

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF DISTRICT 497, HELD IN THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTER,  
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER,  
110 McDONALD DRIVE, IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE**

**September 24, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m., Board President Jessica Beeson called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

**ROLL CALL**

<b><u>Board Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>ELT Members Present</u></b>
Jessica Beeson, president	Dr. Anthony Lewis, superintendent of schools
	Anna Stubblefield, deputy superintendent
Jill Fincher	Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, leading, learning & technology
G.R. Gordon-Ross	Tony Barron, executive director, facilities & operations
Rick Ingram	David Cunningham, executive director, human resources/chief legal counsel
Kelly Jones	Julie Boyle, executive director, communications
Shannon Kimball	Kevin Harrell, executive director, student services/special education
	Kathy Johnson, executive director, finance
	Paula Murrish, executive director, nutrition & wellness, printing & purchasing
<b>Absent</b>	Alyse Donnell, board clerk
Melissa Johnson, vice president	

**Others Present (Including Administration and Staff)**

Shane Heiman	Leah Henry	Rick Henry	Darcy Kraus
Leah Wisdom	David Arteberry	Stan Roth	David Arteberry
LJWorld - Elvyn Jones	Ann Mah	Alan Gleave	Pamela Murray
Judy Snyder	Marty McKinney	Chuck McKinney	Shakiyya Blard
Brittany Hall	Olivia Schmidt	Kris White	Shawna Wilson
Sara Bustemeyer	Stephanie Robinson	Lindsay Hatfield	Jack Durriell
Sydney Ice	Cole Hoang	Sam Schmidt	Jeannie Meritt
Mitsi Robinson	Sarabeth Morgan	Lori Byers	Tammy Becker
Jessica Larson	Michele Duncan	Brenna Brown	Ruth Gathunguri

Carol Grieb	Megan Epperson	DeAsia S.	Sara Bonner
Katherine Stoltenberg	Inez Robinson	Jason Bott	Tai Edwards
Hannah Hurst	Pam Gibbs	Mike Hymer	

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by GR Gordon-Ross, the board voted in a unanimous voice vote, to amend and approve the agenda to include executive session.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The board also recognized student, staff, and community partners for achievements and support of the public schools. The district honored 2018-19 Miss Indian Youth of Lawrence McKenna White, a Lawrence High junior and a member of the Gila River tribe, with her bloodline being Navajo and Laguna Pueblo.

The district's Native American Student Services opens the pageant to all high school females who are enrolled members of federally recognized American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Hawaiian Native tribes or nations. The contestants must maintain a GPA of at least 2.5, not currently hold any other title, and maintain decorum throughout their reign. White will serve as an ambassador for the school district, promoting cultural awareness and understanding of tribal/indigenous nations, while supporting and representing Native American student organizations with cultural pride, dignity, and honor.

The district presented its 2017-18 Outstanding Service to Public Education Award to Kathleen Lane, professor of special education and interim associate vice chancellor for research for the University of Kansas. Dr. Lane's research interests focus on designing, implementing, and evaluating comprehensive, integrated, three-tiered (Ci3T) models of prevention to: prevent the development of learning and behavior challenges, and to respond to existing instances, with an emphasis on systematic screening.

"Lawrence Public Schools are truly fortunate to have the University of Kansas in our backyard and to forge partnerships with KU faculty, including Dr. Lane. She has been integral in the implementation of our Ci3T student-centered system of support, which is the foundation for our work to ensure all students achieve, succeed, and graduate future-ready," said Leah Wisdom, director of instruction, equity, and student services. "Dr. Lane brings a wealth of knowledge,

experience, patience, and commitment to our partnership – as a parent, KU partner, and Lawrence community member."

The district created this award in 2003 to honor Mary Loveland's 20 years of school board service.

The Lawrence Schools Foundation also recognized 2017-18 recipients of its grants and staff awards. A number of different grants are available for teachers and principals each year, including Innovative Teaching, Staff Development, and MusicWorks! Grants. This past year the Foundation awarded more than \$38,000 in grants to teachers.

Foundation staff awards include the \$10,000 Bobs Award for Excellence in Teaching, as well as the Dedication to Education and Educator of the Year Awards. Each year the Foundation presents \$18,600 to deserving teacher award winners. See below for a list of recipients.

