

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113**  
**Board of Education Office**  
**Sabetha, KS**

**Regular Meeting, August 1, 7:00 PM**

Before Mr. Brockhoff called the meeting to order he recognized Sandy Aberle with a gold apple for her time spent on the board. He thanked her for her service and stated that the apple could not begin to repay her for her service.

President Roger Brockhoff called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Roger Brockhoff, Brent Lortscher, Tim Aberle, Cheryl Wenger, Julia Alfery, Mary Jane Ronnebaum and Ed Reznicek were present; also present were Superintendent, Dennis Stones, Board Clerk, Dr. Volora Hanzlicek and others who are listed on the attached sheet that becomes a part of these minutes.

At 7:04 Mr. Brockhoff opened the budget hearing and asked if there were comments from the public. Mr. Jim Scoby was recognized. He encouraged the board to look at the budget and prepare for the end of the five years. He stated that some hard decisions needed to be made as they prepare.

Mr. Pollock was recognized and shared a prior letter he wrote to the Sabetha Herald. He stated that he was concerned about the image that the board was portraying to the community with this published budget. The board thanked him for his information.

Julia Alfery stated that we waited a little longer than she liked in setting those benchmarks. However, the board has now set benchmarks and is currently working toward those benchmarks and possible cuts. A discussion followed reviewing how the board came to the consolidation decision and how the budgets were merged.

Further discussion and questions followed pertaining to the budget. Included in the discussion Mr. Stones stated that the bond had come in under the estimated costs. After the bonds are sold the district cannot spend that money on anything other than the bond. Due to the interest rate and supplies coming in better than expected, the money that will not be needed to finish construction will allow the district to buy down the mill levy for future years.

Amber Deters asked Mr. Stones to clarify some things from the published budget. Included in that clarification he explained the difference between budget authority and actual expenditures. He shared that the published budget was authority only. This doesn't mean the district will spend what was budgeted. He stated that if you look over the past years, you would see that there are funds where the budgeted amount was not spent. The district must seek authority in preparation for unexpected expenditures such as natural disaster destroying a roof, boiler replacement, special education student services of a new student, etc...

Mr. Reznicek shared that schools cannot be run like businesses. In a business you can borrow to buy what you need to run your business. Schools do not have that authority.

A motion was made at 7:55 PM to adopt the budget as published. Motion carried 7-0.

Changes to the agenda:

- 3.D. Approve payment of bills from bond issue in the amount of \$849.00 + \$337,181.05=\$338,030.05 .
- 3.I. Accept \$50 donation from Sabetha EMTs, Accept \$100 from United Bank and Trust
- 5A. Sara Toedman – Personal Day request for August 26 – early release day

A motion was made by Tim Aberle and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Wenger to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve minutes July 11, 2011, regular meeting.
- B. Hear Clerk's report. Approve it.
- C. Approve payment of bills for the amount of \$125,606.21.
- D. Approve payment of bills from bond issue in the amount of  $\$849.00 + 337,181.05 = \$338,030.05$ .
- E. Payment of July payroll in the amount of \$145,324.73.
- F. Payment of July non-lump payroll in the amount of \$333,519.76.
- G. Resignations:
- H. Contracts:
  - Randy Hall as assistant girls basketball coach at Sabetha
  - Edgar Claycamp as a bus driver at Wetmore
  - Dawn Austin – Cook at Bern
  - Cheryl Sejkora – PLC leader and building chair at Summerfield

A motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brent Lortscher to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Garber, Mr. Schmitz, Mr. Evans, Mr. Schnacker, Mr. Rottinghaus, Mr. Bartkoski, and Mr. Palmer shared information pertaining to the buildings and enrollment.

A motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brent Lortscher to approve the contract with Jackson Heights for sharing an Industrial Arts teacher. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Mary Jane Ronnebaum and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Aberle to approve the personal day request from Sara Toedman for August 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried 7-0.

At 8:20 PM a motion was made by Mary Jane Ronnebaum and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Reznicek to go into executive session to discuss negotiations for 30 minutes. Mr. Stones and Dr. Hanzlicek were asked to remain in session. Motion carried 7-0.

At 8:50 PM a motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Wenger to extend executive session to discuss negotiations for an additional 25 minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

At 9:15 PM a motion was made by Brent Lortscher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Aberle to extend executive session to discuss negotiations for an additional 20 minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

At 9:35 PM a motion was made by Mary Jane and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julia Alfes to return to regular session. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Aberle to ratify the contract with certified staff which includes a \$1000 supplemental salary increase for 2011-2012 to help offset insurance increases for one year only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Aberle to provide classified staff with a \$750 supplemental salary increase prorated for 2011-2012 to help offset insurance increases for one year only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ed Reznicek and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Aberle to provide a \$1000 supplemental salary increase for administrative staff for 2011-2012 to help offset insurance increases for one year only. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Stones shared that he had received a few phone calls on the policy to allow students to attend another school within the district. Past practice has been that the family writes a letter to the board for approval. Mr. Stones asked the board if this was a policy that they would like to readdress. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Cheryl Wenger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Reznicek to approve in district transfers with a letter to the board from the family explaining why the student would like to attend another school within the district, with understanding that the family will be responsible for their own transportation contingent upon space in the school they are wanting to transfer to within the district. Motion carried 7-0.

The board discussed how they should proceed in coming up with a strategic plan that prepares the district for the future. It was determined that the board would begin a structured discussion. A committee of three board members, Tim Aberle, Ed Reznicek, and Mary Jane Ronnebaum volunteered to start discussions with administration on developing a strategic plan for the district.

A motion was made by Julia Alferts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Reznicek to approve the KSHSAA coop agreement, which allows the Wetmore students to participate in the Centralia football program. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Brent Lortscher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Jane Ronnebaum to approve a \$5 increase in the rental fee associated with the new gymnasium at SHS. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Stones updated the board on a break-in at Bern. Most of the equipment stolen has been recovered and one of the suspects is in custody. The locks will be changed to help avoid some security issues in the future.

At 11:02 a motion was made by Brent Lortscher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Aberle to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Mr. Stones and Dr. Hanzlicek were asked to remain in session. Motion carried 7-0.

At 11:12 a motion was made by Brent Lortscher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julia Alferts to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

At 11:22 PM a motion was made Mary Jane Ronnebaum and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Aberle to return to regular session. Motion carried 7-0.

At 11:23 PM a motion was made by Brent Lortscher and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Ed Reznicek adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

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President

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Board Clerk