

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE USD #110
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 13, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of USD #110 was called to order by President Joel Hrabe at 7:32 p.m. Other members present were Bob Ragsdale, Ron Rahjes, Lisa Capps, Becky Levin, Tracy Atchison and Brian Dettmer. Also present were Jeff Yoxall, Beth Norris, Sheila Dues, Phil Riedel, Chris Kirchhoff, Dixie Hesterman, Lindsay Johnson, Cheryl Foreman, Teri Rose, Emily Blank, Dana Gering and Annalee Ratliff.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Additions to the Action Items *)Prom; *)Activity Proposal; *)Amendment to 125 Plan. Brian Dettmer moved to approve the amended agenda. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

III. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Teachers and Para-Professionals addressed the board regarding classroom assignments for the 2009-2010 School Year. Discussion followed. Dixie Hesterman, Lindsay Johnson, Cheryl Foreman, Teri Rose, Dana Gering and Annalee Ratliff left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ron Rahjes moved to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2009 Regular Meeting. Lisa Capps seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

V. 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 8:20 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Brian Dettmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues, Chris Kirchhoff and Emily Blank left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The administration (Jeff Yoxall, Phil Riedel and Beth Norris) was invited to stay. The board returned to open session at 8:20 p.m. Sheila Dues returned to the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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 8:35 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Brian Dettmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues, Jeff Yoxall, Phil Riedel and Beth Norris left the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Jeff Yoxall was invited into the executive session at 8:34 p.m. The board returned to open session at 8:35 p.m. Sheila Dues returned to the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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 8:45 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Brian Dettmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues left the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Jeff Yoxall was invited to stay. The board returned to open session at 8:45 p.m. Sheila Dues returned to the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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 8:55 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Brian Dettmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues left the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Jeff Yoxall was invited to stay. Jeff Yoxall left the executive session at 8:47 p.m. The board returned to open session at 8:55 p.m. Jeff Yoxall, Phil Riedel, Beth Norris, Sheila Dues, Chris Kirchhoff and Emily Blank returned to the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Ron Rahjes moved that the Board break from 8:55-9:00 p.m. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Personnel: Lisa Capps moved to accept with regrets, the resignation of Elementary School Secretary/Deputy Clerk Megan Hudson. Becky Levin seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Tracy Atchison moved to offer the position of H.S. Computers/Business Teacher to Troy Shirmer for the 2009-2010 School Year. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Ron Rahjes moved to extend Middle School Principal Beth Norris' contract by one year. Brian Dettmer seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Audit Contract: Jeff Yoxall discussed and recommended renewal of the contract for auditing services with Mapes & Miller, CPA's for the years ending June 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011. The contract would be at a fee not to exceed \$6,900 for audit years June 30, 2009 and 2010; and not to exceed \$7,490 for the audit year of June 30, 2011. Any adjusting journal or reclassification journal entries would be billed at a rate of \$50 per entry for any entries required after ten, with additional fees for reviewing Kilmer-Miller compliance with scholarship and trust monies distributed and held and all additional scholarship requirements, not to exceed \$350, annually. Ron Rahjes moved to renew the contract for auditing services with Mapes and Miller, CPA's for the years ending June 30, 2009, 2010, 2011, with the fees as presented. Becky Levin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. Vada Bonnet Scholarship Committee: Jeff Yoxall presented and discussed suggested scholarship guidelines for USD #110. Discussion was held regarding both the guidelines, and the scholarship committee. Brian Dettmer moved to approve changes in the guidelines as presented. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Brian Dettmer moved to appoint Becky Levin, Lisa Capps and Ron Rahjes as members of the Vada Bonnet Scholarship Committee. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. Facility Use Request: Jeff Yoxall presented a request from Ruth Bienhoff for approval to use the High School Gym, tentatively on November 14, 2009, for a U.S. Army Marching Band Concert. The request is pending approval from Fort Riley. Discussion followed. Bob Ragsdale moved to approve Ruth Bienhoff's request to use the High School Gym as requested. Tracy Atchison seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- E. Summer Projects: Jeff Yoxall presented information on and requested approval for, summer projects including handicapped accessibility at the High School, locker painting at the Middle School and repair of the High School Boys' shower area. Discussion followed, with Jeff Yoxall expressing thanks to Curtis Lamont for the time and effort spent in researching these projects. Becky Levin moved to grant Jeff Yoxall the authority to proceed with summer projects including handicapped accessibility at the High School, locker painting at the Middle School, and repair of the high School Boys' shower area as requested. Tracy Atchison seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- G. Student Council Projects: Jeff Yoxall explained the Student Council has requested permission to fund painting of the colored inserts on the High School Building, blue and silver as a project. Discussion followed. Lisa Capps moved to approve the Student Council's request to fund painting of the colored inserts on the High School Building, as requested. Brian Dettmer seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- F. Calendar: Jeff Yoxall presented a request from the School Improvement Team and Administration to dismiss school at noon on May 19th, rather than May 20th for students, with teacher inservice and checkout on May 20th. The early dismissal would be a reward to students and teachers for successful Kansas Assessment Results. Discussion followed with the Administration and Board commending the teachers and students on their success. Tracy Atchison moved to dismiss school on May 19th, rather than May 20th for students, with teacher inservice and checkout on May 20th as requested. Lisa Capps seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- H. Transfers: Jeff Yoxall requested approval of the following transfers *)\$8,000 from the Supplemental General Fund to Food Service; *)\$40,000 from the General Fund to At Risk. Brian Dettmer moved to approve the transfers as requested. Lisa Capps seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- I. Prom: The presence of law enforcement and use of a breathalyzer at Prom were discussed. No action was taken.
- J. Activity Proposal: A proposal to combine the cheer and dance squad was presented and Regular

discussed. No action was taken.

