

REGULAR MEETING OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #218 ON  
NOVEMBER 13, 2006 AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

MEMBERS PRESENT OTHERS

Joe Davidson, Vice President Nancy Crowell, Superintendent  
Ronnie Anderson Lynn Thrall, Deputy Clerk & ES Principal  
Mike Gilmore Rex Richardson, HS Principal  
Jeff Weaver Renae Hickert, PRA Principal  
Brian Mitchell Rex Toomey, MS Principal - 9:30  
Phil Walrod

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Craig Hay, Sherri Hurn, Margaret Duckworth,  
Justin Holiday, Eudon Dutton, Erika Parker, Brandi Fleming, Christy Winters and  
Peggy Horton.

Vice President Davidson called the session to order at 7:30 pm

**AGENDA** - Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the  
agenda with additions under NEW BUSINESS 19.) AI - Fowler Field House Use  
and 20.) AI - Elkhart Cyber School un-collected fees. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**MINUTES** - Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2006  
regular meeting and the Special Meeting of October 30, 2006 as presented,  
seconded by Mr. Gilmore. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**TREASURERS REPORT** - Mr. Weaver moved, seconded by Mr. Walrod, to  
approve the November bills and treasurer reports as presented. MOTION  
CARRIED 6-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - Mrs. Duckworth questioned the board on the length and  
content of the October 30 executive session special meeting with no action or  
explanation after coming out of executive session.  
Members explained it was a fact finding session and there was never any intent to  
take action after coming out of executive session.

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Communications were read from Logan Smith and  
from the SWPRSC.

**ELKHART CYBER SCHOOL** - Mrs. Hurn reported on the Cyber School  
enrollment audit of 121.7 FTE; Student Socials in Wichita and Topeka; KSHSAA  
ruling on academic and athletic activities.

**COMMUNITY ED REPORT** - Mrs. Horton reported on the ES and MS

average attendance; Adult/Parenting programming/ Public Relations/ Advisory Councils and attendance at conferences.

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS** - Principals each reported in their respective areas: Red Ribbon Week; Parent Teacher Conferences; Drug Testing Policies; CAT 6 Testing; Teacher Evaluation process; Santa Fe Art Trip; Fall sports wrap up; Musical; American Education Week; District Music and Band; KU Student Honors; Site Council Meetings; Update on Satanta theft incident; KASSP Fall Convention; Reading/Math Academy; Kansas Learning Center for Health; Thanksgiving Break; Point Rock Academy students fulfilling requirements for graduation in May; and PRA courses added to Blackboard.

**S.A.F.E. - MORTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT** - Brandi Fleming and Christi Winters of the Morton County Health Department were in attendance to present information to members on the S.A.F. E. program. After questions and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gilmore to implement the requested program. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**TRACK UPDATE** - Mrs. Crowell updated the BOE on the track project. Mr. Gilmore reported that Morton County would remove the current track and curbing but would need a timeline for the project. DISCUSSION ITEM

**TRANSPORTATION OFFICE** - Information was presented on the possibility of erecting a new bus barn. After considerable discussion, Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Walrod to build a 14' by 14' office off the present bus barn for a transportation office. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**DRUG TESTING** - Mr. Richardson presented information to members on drug testing and policy. BOE members directed Mr. Richardson to continue to gather information on Drug Testing and the Policy for it. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**HAY, RICE & ASSOCIATES** - Craig Hay of Hay, Rice and Associates was in attendance to visit with members on the process they would take for the 2006 - 2007 district audit. He requested a time-line for the audit be sent to him. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**BOE MEMBERS TOOK A FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE BREAK FROM 9:18 PM - 9:33 PM.**

**OCR REVIEW REPORT** - The district recently had an OCR (Compliance Review) Review. Mrs. Crowell updated the board on the review and gave information on what we are doing to comply with a couple areas of in question. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**ADOPT CHANGES TO STUDENT AND STAFF HANDBOOK** - With the recent OCR visit, we were directed to upgrade the assurances in the student and staff handbooks. Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to upgrade the assurance wording in each handbook to comply with the OCR request. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**KSDE AUDIT REPORT** - Mrs. Crowell gave a brief report on the KSDE Audit held in October. After the audit is reviewed at the State level and no changes made, we will be allowed to increase and republish our general fund due to increased enrollment. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**WORKMANS COMP REVIEW** - Mrs. Crowell updated the BOE on the recent Workers Compensation visit, suggested recommendations and the direction the district is taking on their recommendations. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE** - BOE member discussed the pros and cons of weighted grade point averages. DISCUSSION ITEM

**LATE START** - Mrs. Crowell discussed with members the possibility of starting school late on snow days. DISCUSSION ITEM

**WEIGHT ROOM KEYS** - With recent problems in the weight room of patrons with keys, members directed Mrs. Crowell to implement taking away the key of those patrons that do not comply with district rules of the weight room. A weight room key does not allow or give permission to use the gyms. DISCUSSION ITEM

**CLOSED LUNCH** - Discussion was held on the possibility of completely closing lunch beginning with the 2007 - 2008 school year. Members directed Mr. Richardson to bring back further information to them. DISCUSSION ITEM.

**COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS** - Discussion was held on the pros and cons of using Comprehensive Exams. Members directed Mr. Richardson to further research the exams and bring back to them for further consideration. DISCUSSION ITEM

**DISPOSAL OF OLD SOFTBALL UNIFORMS** - Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to dispose of the softball uniforms, and to include old basketball uniforms in the disposition. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**APPROVE 20 DAYS FROM SICK BANK** - Lynn Landess was approved by the Classified Sick Bank committee to receive 20-days from the bank due to an extended illness. Upon the recommendation of the committee, Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Gilmore to approve the 20-day sick bank committee request. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**CHANGE APRIL EARLY RELEASE DATE FOR NCA VISIT** - Mr.

Weaver moved, seconded by Mr. Walrod, to approve changing the April 20 early release day to April 27 due to the North Central Association team visit. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**CHRISTMAS STAFF BREAKFAST** - After much discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Walrod to send each building and program a holiday basket instead of hosting a breakfast. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**MAP** - Mrs. Crowell shared information with members on the possibility of changing from the CAT 6 testing program to the MAP program. After some discussion, it was the consensus of members present to allow Mrs. Crowell to further research the MAP testing program and bring information to BOE.  
DISCUSSION ITEM

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL** - Mr. Gilmore moved the board go to executive session for twenty (20) minutes from 10:37 pm until 10:57 pm for discussion of personnel issues with Board members and Mrs. Crowell. Seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Session called to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Vice President Davidson called the meeting back to regular session at 10:57 pm.

Mr. Anderson moved the board return to executive session for fifteen (15) minutes from 10:58 pm until 11:13 pm for further discussion of personnel issues with Board and Mrs. Crowell. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Vice President Davidson called the meeting back to regular session at 11:13 pm.

Mr. Walrod moved the board return to executive session for fifteen (15) minutes from 11:13 pm until 11:28 pm for further discussion of personnel issues with Board, Mrs. Crowell and Mr. Richardson. Seconded by Mr. Mitchell. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Vice President Davidson called the meeting back to regular session at 11:28 pm with the following action.

**APPROVE PERSONNEL RESIGNATIONS** - Mr. Walrod moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to accept the resignation of Nicole Zeiher as an ES aide, effective November 17. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**APPROVE PERSONNEL CONTRACTS** - Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Walrod to approve a 90 day contract for Fay Melton, ES Cook and

supplementals for Shara Bane, HS Musical; Marita Walls MS NCA; and Teresa Carter, MS Asst Track. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**AGENDA AMENDMENT** - Mr. Walrod moved to add 21.) A.I. BOE Certified Sick Bank Representative and 22.) Personal Leave Requests under NEW BUSINESS, seconded by Mr. Anderson. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**BOE CERTIFIED SICK BANK REPRESENTATIVE** - Mr. Anderson moved to approve Sherri Hurn and Renae Hickert as the BOE representatives to the Certified Sick Bank Committee. Seconded by Mr. Walrod. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**PERSONAL LEAVE REQUESTS** - BOE members read requests from Antonia Villa for personal leave and Terri Houtz for legal leave. Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Gilmore to approve .5 day of personal leave for Mrs. Villa and 1 day legal leave for Mrs. Houtz on November 15. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**APPROVE FOWLER FIELD HOUSE USAGE** - Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, to approve use of the field house on May 28 for around 150 Wamego students touring the Santa Fe Trail if the weather turns bad not allowing them to camp at the fairgrounds. Request made by Janet Armstrong of Wamego. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**ELKHART CYBER SCHOOL UN-COLLECTED FEES** - Mr. Anderson moved to table for further information, seconded by Mr. Gilmore. MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**CHARTER PETITION APPROVAL** - Mrs. Hickert and Mrs. Hurn requested Board approval of applying for a Point Rock Family Academy Grant. Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve applying for the grant and hold a public hearing before December 1. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mrs. Crowell reported on the Academy of Reading and Math; Band trip to Colorado Springs cancelled and a tree at the Elementary school.

Meeting adjourned 11:34 pm

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Davidson, Vice President Lynn Thrall, Clerk