at 8:45 p.m. Sheila Dues returned to the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Bob Ragsdale moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel; and the board return to the open meeting at 9:00 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Lisa Capps seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues left the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The board returned to open session at 9:00 p.m. Sheila Dues returned to the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Bob Ragsdale moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel; and the board return to the open meeting at 9:10 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Lisa Capps seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues left the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The board returned to open session at 9:10 p.m. Sheila Dues, Scott Panter, Jeff Yoxall, Phil Riedel and Beth Norris returned to the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

No action was taken.

Bob Ragsdale moved that the Board break from 9:10-9:25 p.m. Tracy Atchison seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Personnel: Bob Ragsdale moved to change Darren Grauerholz's Supplemental for Track Coach to \$4,140.00. Lisa Capps seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Tracy Atchison moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel; and the board return to the open meeting at 9:30 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Ron Rahjes seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues and Scott Panter left the meeting at 9:25 p.m. The administration (Jeff Yoxall, Phil Riedel and Beth Norris) was invited to stay. The board returned to open session at 9:30 p.m. Sheila Dues and Scott Panter returned to the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

No action was taken.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS:**

B. Board Goals: Jeff Yoxall recommended approval of goals and objectives for the Board of Education. Discussion followed. Bob Ragsdale moved to approve the USD #110 Goals and Objectives as presented and recommended by Jeff Yoxall. Becky Levin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Board Policy: Jeff Yoxall discussed requests for records under the Kansas Open Records Act, and recommended a fee of \$.25 plus administrative costs be charged per page for records requested. Lisa Capps moved to charge a fee of \$.25 plus administrative costs per page for records requested as recommended. Ron Rahjes seconded. Motion carried 7-0. The USD #110 Exposure Control Plan was briefly discussed. Bob Ragsdale moved to table this item to the next regular meeting, pending finalization of the plan. Lisa Capps seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Recreation Commission: Jeff Yoxall discussed a vacancy with the Recreation Commission, and recommended reappointment of Duane Engelke for a 4-year term, expiring 12/31/12. Ron Rahjes moved to reappoint Duane Engelke as recommended. Becky Levin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Transfers: Jeff Yoxall discussed the need for a transfer from the General Fund to Food Service, with the amount to be determined after receipt of State Food Service Aid. Mr. Yoxall recommended that Sheila Dues be granted the authority to make the transfer pending receipt of State Food Service Aid. Brian Dettmer moved to grant Sheila Dues the authority to make a transfer from the General Fund to Food Service as needed. Ron Rahjes seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Kilmer-Miller Scholarship Request: Jeff Yoxall presented a letter from Kilmer-Miller Scholarship Recipient Jodi Bowman. Mrs. Bowman requested her spring scholarship money be deferred to the summer semester. Discussion followed. Lisa Capps moved to defer Jodi Bowman's spring scholarship money to the summer semester as requested. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

## VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

F. Thunder Ridge Steering Committee: Accomplishments and future activities of the Steering Committee were discussed. Involvement of the Steering Committee in Post Prom, the Achievement Banquet and Middle School Playground were discussed, with the general consensus being that their help is greatly appreciated, and graciously accepted.

A. Boardmanship: Jeff Yoxall discussed a Code of Ethics compiled for Board Members to assist the in determining the direction the Board wants to go in developing standards for current and future board members.

B. Financial Planning: Jeff Yoxall discussed possible State Budget Cuts, and prioritizing future projects over the next few years.

C. Calendar: Jeff Yoxall presented the proposed 2009-10 Calendar for review.

D. High School Principal Phil Riedel reported on the following:

\*)A combined league meeting will be held in February with representatives from the Twin Lakes League, the Pike Trail League and the Cheyenne League.

\*)Congratulations to Taylor Kuhlmann and Matt Teselle who have been named to represent TRHS in the Eight-Man All-Star Game to be played in Beloit in June. Congratulations also to Coach Jerry Voorhees who has been named as an assistant coach in that game.

\*)Our Professional Development Plan-A Committee of teachers and administrators has been meeting to develop a Professional Development Plan for the district.

\*)We have begun discussions for class needs on the ITV Network for the 2009-10 School Year. We are hoping to receive the following classes: Spanish I & II, Psychology, Sociology, Composition I & II and an Art Class.

\*)Congratulations goes out to our Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams who finished third and first respectively in the Cheyenne Basketball Tournament—Way to Go Longhorns!!

\*)1A Regional Basketball will be held the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sylvan Unified.

\*)The Cheyenne League Instrumental Clinic and Concert will be held January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. at Palco High School.

\*)The TRHS Scholar's Bowl Meet will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Middle School Principal Beth Norris reported on the following:

\*)Different options for the location of our playground have been discussed; finalization will be decided at a meeting with our Middle School Staff.

\*)Grades 3-5 will travel to Logan for Kansas Day on the 29<sup>th</sup>

\*)Logan will host the GNEC Basketball Tournament on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

\*)Students will be attending the County Spelling Bee at Logan on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

\*)Our Students will participate in GNEC Music Clinics on February 19<sup>th</sup>, and March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

E. Negotiations Letter: The 2009-10 TREA Negotiations letter was reviewed and discussed.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Becky Levin moved that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel; and the board return to the open meeting at 10:33 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Ron Rahjes seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues and Scott Panter left the meeting at 10:28 p.m. The board returned to open session at 10:33 p.m. Sheila Dues returned to the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

No action taken.

**IX. APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Ron Rahjes moved to approve the bills as presented, with any additional amounts to be paid as needed to finish the month-end transactions. Brian Dettmer seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**X. MONTHLY REPORTS:** Ron Rahjes moved to approve the following reports: Clerk's, Treasurer's, Activity, and the November Food Service Report. Brian Dettmer Capps seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**XI. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS:** None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Becky Levin moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Capps seconded. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be **February 9, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.**

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
(President, Board of Education)

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(Date)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk, Board of Education)