K. Amendment to 125 Plan: Jeff Yoxall presented an amendment from American Fidelity to the 125 Plan regarding Special HIPAA Enrollment Rights, and requested adoption of the amendment. Tracy Atchison moved to adopt the Amendment to the 125 Plan as presented and requested. Lisa Capps seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Transportation: Jeff Yoxall discussed explained the need for two route buses for the 2009-2010 School Year, and possible options for replacing them.

B. Kansas Assessments: Principals Phil Riedel and Beth Norris discussed their students' success with Kansas Assessments, attributing their great results to great teachers.

C. Activity Proposal: Moved to Action Items.

D. Principal's Report:

H.S. Principal Phil Riedel reported the following:

*)TRHS received sportsmanship recognition from the Kansas State H.S. Activities Association for their sportsmanship at the 1A State Basketball Tournament.

*)TRHS KAYS sponsored the Pennies for Patients Program, with students in grades K-2, and 9-12 raising more than \$800.00.

*)KAYS also sponsored the American Red Cross Blood Drive on April 1st, meeting their goal—congratulations KAYS and sponsor, Amber Beach Hardacre!

*)Thunder Ridge H.S. participated in the 2009 Cheyenne League Forensics Tournament at Northern Valley on April 8th. Madeline Reneberg earned a 3rd in Humorous Solo, Madeline Reneberg and Journey Howell earned a 4th in IDA (Improvised Duet Acting) and Katie Larson and Rachelle Bose earned a 5th in Duet Acting.

*)Rachelle Bose, Taylor Kuhlmann and Katie Larson were recognized by Kansas University as part of their Kansas Honors Program. (Top 10% of the senior class).

*)Update on league information: the Pike Trail has expressed interest in meeting with the Cheyenne League to look at combining league volleyball tournament and league track meet for next year.

*)National Honor Society Induction will be May 1st at 3:00 p.m., with a reception following.

*)Congratulations to the team of Trent Ferguson, Cade Rietzke, Chris Cochran and Taylor Kuhlmann, who qualified for state in the Personal Finance Challenge. This is the first year for this competition. The team is sponsored by Mr. Panter.

*)The TRHS Stuco is anxious to begin their project of funding painting to cover the current yellow, red and orange panels on the High School Building, TRHS Blue & Silver.

*)State Assessment Update—Juniors retested in mathematics, and 12 students re-test from last year. Three of those students met standards or above, seven students improved their score, and two students stayed the same score.

*)We're proud of our FFA Students who again honored our school by placing in recent Meats Contests as follows: Allen County Community College – 4th Place Team; at Coffeyville Community College – 3rd Place Team consisting of Trent Ferguson, 4th Individual, KimbraLee Adams, 7th Individual and Shelby Gordon, 8th individual; at the NEO Meats Contest – 5th Place Team; and at Cloud County Community College – 1st Place Team consisting of Trent Ferguson-High individual, Nathan Larson-2nd individual, Justin Abbott-3rd individual, and KimbraLee Adams-4th individual.

*M.S. Principal Beth Norris reported on the following:

*)Students completed their Reading and Math Assessments with very few students below Meets Standards.

*)Congratulations to our students and teachers for placing as follows in the GNEC Music Contest: Choir-1+, Band-1-, Girls' Ensemble-1+, Boys' Ensemble 1-. Other awards were Vocal Solos: Trevor Lowe 1-, Kinze Reimer 1+, Emma Wyrill 1+, Aleah Seeman 1-, Brittany Kirchhoff 1, Ashley Struckhoff 1. Instrumental solos: Benton Hrabe 1, Brittany Kirchhoff 1, Jackie Reneberg 1, Shane Webb II+, Kinze Reimer 1+, Emma Wyrill 1, Caitlin Boden 1, Aleah Seeman 1+.

*)Adult volunteers are needed to assist with our playground installation.

*)Nex-Tech presented their "On Line Safety" program to 6th through 8th grade students on April 3rd. It was very informative and provided several aspects for students to consider when using the internet.

*)Thunder Ridge Middle School had the highest percentage of surveys completed at the Phillips County Economic Development Youth Event (56 out of 57), so students in grades 6-8 won sandwiches from Subway—Way to go, Longhorns!

*)Phillips County Economic Development will sponsor two Middle School Students to the Kansas Youth Leadership Academy summer camp.

*)TRMS has been approached about collaborating with the Phillips County Sheriff's Department, Phillips County Economic Development and Nex-tech in a grant request for security purposes.

*)KAYS Sponsor Linda Imm is requesting partial financial support from the district for two summer camp attendees.

E. Other: None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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 10:25 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Bob Ragsdale seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues, Chris Kirchhoff and Emily Blank left the meeting at 10:20 p.m. The administration (Jeff Yoxall, Phil Riedel and Beth Norris) was invited to stay. The board returned to open session at 10:25 p.m. Sheila Dues, Chris Kirchhoff and Emily Blank returned to the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

No action was taken.

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

X. MONTHLY REPORTS: Lisa Capps moved to approve the following reports: Clerk's, Treasurer's and Activity. Ron Rahjes seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

XI. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS: None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Bob Ragsdale moved to adjourn the meeting. Becky Levin seconded. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be **May 11, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.**

APPROVED _____
(President, Board of Education)

(Date)

ATTEST: _____
(Clerk, Board of Education)