

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

Regular Board Meeting, April 13, 2009 7:00 P.M.  
District Office, Barnes, Kansas

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**PRESENT:**           **Bruce Meyer**  
                          **Todd Frye**  
                          **Bryce Heck** (arrived at 7:03pm)  
                          **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:** Deanna Kolle, Ruth Howell, Marilyn Pachta, Rachel McVean, Jenny Joonas

**PATRONS:** Phyllis Ohlde, Douglas Beikman, Janell Wohler, Rachel Mueller,  
                  Sara Beikman, Steven Ohlde

**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.

Sara Beikman addressed the board, representing a group of concerned parents. The delegation expressed concerns that combining grades may influence parents to send children to the parochial school or other districts, which would further effect school funding. The parents expressed concerns with student achievement.

\*To approve the Consent Agenda with the correction to March 9<sup>th</sup> minutes and the addition of a grant from the family of Ona Dupes to the Linn Elementary Library.

Rachel McVean presented a slide show of pictures of her 26 students that attend the USD 223 TLEC Preschool at the Greenleaf location. The Preschool is an integrated preschool for 3-5 year olds. An integrated preschool includes children with and without disabilities with flexibility for providing individuality and developmental appropriate activities to meet the needs of all children. The preschool meets Monday-Thursday during the week.

Jenny Joonas explained her position and work as the Parents as Teachers coordinator. Mrs. Joonas currently serves 22 high need families as well as other families with a total of 45 families. Jenny passed around some of the toys that she uses in her in home visits and told the board about playgroups that are held in each town three times a year. The PAT program is funded 60% through the state and 40% through individual districts. Individual districts are charged for their level of participation. Currently 19 families are served in USD 223 with a waiting list of 8 families.

Superintendent Joonas informed the board of the three students from Linn that have qualified for Nationals in FBLA. Those students are Paige Finch for Job Interview and Miranda Wilgers and Laura Stuenkel for Digital Video Production. The board approved Sharon Wilgers as sponsor for the trip instead of the FBLA Advisor.

Mr. Joonas informed the board of the present budget challenges for the 09-10 school year. Superintendent Joonas explained that the funds that are referred to as "Stimulus" money, is actually "Stabilization" money. Those funds will be used to make up the difference in the planned budget cuts for the 09-10 and 10-11 school years. The total drop in budget authority for USD 223 in 09-10 will be \$214,000. That number is a combination of \$174,000 drop in general fund due to the decrease in state aid along with the decline in student enrollment, plus a drop in Local Option Budget Authority of \$40,400. The amount of \$214,000 is the best case scenario contingent upon the passing of Senate Bill 84 which allows local districts to base their Local Option Budget authority on the previous base state aid per pupil. If Senate Bill 84 is defeated it will mean an additional drop of \$15,000 for our particular district. Mr. Joonas emphasized the seriousness of the budget crisis and answered questions from the board on the stabilization money and it's use. The stabilization money is contingent upon the approval of the Kansas Department of Education Plan by the Federal Government. More information on the ARRA can be found on the KSDE Web site at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3480>

Larry Wurtz reported on the plan to improve the school crossing at the Hanover Center. The County is receiving funds from the Stimulus program that will help with the project. Mr. Wurtz is in the process of getting bids for a bus and two vans which will be used for Special Ed routes. There was a question of stimulus help available for new buses, but Mr. Wurtz explained that those funds are only available to update present buses to environmentally friendly standards. Larry will have the bids for the May board meeting.

Mike Savage reported on activities at the Linn Attendance Center. Mr. Savage noted that there are 27 ½ days left of school.

Val Converse reported on activities at the Hanover Attendance Center. Mrs. Converse requested approval for a Sr. at Hanover to attend CNA training for 2 hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The board approved the request. Mrs. Converse reported that there will be 12-14 enrolled in Kindergarten in 2009-10 at Hanover.

\*To hold Executive Session for Student Matters

\*To hold Executive Session for Non Elected Personnel

\*To accept the resignation of Linda Herrs, Kindergarten teacher at Linn, due to retirement as presented.

\*To accept the resignation of Vickie Kyner, FACS Instructor at Hanover, due to retirement as presented.

\*To accept the resignation of Jeannie Woltje, second grade elementary instructor at the Hanover Center, due to retirement as presented.

The Board wishes to thank Linda, Jeannie and Vickie for their service to the District.

\*To approve Nathan Hiebert at the Drivers Ed Instructor for the District for 2008-09.

\*To discontinue the programs of Dance, Cross Country, and Golf in the district in the start of 09-10.

\*To approve the following winter coaches at Linn for the 09-10 school year. Trenton Horn as JH Boys Basketball, Karma Hageman as JH Girls Basketball, and Lyle Thompson as HS Boys Basketball.

\*To approve the following winter coaches at Hanover for the 09-10 school year. Kim Lohse as Head HS Boys Basketball and Matt Heuer as Assistant HS Boys Basketball .

Approval of Social Studies teacher at Hanover was tabled.

The board discussed budget considerations and the decision of whether or not to fill open positions. No motion was made and the board will discuss this further in the May meeting.

\*To adjourn the meeting.

**Cindy Hiesterman, Clerk**