

PAWNEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #11
Board of Education Meeting
Pawnee School Cafeteria
Thursday, March 15, 2007
Executive Session 6:00 p.m.
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

President Craigmiles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Bentley, Manning, Marks, Nelson, Jackson, Craigmiles, Walters

Members absent:

Administration present: Wesley, Compardo, Roberts, Rigdon, Hamilton

3. Executive Session—Superintendent’s Office 6:07 p.m.

Motion: Go into executive session to discuss matters related to personnel as may be proper in executive session

Motion: Marks

Second: Walters

Ayes: Bentley, Manning, Marks, Nelson, Jackson, Craigmiles, Walters

President Craigmiles declared the meeting open at 7:10 p.m.

Motion: Seal the minutes of Executive Session.

Motion: Manning

Second: Walters

Ayes: 7-0

4. Public Comment

None

5. Consent Agenda—Approval of:

Agenda

Minutes—February 15, 2007 (regular meeting), 3/12 and 3/13 (special meetings)

Financial Reports

Bills and Additional bills

Approve destruction of closed session tapes from February 2005.

Motion: Approve the consent agenda with correction to the minutes to include Public Comment from Mr. Patton concerning lunch charges.

Motion: Marks

Second: Nelson

Ayes: Manning, Marks, Nelson, Jackson, Craigmiles, Walters, Bentley

6. Student Council

Zach Haney, council member, updated the board on council activities.

7. Friends of the School

Brian McCann reported on: purchase of 3 televisions; successful checker tournament and Reading Night; upcoming “Meet the Candidate Night” 4/12; Movie Nights, 3/22 & 3/26; and May will be the PTO election.

Steve Haney, on behalf of the Sportsboosters reported there are still tickets available for the March 24th dinner and dance. The boosters are interested in pursuing the terracing project between A-building and the track and need to know the total cost of the project to begin fundraising plans. Presently, a grant is being sought through “Hamburger Helper.”

The board supports the project and instructed Mr. Wesley to contact the architect for a drawing and cost estimates. Zach Dennis has completed an initial drawing.

8. Administrative Reports

- A. Mrs. Compardo - (report herein attached) Thanks to Mr. Smargiassi and the Sportboosters for helping make the volleyball tournament a success. The preliminary enrollment for 07/08 kindergarten is 34, which is considerably less than anticipated. Next month there will be a Team Quest request from the 6th grade for competition held 4/27 and 4/28. The 2006 Report Card was distributed for board review showing AYP was met but there are still concerns with math scores.
- B. Mr. Roberts - (report herein attached). Logan Williams was recognized as “Student Council Student of the Month.” Zach Dennis is the SAR recipient this year. Melissa Wagner was honored as “Most Outstanding Woodwind Instrumentalist” out of 70 musicians. The Yearbook is planning a lock-in on 3/23/07. The H.S. Report card was distributed showing AYP was met and slightly declining scores.
- C. Mrs. Hamilton - (report herein attached). The budget is on target with the exception of the Building Fund, which has had increased expenses due to numerous repairs. The March Corp Tax distribution has been received and is within projections. 2007/2008 budget preparation is underway and board requests for inclusions or eliminations are needed.
- D. Mr. Smargiassi – Thanked the Sportboosters for tournament help; received many good comments from tournament participants; asked to host tournament again next year; changes to the Prairie State Conference will require schedule adjustments. The spring sports season will begin Saturday. At this time the sound system installation is not complete due to athletic field work.
- E. Mr. Wesley - (report herein attached). The ROE’s H/L/S walk-through inspection final report indicated no violations and satisfactory progress in complying with H/L/S. Update on Johnson Controls and their maintenance agreement. They recommended a repair/replacement for \$15,000, which we have repaired internally and it continues to function. Pat Langheim and Roy West have been able to make several repairs which have saved the district several thousand dollars. The building committee and technology committee need to meet for budget input. Building security decisions need to be made. There is a possibility of reduced SASSED staffing in 07/08. Questions are being researched pertaining to organization and canvassing of the board.

9. Unfinished Business

- 9.1 Approve plans and schedule for restroom renovation

Plans were reviewed for bathroom renovation. Last year all bids were rejected because they exceeded the projections. H/L/S dollars are limited due to emergency work and, therefore, bonding will be necessary before bathroom renovation can take place. The architect estimates the renovation of three sets of bathrooms to be \$305,000. The recommended timeframe would be bids due on 4/17/07, work to begin on June 1 and a deadline completion date of 8/10/07. There was discussion concerning dissatisfaction with the prior renovation project and need for weekly progress updates.

Motion: Authorize the preparation of bathroom renovation plans and letting of bids for base Bid A (two sets of HS restrooms) and alternate Bid B (including one set of GS restrooms).

Motion: Nelson

Second: Bentley

Ayes: Bentley, Jackson, Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks, Walters

9.2 Consideration and action to approve the hiring of First Midstate as bond underwriter and Chapman and Cutler as bond counsel.

Kevin Heid distributed bond information for board review and explained the required procedure.

Motion: Retain First Midstates as bond underwriter.

Motion: Marks

Second: Jackson

Ayes: Jackson, Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks, Walters, Bentley

Motion: Retain Chapman and Cutler as bond counsel.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Manning

Ayes: Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks, Walters, Bentley, Jackson

9.3 Consideration of quotes to trim trees by student parking lot

Three quotes were received for tree trimming. After a lengthy discussion the matter was deferred to the building/grounds committee with authorization to act.

