

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

Regular Board Meeting, February 9, 2009 7:00 P.M.  
District Office, Barnes, Kansas

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**PRESENT:**           **Bruce Meyer**  
                          **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:**       Tim Voelker, Amy Hoover

**PATRONS:**   Karen Meyer, Gina Pralle

**OTHERS:** Donna Kruse, Press

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

There were no delegations.

Marge Schlabach expressed concerns on repairs made on broken water pipes on the new building at Hanover. The consensus of the Board was that the cost should be reimbursed by the architect, and Mr. Joonas will be contacting them.

\*To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Tim Voelker, counselor and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher at the Linn Center and Amy Hoover, counselor and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher at the Hanover center explained their varied duties at the attendance centers as well as the Kansas Curricular Standards and Benchmarks for School Counseling. The counselors presented information on the Kansas Career Pipeline and Career Clusters designed to help students plan and explore career choices.

Superintendent Joonas updated the Board on 2008-09 budget projections and the effect of State budget cuts on the present year and the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Joonas expressed the serious nature of the budget cuts and noted that there will be tough decisions to be made in the district.

Initiatives Fund. These dollars will then potentially still be available for the Four Year Old At-Risk programs.

The large concern for USD 223 for the 2009-10 school year is the predicted drop in enrollment of 26 students. The loss of 26 students would amount to a loss of \$115,000 in the general fund and \$49,000 in Local Option Budget Authority. That loss will have to be prepared for in the 2009-10 school year budget.

Superintendent Joonas encouraged board members and patrons to contact legislatures and ask them to continue to support the Governor's plan to target the stimulus funds into education.

Larry Wurtz reported on price projections for buses, both new and used. Mr. Wurtz cautioned the board that not staying on a schedule for replacement of buses could mean that the district could need two or more buses in a year or more. The board wishes to have Mr. Wurtz check out option on new or leased buses, rather than purchasing a used bus.

Mike Savage reported on activities at the Linn Attendance Center.

\*To hold executive session for Non-Elected Personnel

\*To accept the resignation of Richard Turner as Head Girls Basketball Coach at the Linn Attendance Center.

\*To accept the resignation of Shannon Searcey-Bussmann as Social Studies Instructor, Student council sponsor and head high school volleyball coach at the Hanover Attendance Center.

\*To hold executive session for Non-Elected Personnel

\*To approve the 2009-10 School Calendar as presented.

\*To approve the District Technology Plan as presented.

Val Converse reported on activities at the Hanover Attendance Center.

\*To approve the Valedictorian/ Salutatorian Requirements as presented.

\*To approve the District Wide Bullying Plan as presented.

\*To approve Lesley Goodrich as District Migrant/ESL Para.

\*To hold executive session for Non-Elected Personnel

\*To accept the resignation of Steve Joonas as the Superintendent of Schools effective June 30, 2009.

The Board will meet at a Special Meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the District Office in order to review applications for Superintendent.

\*To adjourn the meeting.

**Cindy Hiesterman, Clerk**