Hanzlik Hands On Academy Grant	Joyce Bell	Cordley Elementary
McCownGordon Teacher Grant	April Hart, Emily Baker & Sara Bastemeyer	Sunflower Elementary
Dedication to Education Award (SOB's)	Leah Henry	Juvenile Detention Center
Innovative Teaching Grants	Jessica Larsen & Jess Brown	Hillcrest Elementary
	Alan Gleue & Andy Bricker	Lawrence High
	Marissa Hegeman	Cordley & NY
	Lori Byers & Jennifer Scotten	Billy Mills MS
	Elementary Gifted Facilitators	All USD 497
Golden Apple Awards	Johnny Paradise & Jeannie Merritt	LCCC/LHS/ FSHS & LVS
	Beth Maloun	Broken Arrow
	Michael Hymer	LHS
Carl Knox Staff Development Grants	Ericka Waller	FSHS
	Shakiyya Bland	LHS
	Sydney Ice	Quail Run Elementary
BOBS Award	Michele Duncan	Sunset Hill Elementary
MusicWorks Grant	Megan Epperson	Broken Arrow Elementary
	Sara Bonner	Deerfield Elementary
School Assistance Grants	Brad Kempf/Carla Schmidt	West MS
	SWMS 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Team (9)	SWMS
	Tammy Becker	Hillcrest Elementary
	Jeff Harkin/Laura Leonard	LMCMS
	Keith Jones/Anita Carlson	Billy Mills MS
	Chalita Middleton	Kennedy Elementary

## REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Beeson

On September 17 DELTA/EAC Met for the first time this academic year. Dr. Stubblefield outlined that the goals which center on reviewing and sending recommendations to the board on the following 3 areas: Alternative Education Programming, High School Start Times, and Class Size.

- They hope to have some recommendations to the board—even if it's just an outlined for more substantive planning in January.
- The group agreed with those but also wanted to make sure some of last year's projects were not lost. Those include:
  - MOU with Lawrence police department—will follow up with the policy committee
  - Continue working on reaching out to parents of color to get them more involved
  - Fundraising ideas for equalizing discrepancies across the district
  - Work with district to recruit/retain staff of color
  - Continue looking at the Lawrence history curriculum and work with Jennifer Bessolo as the curriculum committee makes its way through the various disciplines
  - Continue monitoring discipline discrepancies across buildings—but they were happy to learn that the HS and MS met over the summer to streamline the language and discipline rubric in their building manuals.

On September 19 we had our quarterly meeting with the city and county commissions. Each entity reported about what they currently do/how they financially support youth mental/behavioral health needs.

- Jose Cornejo, the districts mental health facilitator reported on the services we provide in buildings.
- The county talked about the JDC/day school and about the process they undertook to discuss adult mental health needs over the last 20 mos.
- The city went over the alcohol tax money they allocate to various social services agencies, some that serve students. Both the city and the county also support the WRAP program for the schools.
- The county and school have been talking about launching a comprehensive study for the entire county's needs for youth mental/behavioral health. The first step will be a meeting between the county and the superintendents of all 4 school districts in Douglas County. Both Baldwin and Eudora had teen suicides last year. That will take place on October 12.
- Following that meeting, we hope to call together a group of community organizations with the districts/county/city to begin planning for what is needed and how it will be funded. We anticipate this process will take 12-24 mos. It's in the beginning stages but more information will be coming as it moves along.

On September 20 we held the first Listening & Learning event which was very well attended—over 100. We had a good discussion and got some great feedback--But I'm going to let Dr. Lewis talk more about that.

## **REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT LEWIS**

Superintendent Lewis

Congratulations to Schwegler school psychologist Cheyenne Hansen-Marlow and Free State math teacher Alyssa Barratt, our Lawrence Horizon Award winners this year.

Congratulations to our high school student-athletes. Both football teams won their games last week, and the Firebirds are still undefeated and ranked #2 in Class 6A. Our high school gymnasts, cross country runners, and tennis teams are performing well, as are both volleyball teams – the Lions' Volleyball Team is 12-and-1 and ranked number 3 in Class 6A.

And, congratulations also to Free State Debate, the #1 ranked Debate Coaches Invitational Squad in the State.

The Pre-L&L Tour began last week with stops at both High Schools.

I appreciate the 100+ staff, parent, and community members who attended our first Listening and Learning Tour stop at West Middle School last Thursday. I want to invite our community to join us tomorrow night at 5:30 at Billy Mills Middle School for the second of five additional opportunities to provide input on ways we can improve our schools. You may find all of those dates, times, and locations on our website.

An impressive delegation of 80 local leaders from Chapel Hill, NC are in Lawrence for a three-day experience where they are looking to learn from Lawrence as they dream big for greater Chapel Hill and build strong connections. I had the opportunity to be with them at KU on yesterday evening (achievement gap). As a part of this Biennial Inter-City Visit they are looking to learn from the experiences of another community and build relationships among each other to help them address their local challenges. Kudos to Patrick Kelly and the staff at the College and Career Center for hosting this group today.