10. New Business

10.1 Approve the overnight trip request for HS Team Quest and the Student Council
Marks questioned the use of alternates competing in the finals.

Motion: Approve the overnight trip request for HS Team Quest.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Bentley

Ayes: Manning, Nelson, Walters, Bentley, Jackson, Craigmiles

Nays: Marks

Mr. Wesley will draft guidelines pertaining to future trips and funding.

Motion: Approve the overnight trip request of Student Council on May 10, 11, 12 at 100% council expense.

Motion: Marks

Second: Manning

Ayes: 7-0

10.2 Approval of textbook requests for 2007/08 school year.

Motion: Approve the Spanish and Speech textbook request for 07/08 at a maximum of \$12,897.95,

Motion: Nelson

Second:

The motion died for lack of a second. The request will be reviewed for quantity and copywrite dates.

Motion: Approve up to \$12,314.06 for Language Arts and Writing textbooks.

Motion: Walters

Second: Marks

Ayes: Nelson, Marks, Jackson, Bentley, Walters, Craigmiles, Manning

10.3 Second reading/adoption of amendment to Pawnee Community Unit School District #11 Computer User Guidelines

Motion: Accept the 2nd reading/adoption of amendment to Pawnee Community Unit School District #11 Computer User Guidelines.

Motion: Walters

Second: Nelson

Ayes: 7-0

10.4 Approve use of student workers for summer.

Motion: Approve the use of up to 5 student workers for summer work.

Motion: Manning

Second: Nelson

Ayes: Marks, Jackson, Bentley, Walters, Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson

10.5 Consideration and action to approve submission of waiver application for school holidays.

Motion: Submit a school holiday waiver for Lincoln's Birthday.

Motion: Bentley

Second: Manning

Ayes: 7-0

10.6 Personnel

Motion: Approve the reemployment of Jill Hamilton as district comptroller for the 2007/2008 school year with salary and benefits to be determined later.

Motion: Marks

Second: Jackson

Ayes: Jackson, Bentley, Walters, Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks

Motion: Approve the reemployment of Kelly Dennis as district registered nurse with a 9 ½ month contract for the 2007/2008 school year with salary and benefits to be determined later.

Motion: Marks

Second: Walters

Ayes: Bentley, Walters, Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks, Jackson

Motion: Approve the continued employment of tenured staff for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion: Walters

Second: Marks

Ayes: Walters, Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks, Jackson, Bentley

Motion: Approve the reemployment of the following 1st year, non-tenured teachers: Dan DeWerff, Chris Hamilton, and Jessica Sloan for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion: Manning

Second: Jackson

Ayes: Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks, Jackson, Bentley, Walters

Motion: Approve the reemployment of the following 2nd year, non-tenured teachers: Matt Rawlings and Marcella Martinez for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Marks

Ayes: Manning, Nelson, Marks, Jackson, Bentley, Walters, Craigmiles

Motion: Approve the reemployment of the following 3rd year, non-tenured teacher: Steve Miller for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion: Jackson

Second: Walters

Ayes: Nelson, Marks, Jackson, Bentley, Walters, Craigmiles, Manning

Motion: Approve the reemployment/tenure status for Chad Langheim.

Motion: Manning

Second: Nelson

Ayes: Marks, Jackson, Bentley, Walters, Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson

Motion: Approve the resolutions of non-reemployment of part-time, non-tenured teachers: Bob Dixon, Marie Marvin, Barbara Rhoads.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Jackson

Ayes: Jackson, Bentley, Walters, Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks

Motion: Approve the resolutions of non-reemployment of 1st year, non-tenured teacher: Lindsey Jankousky.

Motion: Jackson

Second: Walters

Ayes: Bentley, Walters, Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks, Jackson

Motion: Approve the resolutions of non-reemployment of 2nd year, non-tenured teacher: Michelle Sitze.

Motion: Walters

Second: Manning

Ayes: Bentley, Walters, Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks, Jackson

Motion: Approve the resolutions of non-reemployment of 3rd year, non-tenured teacher: Tarina Kirby

Motion: Marks

Second: Walters

Ayes: Walters, Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks, Jackson, Bentley

Motion: Approve the resolutions of honorable dismissal of full-time Educational Support Personnel: Judith Purdon, Linda Johnson, Kristle Williams, Karen Baker, Denean Vreeland.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Walters

Ayes: Craigmiles, Manning, Nelson, Marks, Jackson, Bentley, Walters

Motion: Approve the resolutions of honorable dismissal of part-time Educational Support Personnel: Janene Menke, Elizabeth Lohmolder, Della Amos, Miriam Austin, and Sue Masters.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Jackson

Ayes: Manning, Nelson, Marks, Jackson, Bentley, Walters, Craigmiles

Motion: Approve Gregg and Julie Shimchick as volunteer assistant coaches for 2006/2007 grade school track.

Motion: Walters

Second: Nelson

Ayes: 7-0

Motion: Approve Donna Smargiassi as volunteer assistant coach for 2006/2007 high school softball.

Motion: Manning

Second: Walters

Ayes: 7-0

11. Correspondence

A State Board letter in reference to status of "Pending Further Review" due to use of Interim superintendent and a thank you letter from Linda Cunningham concerning Pawnee allowing the Divernon girls to be part of the basketball team were shared with the board.

12. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

Motion: Walters

Second: Bentley

Ayes: 7-0

Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for
Thursday, April 19, 2007
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6:00 p.m. (Executive Session)
7:00 p.m. (Regular Session)