

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

Regular Board Meeting, May 11, 2009 7:30 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:**       Marcy Oehmke

**PATRONS:** Jennifer Thalmann, Kay Bott, Linda Bott, Rhonda Meier  
                  Sara Beikman, Steven Ohlde

**STUDENTS:** Acacia Thalmann, Lauren Oehmke, Kesiah Thalmann, Kendra Bargman,  
                  Kristen McGatlin, Sami Meier

**OTHERS:** Rick and Jackie Simoncic, 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.

The Linn Junior High Cheerleaders addressed the board concerning the intention of eliminating the Junior High Cheerleading program for the 09-10 school year.

\*To approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of approving College Reimbursement hours for Rebecca Fischer.

Todd Frye announced that he intended to resign his position on the USD 223 School Board due to his family's intended move to Marysville. The Board is opening nominations for Position #3 of the USD 223 School Board to any interested patrons with residence in Election District #3. The description of the district is as follows: The East half of Sherman Township (3miles) except section 27 & 34, all Kimeo, Greenleaf, Lincoln Townships presently included in USD 223, all of Barnes City and that part of Barnes Township South of highway #9. Nominations will be accepted through May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The newly appointed Board member will assume their position along with the other new board members on July 1, 2009.

Superintendent Joonas presented numbers to the Board that showed the present budget cuts for the 2009-10 school year, and listed the proposed secondary cuts and the dollars that they represent. Secondary cuts are as follows: Cutting Building Technology, Board Expense, Superintendent Expense, District Organizational Fees, District Technology, and Building Repairs. The secondary cuts would amount to \$72,000 in addition to the previous cuts approved for \$237,550.

The district plans to utilize the ARRA stimulus funds for the Title program and Mr. Joonas has met with the Title teachers in how to best utilize those funds to meet the needs of students.

\*To remove Junior High Cheerleading from the proposed secondary budget cuts for 2009-10.

Superintendent Joonas presented a letter from KASB concerning the legal aspects of having a golf program funded by the community. Parents had requested being able to continue the Golf program and raise funds through fund raisers to support it. The estimated cost of the program is \$11,000. The Board discussed the precedent that would be set allowing programs to be funded by the community. The Board also discussed funding part of the cost and the balance being done through fund raising. There was also discussion on trying to negotiate with the golf course in order to get some of the fees reduced. It was the consensus of the Board that the parents request would be considered and more information gathered on cost and other concerns.

The Board reviewed the bid for installation of donated phones in the classrooms at Hanover. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the installation.

The Board discussed finishing to two classrooms at Linn that did not have Air Conditioning installed in 2008-09.

\*To complete the Air Conditioning in the two English Rooms at Linn.

Mr. Joonas assured the Board that he would be able to have the budget figures prepared by the June 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and not require a special board meeting in June.

Superintendent Joonas discussed with the Board and gave his recommendations to not reduce the calendar for 2009-10. The estimated savings on reducing the calendar would be \$22,500. It was the consensus of the Board to stay with the previously approved 2009-10 calendar.

Larry Wurtz reported on the Linn and Hanover Summer School plans. The preschool at Greenleaf will also be in session from mid-June through mid-July, in the mornings.

Mr. Wurtz reported that the administration had made the decision to not purchase a bus or vans for 2009-10. Some of the current vehicles would be rotated to meet student needs.

Mr. Savage reported on activities at the Linn Attendance Center. He reported that KSHSAA was in the process of reducing entry fees charged to the schools due to school budget concerns. He also reported that Manhattan Lucky schools are interested in joining the BVL League for 2010-11.

Val Converse reported that some students had received awards from participating in the Washington County Bicycle Safety Program, Mr. Rut had been honored for outstanding combined track and field coach, and Alex Bruna was honored as Outstanding Sr. Athlete for the year by KCLY.

Mrs. Converse visited with the board concerning Mr. Howell's Horticulture Program, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and suggestions for Prom. Mrs. Hagedorn has 78 students enrolled in Cool School and teachers from other districts requesting to come and observe.

Mr. Joonas visited with the Board concerning using a certified para using ARRA Title Funds.

Mr. Joonas also informed the board of the luncheons at the schools to honor the retiring teachers. The luncheon for Linda Herrs will be May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Linn, and the luncheon for Jeannie Woltje and Vickie Kyner will be May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 at Hanover.

\*To hold Executive Session for Non-elected Personnel.

\*To hold Executive Session for Student Matters.

\*To accept the resignation of Rachel McVean as Junior High Cheerleader Sponsor at Linn for the 2009-10 school year.

\*To approve Shane Ohlde as Head HS Football and Jake Richter as Assistant HS Boys Football Coach at Linn for the 2009-10 year.

\*To approve the summer school programs at Linn and Hanover.

The Board discussed the need to not use the Air Conditioning in any of the classrooms when not in use.

\*To approve all Summer Camps at the School with the requirement that insurance be in place for camps where other schools participate.

\*To adjourn the meeting.

**Cindy Hiesterman, Clerk**