

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE USD #110
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 11, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of USD #110 was called to order by Board President Joel Hrabec at 8:42 p.m. Other members present were Becky Levin, Lisa Capps, Ron Rahjes, Bob Ragsdale and Brian Dettmer. Also present were Jeff Yoxall, Sheila Dues, John Saddler, Becky Saddler and Kristi Reneberg.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Additions to the Action Items *)Utilities, Out of District Student and Substitute Pay. Additions to the Information/Discussion Items *)Playground Donations. Ron Rahjes moved to approve the amended agenda. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

III. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Becky Saddler addressed the board regarding the former USD #324's daily tradition of the daily leading of the Pledge of Allegiance over the intercom each morning by a student council member prior to classes. She requested that the tradition be adopted by grades Pre-K through 12. Discussion followed. John and Becky Saddler left the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Jeff Yoxall explained that the Pledge of Allegiance is recited daily in each classroom, and teachers would continue to carry on the tradition.

Kristi Reneberg addressed the Board proposing a contest be held to set words to an original melody for the new school song. Reneberg proposed that the contest be open to students in grades 7 through 12. Discussion followed. Phil Riedel entered the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Discussion continued. Reneberg also requested approval for a new school fight song, playing the theme song from "The Magnificent Seven" as a suggestion. Ron Rahjes moved that the contest for a new school song be conducted as proposed, with the change that the contest be open to all students, regardless of grade. Lisa Capps seconded. Rahjes also moved that the theme song from "The Magnificent Seven" be adopted as the school fight song. Lisa Capps seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lisa Capps moved to approve the minutes from the USD #110, July 14, 2008 Regular Meeting with the following changes: the wording under Action Items, ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, Vice-President: from "Voting was conducted by a show of hands with Lisa Capps receiving the majority of votes," to "Voting was conducted by a show of hands with Bob Ragsdale receiving the majority of votes". Beth Norris entered the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Kristi Reneberg left the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Roberta Atchison entered the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Also, under Action Items, add the following omission: Middle School Playground: Discussion was held regarding playground equipment for the Middle School. Becky Levin and Lisa Capps volunteered to head a donation drive for the purchase of playground equipment and swings for the Middle School, with the donations being submitted to Sheila Dues, at the District Office. Ron Rahjes moved to approve. Lisa Capps seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Brian Dettmer moved to second approval of the minutes with changes. Motion carried 6-0.

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 9:10 p.m. in this room. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Becky Levin seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Sheila Dues and Roberta Atchison left the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The board returned to open session at 9:10 p.m. Sheila Dues and Roberta Atchison returned to the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

L. Personnel: Bob Ragsdale moved to offer a contract to Sandy Thomas for the Assistant Music Position. Becky Levin seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Lisa Capps moved to accept the resignation of Spanish Teacher Melanie Koehn. Ron Rahjes seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

I. Supplemental Contracts: Becky Levin moved to approve switching the Middle School/High School Assistant Girls' Basketball Coaches as per their request; making Teri Rose the Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, and Chris Kirchhoff the Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

A. Budget Extension: Jeff Yoxall explained that the Phillips County Clerk had extended the Budget Filing date to September 30, 2008, and requested Board approval. Brian Dettmer approved the Budget Filing Extension as requested. Becky Levin seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

B. BOE Position Designations: Discussion was held regarding board member position numbers. Lisa Capps moved to designate board position numbers as follows: #1 - Bob Ragsdale, #2 - Tracy Atchison, #3 - Lisa Capps, #4 - Ron Rahjes, #5 - Becky Levin, #6 - Joel Hrabe, #7 - Brian Dettmer. Ron Rahjes seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

C. School Nurse Contract: Jeff Yoxall explained the need for a part-time nurse to meet the needs of a student. Discussion followed. Becky Levin moved to grant Jeff Yoxall the authority to contract a nurse as he deems necessary to meet the needs of the child. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

D. KPERS Resolution for Group Life: Sheila Dues explained that KPERS had requested that the Board adopt a resolution for KPERS Optional Group Life Insurance to cover staff/faculty with KPERS Optional Group Life-- the insurance is paid by the employee. Ron Rahjes moved to pass a resolution to offer KPERS Optional Group Life Insurance to qualified employees at their expense. Lisa Capps seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

E. KSHAA Membership: Jeff Yoxall discussed KSHSAA (Kansas High School Activities Association) membership dues for the Middle School (covers grades 7-9) and the Senior High School, and recommended approval. Bob Ragsdale moved to approve the Middle School (covers grades 7-9) Membership Dues at a rate of \$125.00 for the 2008-09 School Year, and the Senior High School Membership dues at a rate of \$400.00 for the 2008-09 School Year, as recommended. Brian Dettmer seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

F. KSHSAA Catastrophic Insurance: Jeff Yoxall discussed the KSHSAA Liability Catastrophe Plan/Basic Catastrophe Accident Medical Policy for the Middle School (covers grades 7-9) and the Senior High School and recommended approval. Lisa Capps moved to approve the KSHSAA Liability Catastrophe Plan/Basic Catastrophe Accident Medical Policy for the Middle School (covers grades 7-9) and the Senior High School at a rate of \$6.06 per student for the 2008-09 School Year. Becky Levin seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

G. BOE Policies: Jeff Yoxall discussed Board Policies and the adoption of a policy book. Lisa Capps moved to approve the Board Policy Book previously adopted by USD #238. Ron Rahjes seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

