

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 223
BARNES-HANOVER-LINN**

Regular Board Meeting, September 9, 2008 7:30 P.M.
Hanover Attendance Center, Hanover, Kansas

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PRESENT: **Bruce Meyer, President**
 Todd Frye
 Bryce Heck
 Joel Hynek
 Jim Kruse
 Larry Nicholson
 Marge Schlabach

ADMINISTRATION: **Steve Joonas, Mike Savage, Valeria Converse, Larry Wurtz**

CLERK: **Cindy Hiesterman, Clerk , Becky Bruna, Deputy Clerk**

STAFF: **Debra Bisnette, Diane Friedrichs, Mary Strnad, Becky Hatesohl, Rebecca Fischer**

PATRONS: **Barbera Donovan, Donna Kruse**

The meeting was called to order and roll call conducted by President, Bruce Meyer

The following motions were made, seconded, and approved: *

*To adopt the agenda as amended.

*To approve the Consent Agenda as presented with exception of Financial Reports and Payment of Bills which were moved to Action Item #1a.

Mary Strnad, Hanover High School English Instructor and Becky Hatesohl, elementary teacher at Hanover explained the curriculum for each of their respective programs. Reading and Writing curriculum, strategies, and resources are used to help meet students needs for state standards as well as become life long readers.

Rebecca Fischer, English instructor and K-12 Librarian and Diane Friedrichs, Language Arts Instructor from the Linn Center, described the various resources that they use in the curriculum to instruct their students.

Debra Bisnette presented the Board with School Improvement & Results Based Staff Development Plans for 2008-09. Debra will be presenting a powerpoint showing the data of last spring's testing with actual assessments at the October Board Meeting.

*To approve Policy Updates with changes as presented, and also approve K, L, & M from the present Policy Handbook.

The Board continued discussion on setting Board Goals for the 2008-09 year and beyond.

The Board discussed current books being used at the Hanover Center for Biology II or Advanced Biology. Options were discussed concerning replacing the present textbooks or using additional resources to supplement the curriculum.

Superintendent Joonas shared wording proposals and information on Summer Drivers Education Classes with the board. The Board will continue the discussion at the October Board meeting.

Larry Wurtz updated the Board on increased costs of food, maintenance items, and other related supplies due to the increase in fuel prices.

Val Converse, principal at Hanover, reported to the Board on activities at the Hanover Center. Mrs. Converse discussed credit requirements for graduation and student recognition.

Mike Savage reported that the school year was off and running and presented the Board with a newsletter published by KSDE Innovation Improvement Team featuring Linn Vocational Woods Projects and students.

Mr. Joonas informed the Board of drastic changes being proposed in funding of Vocational Classes. According to the proposed changes, none of the computer or multi-media classes would be funded.

Superintendent Joonas informed the Board of an Early Childhood Grant that would expand our present Parents as Teachers program. The Grant is due by September 22nd.

Mr. Joonas also informed the Board of the Mentors program that was started at Hanover last year. The Administration will be researching the program and bring more information back to the board in October.

The Board discussed the Redistricting issue. Bruce Meyer expressed his concerns on the Board not being in compliance with HB 2585 requiring local boards to change member districts if the population of a member's district is more than 5% above or below the mean population of other member districts in the school district based upon the latest census.

The board requested that the KASB Attorney draft a letter of opinion on the subject and that the board receive the letter to review before the October Board meeting.

President Bruce Meyer presented a letter from a concerned patron. Mr. Meyer also presented a letter of response that he has sent to the patron for the board's review.

The Board discussed the present bidding practices of bidding projects on items over \$20,000. It was the consensus of the board to continue to follow the state guidelines of bidding all projects or equipment over \$20,000.

*To hold executive session for non-elected personnel.

*To approve the Financial Reports and Payment of Bills as presented.

The Board requested that copies of the credit card monthly bills be sent to the Board President and Vice President for review.

*To table the approval of the School Improvement Plans Update till the October Meeting.

*To join Schools for Quality Education for the 2008-09 school year.

*To approve Julie Jueneman and Sharon Nicholson as Jr. Class Sponsors, Troy Minge as Assistant JH FB at the Hanover Center and Tony Meier as Assistant HSFB, Neal Kurtz as JH Scholars Bowl, Connie Herrs as Freshmen Class Sponsor and Mike Savage as National Honor Society Sponsor at the Linn Center for the 2008-09 year. Approved also are Doris Sheetz and Larry Ohlde as Van Drivers

*To adjourn the meeting.

Cindy Hiesterman, Clerk