

**SABETHA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 441**  
**1619 S. OLD HIGHWAY 75**  
**SABETHA, KS 66534**  
**Special Meeting, September 28, 2009 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bern High School Gym**

President Roger Brockhoff called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and then recessed to travel to Bern High School gym. Those traveling to Bern included Roger Brockhoff, Klinton Beyer, Cheryl Wenger, Ken Stallbaumer, Ed Reznicek, Superintendent, Dennis Stones, Board Clerk, Dr. Volora Hanzlicek and Todd Evans, SHS Principal.

The board members of USD #441, Roger Brockhoff, Klinton Beyer, Cheryl Wenger, Steve Plattner (entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m., Ken Stallbaumer, and Ed Reznicek joined board members Julia Alferts, Brian Deters, Mark Haverkamp, Jane Koch, Brent Lortscher and Mary Jane Ronnebaum from USD 488. Board President Deters (USD #488) called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was opened with a prayer.

Due to continued declining enrollment and the decrease in state funding the board of education USD #488 is looking at different options to save money and continue to provide a quality education to our students.

The Boards of Education from USD 488 and USD 441 (Sabetha/Wetmore) met in a joint meeting to discuss contracted programs and consolidation.

Discussion was held outlining how contracted programs could be used to add curriculum options for students as well as how contracted programs can be a cost saving measure for our district. There are two contracted options to consider:

1. A district contracts for a few academic programs to another district and with this arrangement maintains their identity as a school.
2. A district contracts their entire high school to another district and by doing this the students become a part of the contracting school and the sending school no longer has a high school.

Consolidation was an item discussed between USD 488 and USD 441. Mr. Bartkoski informed the boards on the procedures and timelines that must be followed in a consolidation. Items also discussed in regards to consolidation were bonded indebtedness, land transfers, temporary board and staffing issues.

USD 441 Supt. Stones shared information about their current curriculum options and activity programs, their district structure and information about their current class sizes.

This was a discussion item only. No Action was taken

USD #488 adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. USD #441 Board traveled back to USD #441 board of education office where a motion was made at 8:51 p.m. by Roger Brockhoff and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Wenger to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

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Board President

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Board Clerk