H. Handbooks: Handbooks were discussed. Ron Rahjes moved to approve all handbooks as presented. Brian Dettmer seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

J. Supplemental Salaries: Jeff Yoxall explained the High School Assistant Basketball Coach's Salary was incorrect as written on the Supplemental Salary Schedule. He explained it should be \$2,195.00, not \$1,950.00, and requested approval to correct it. Lisa Capps moved to approve the correction of the High School Assistant Basketball Coach's supplemental salary as requested. Brian Dettmer seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

K. Maintenance: Jeff Yoxall explained the importance of the Cytek Maintenance Contract for the ITV Classrooms, and recommended approval for the 2008-09 School Year. Bob Ragsdale moved to approve the Cytek Maintenance Contract for the 2008-09 School Year as recommended. Ron Rahjes seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

M. Fine Arts Courses: High School Principal Phil Riedel presented the following Fine Art Credit proposal: "A Fine Art credit is Defined by Thunder Ridge High School and USD #110 as a class where a project is created during the classroom instruction. These classes include the following classes at Thunder Ridge High School; Band, Choir, Art, Forensics/Drama, Industrial Arts I/II/III/ & individual Projects, Agriculture Education II/III/IV, In-House Business, Technology Exploration and Family and Consumer Science classes." Discussion followed. Bob Ragsdale moved to approve the Fine Art Credit proposal for the 2008-09 School Year as presented. Lisa Capps seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

N. Utilities: The transfer of utilities in the former Kirwin School Building were discussed. Lisa Capps moved to have the utilities transferred out of the district's name, if not already done so, no later than August 13, 2008. Ron Rahjes seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

O. Substitute Pay: The rates for substitute teachers were discussed. Ron Rahjes moved to pay certified substitute teachers \$93.00/day, and non-certified substitute teachers \$88.00/day. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Ron Rahjes moved to pay extended substitute certified teachers at a rate of \$105.00/day starting with the sixth consecutive day for the same teacher. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

P. Out-of-District Students: Jeff Yoxall presented an Application for Out-Of-District School Attendance and Transportation for Derek Reed and Brennan Kirchhoff, and recommended approval. Ron Rahjes moved to approve the Application for Out-Of-District School Attendance and Transportation for Derek Reed and Brennan Kirchhoff as recommended. Bob Ragsdale seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Facilities/Storage: Jeff Yoxall commended the custodians, teachers, staff and volunteers for the great job and effort put forth to prepare for the open house. He updated the Board on various maintenance projects and explained that a storage shed in Kirwin was rented to take care of extra storage needs.

B. Transportation: Roberta Atchison reported on the bus routes for the 2008-09 School Year. Discussion followed. Jeff Yoxall and the board expressed their appreciation for all the hard work and time Roberta spent on organizing the routes. Roberta Atchison left the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

C. Enrollment: Jeff Yoxall discussed current enrollment figures of 250 students in Pre-K through Grade 12.

D. Acknowledgements: Jeff Yoxall expressed his appreciation to local businesses Nex-tech and Pro-Ag Marketing for their donations to the district. Nex-tech donated \$7,800.00 for new scoreboards, and Pro-Ag Marketing donated \$9,000.00 for high school gym mats. The board also expressed their thanks and appreciation for their donations and support to the district.

F. Playground donations: Lisa Capps and Becky Levin discussed equipment, swings, and landscaping for the Middle School Playground. Their goal for donations is \$50-\$60,000.00. The Board would like to express their appreciation to Melba & Jerry Hagman, ISSCO, Inc., Warren/Helene Willis and the Junior Bugbackers for their donations to the playground fund.

E. Principals' Report:

High School Principal Phil Riedel reported on the following:

- *)Thank you to Linda Rice and Kathi Boden for their hard work and assistance during enrollment
- *)Spanish Class will be offered through ITV.
- *)Congratulations to High School Teacher Sabrina Hedding on the recent birth of her baby girl.
- *)Participation during the open house was great, with outstanding patron support.
- *)Special Education has been moved from the Special Education Building to the High School in Room 103J.

Middle School Principal Beth Norris reported on the following:

- *)Enrollment went very well; thank you to Roberta Atchison for her hard work.
- *)The open house was a success with great community participation.
- *)The chairlift installation is not complete. A portable one will be used until installation is completed.

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 10:53 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 6-0. Sheila Dues left the meeting at 10:48 p.m. The board returned to open session at 10:53 p.m. Sheila Dues returned to the meeting at 10:53 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 10:58 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 6-0. Sheila Dues left the meeting at 10:53 p.m. The board returned to open session at 10:58 p.m. Sheila Dues returned to the meeting at 10:58 p.m.

No action was 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 6-0.

X. MONTHLY REPORTS: Ron Rahjes moved to approve the following reports: Clerk's, Treasurer's and Activity Report. The Food Service Report will be available when school is in session. Brian Dettmer seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

XI. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS: Board Members expressed their appreciation to the staff, faculty and many volunteers who worked together to make the new school year and open house a success. Disposition of the former USD #238's class composites was discussed. The photographs will be hung in a circular rack similar to the former USD #324's composites. Brian Dettmer reported that he had attended the Special Education Co-op Meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Lisa Capps moved to adjourn the meeting. Brian Dettmer seconded. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be **September 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.**

APPROVED _____
(President, Board of Education)

(Date)

ATTEST: _____
(Clerk, Board of Education)