I want to comment on the fact that we have had students bring firearms and knives on school campuses this month. That is simply unacceptable. Our students and staff deserve to go to school without fearing for their safety. We are committed to doing everything that we can to protect our school communities through education, safety training, security measures, and partnering with local law enforcement. I ask for assistance from our school families, particularly if there are guns in your home. Lock them up, store ammunition separately and securely, and educate your children about keeping weapons, of any kind, out of our schools. I also want to encourage students,

staff, and parents to continue to share safety concerns with our school staff so we may investigate them.

HBD Shannon – Saturday (22<sup>nd</sup>); GR – Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>)

### **PATRON COMMENTARY**

President Beeson asked for public comment on any item not included on the agenda.

Hannah Hurst, art teacher at Deerfield Elementary and Sara Bonner, music teacher at Deerfield Elementary, spoke regarding FTE at the elementary level for art, music and P.E.

Lindsay Hatfield, Stephanie Robinson, and Pam Gibbs each spoke about teacher specialists.

Tai Edwards, Deerfield parent, discussed solidarity and teacher support.

### **BOARD COMMENTARY**

*Shannon Kimball*

Attended the KASB National School Board Association Western Region meeting in South Dakota and stated it was a really good learning opportunity. She mentioned cyber security in schools and a program called CybHER, supporting girls in the field. She also visited the North American Indian Museum which had a Billy Mills related display.

Kelly Jones and Shannon Kimball attended a policy committee meeting in which they had general discussion about board management software, and worked on policies regarding gifts for staff and students.

Encouraged Board Members and staff to attend the KASB Regional Meeting on October 1, 2018 taking place at the ESDC.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Following a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jill Fincher, the board voted, in a **6-0 roll call vote**, to adopt the items listed on the consent agenda.

The consent agenda included the following:

- The minutes of the September 10, 2018 regular meeting
- The September 24, 2018 personnel report
- The monthly vouchers in the following account totals:

LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FUND ID SUMMARY AND CHECK REGISTER  
Checks Dated: 09/11/2018 - 09/24/2018

Fund	Fund Description	Amount
001	GENERAL	510,716.94
002	LOCAL OPTION BUDGET	83,058.64
003	FOOD SERVICE	167,378.52
004	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	12,082.24
005	SPECIAL EDUCATION	160,402.41
009	CAPITAL OUTLAY	67,386.75
015	ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	1,682.00
018	VIRTUAL SCHOOL	11,627.19
020	PROFESSIONAL DEVELP	1,370.83
024	STUDENTS MATLS REVOLVE	76,549.27
026	AR RISK 4 YEAR OLD	32.53
035	2013 BONDS	3,920.62
036	2017 BONDS	539,601.00
043 19	INDIAN EDUC TITLE 2019	25.00
044 18	JOHNSON O'MALLEY 2018	138.60
046 19	TITLE IIA 2019	828.40
047 16	TITLE III ESL 2016	60.00
050 19	TITLE VIBDIS 2019	232.00
059 18	USDA GRANT 2018	1,200.00
095	PAYROLL FUND	439,367.77
275	SPECTRA-MEDICAID	73,539.84
800	LOC/DON/GRA	46,088.02
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>2,197,288.57</b>

Approvals of the following:

1. Board Policy Committee Recommendations
2. Pacific Education Group 2018-19 Contract
3. Approval Jim Knight Institute (Learning Coach PD, ~\$36,000)
4. Approval of Phase I Furniture Replacement - Free State High School

### OLD BUSINESS

Following a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jill Fincher, the board voted, in a **6-0 roll call vote**, to adopt the resolution authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery of the District's General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2018-A and accepting the bid of Mesirow Financial, Inc., with an interest rate of 3.446012%, all as presented to the Board.

## REPORTS

### KSDE Updates

Ann Mah currently represents District 4 on the Kansas State Board of Education. She discussed several topics requested by Board Members. This includes information regarding re-design projects, recommendations to the legislature, reviews of learning standards and info on inflation.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Jill Fincher, the Board of Education voted in a unanimous vote to recess to executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed; with **Dr. Anthony Lewis, Dr. Anna Stubblefield and David Cunningham**, invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 9:06 pm with possible action to follow.

The board returned at 9:06 pm with no action to follow.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Jill Fincher, the Board of Education voted in a unanimous vote to recess to executive session to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract to discuss negotiations, pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, with **Dr. Anthony Lewis, Anna Stubblefield, Jerri Kemble, David Cunningham, Kathy Johnson, Samrie Devin, and Matt Brungardt**, invited to be present; and with the board to return to open session in this room at 9:21 pm with possible action to follow.

The board returned at 9:22 pm with no action to follow.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 9:22 p.m., a motion was made by Rick Ingram, seconded by Jill Fincher, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Alyse Donnell  
Board Clerk, Board of Education