

REGULAR MEETING OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #218 ON  
OCTOBER 9, 2006 AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

MEMBERS PRESENT OTHERS

Joe Davidson, Vice President Nancy Crowell, Superintendent  
Ronnie Anderson Pat Vandervort, Clerk  
Mike Gilmore Rex Richardson, HS Principal  
Jeff Weaver Rex Toomey, MS Principal  
Rena Hickert, PRA Principal  
Lynn Thrall, ES Principal

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Bane, Sherri Hurn and Margaret  
Duckworth

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

**AGENDA** - Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, to approve the  
agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**MINUTES** - Mr. Weaver moved to approve the minutes of the September 11,  
2006 meeting as presented, seconded by Anderson. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**TREASURERS REPORT** - Mr. Weaver moved, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, to  
approve the September bills and reports as presented. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Thank you cards were read from Lynn Landess, The  
Rodriquez Family and the Morton County Hospital Laboratory Staff.

**ELKHART CYBER SCHOOL** - Mrs. Hurn reported on fall/spring student  
socials, enrollments; and teacher/student goals.

**COMMUNITY ED REPORT** - Members reviewed the enclosed Community  
Ed report. Mrs. Crowell gave members present "Lights On" information.

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS** - Principals each reported in their respective areas:  
CAT testing; Advisory council meetings; Fire station visit; end of 9 weeks;  
Highway Patrol visit; Halloween parties; Pioneer Electric Study and the  
"Discover the World" held by Migrant Family Literacy, 21<sup>st</sup> Century and P.A.T.;  
VEII update; Athletic/Scholastic events; Teacher Evaluations; Building reports;  
enrollment figures; 7/8 Language Arts changes and MS Annual Yearly Progress.

**TRACK UPDATE** - Mr. Bane was in attendance to present preliminary information on the savings the district could possibly save by removing the current track with local contractors. DISCUSSION ITEM

**S.A.F.E. - MORTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT** - Mr. Weaver moved, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, to table until the MCHD is able to attend. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**CLASSIFIED HANDBOOK ADOPTION** - Mr. Weaver moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the updated 06-07 Classified Handbook as recommended by Mrs. Crowell. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**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

**TRANSPORTATION OFFICE** - Mr. Bane provided brief information on the possibilities of using district owned cinder blocks and bricks to construct a small office for the transportation department. After some discussion, members present requested Mr. Bane obtain price quotes on a 4-6 bay building for a new transportation building. DISCUSSION ITEM

**ACADEMY OF MATH AND READING** - Mrs. Crowell, and Title teachers, have researched literacy intervention programs and would like to purchase the Academy of Math and Reading system from Educational Solutions. These programs are designed to supplement struggling students. Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to approve purchase of the program to license 20 students at a cost of \$39,435.00. No bid required as Educational Solutions is the sole supplier. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**06-07 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS** - Mr. Weaver moved to approve the 06-07 IDP's as presented for all certified staff members. Seconded by Mr. Gilmore. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**WIDENING OF SUNSET ROAD BEHIND MS AND FOOTBALL FIELD** - Community members have requested the City widen Sunset Street, behind the Middle School and football field. After some discussion was held, members decided the cost would be prohibitive for the district at this time. DISCUSSION ITEM

**FIELD TRIP (S)** - Mrs. Koonce, HS Counselor, requested permission to take 7 ambassadors to FHSU to attend the "Friend to Friend Conference" on November 13 with cost of transportation provided by district and other expense provided by HS. Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FY 06 FUNDS FOR PRA** - Mrs. Hickert applied for additional 06 funding and received notification, from KSDE, that an additional \$42,539 was awarded to the PRA. Mr. Gilmore moved to approve accepting the additional funds, seconded by Mr. Weaver. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**06-07 AGREEMENT RATIFICATION** - With the teaching staff approving the 06-07 negotiated agreement Mr. Gilmore moved the Board also approve the 06-07 agreement as agreed to by EEA members and Board team. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL** - Mr. Gilmore moved the board go to executive session for thirty (30) minutes from 9:35 pm until 10:05 pm for discussion of personnel issues with Board members and Mrs. Crowell. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. Session called to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Vice President Davidson called the meeting back to regular session at 10:05 pm.

Mr. Gilmore moved the board return to executive session for thirty (30) minutes from 10:05 pm until 10:35 pm for further discussion of personnel issues with Board and Mrs. Crowell. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

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Mrs. Crowell left session at 10:40 pm and returned at 10:47 pm

Vice President Davidson called the meeting back to regular session at 11:05 pm.

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Vice President Davidson called the meeting back to regular session at 11:35 pm.

Mr. Gilmore moved the board return to executive session for twenty-five (25) minutes from 11:35 pm until 12:00 am for further discussion of personnel issues with Board, Mrs. Crowell and principals. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**APPROVE PERSONNEL CONTRACTS** - Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, to re-hire Judith Jenkins in the MS food service program. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**PERSONAL LEAVE REQUESTS** - Mr. and Mrs. Koonce, each requested permission to take Friday, October 20 as a personal day to attend Family Weekend at the University of Arkansas for first year students. Mr. Gilmore moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the personal leave request. BOE approval required as per negotiated agreement. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mrs. Crowell reported on: tree trimming; MS Playground; Red Ribbon Week; Point Rock Academy-Drug/Safe Schools Survey; Mentor Grant; Senior Class Tee Shirts sales; AESOP (substitute program); SOCS (district website); drug testing in schools; Larry Goodwin and roofing company; and state building report.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 am

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Davidson, Vice President Pat Vandervort, Clerk