

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 343
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 9, 2015

Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Office.

Members Present: Travis Daniels, Matt Erickson, Tiffany Ball, Gene Barrett, Tim Blosser, Traci Eddy, Jenny Morgison

Also Present: Denis Yoder, Superintendent; Judy Chamberlain, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Justin Van Winkle; Scott Coyle; Blaise Ball; Tawnia Showalter; Wendy George; Karmell Thacker; Ron Thacker; Shane Jones and Debbie Walburn, Clerk

- 1.0 Call to Order** – President Travis Daniels called the regular meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
- 2.0 Ordering and Approval of the Agenda** – Matt Erickson moved to accept the agenda with the addition to item 3.5 Personnel Considerations. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. The motion carried 7 – 0.
- 3.0 Consent Agenda** – Matt Erickson moved to approve the Consent Agenda with:

Personnel Considerations: Resignation from Tom Gallagher as PLHS custodian effective February 6, 2015

Attendance Requests: None at this time

Gifts to the District: Perkins Reserve Fund Grant for \$2500 applied for and received by PLHS assistant principal Mike Copple; 20 bags of mound clay won by PLHS baseball coach Kent Houk.

Jenny Morgison seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 - 0.
- 4.0 Recognitions** - None
- 5.0 Board Business**
 - 5.1 Technology Plan** – Jenny Morgison moved to approve the technology plan effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 as presented. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 - 0.
 - 5.2 Driver’s Education Report** – Tiffany Ball moved to approve offering a Driver’s Education course at PLHS as described. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 - 0.
 - 5.3 Class Course Changes for 2015-16** – Matt Erickson moved to support the proposed 2015-16 course changes at PLMS. Tim Blosser seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 – 0.
 - 5.4 Gifted Trip** – Jenny Morgison moved to approve USD #343 gifted students traveling to Omaha, Nebraska and spending the night on 4/19/15 through 4/20/15. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 - 0.

5.5 Board Goals Update – Superintendent Yoder updated the board on district activities as they relate to the board goals.

5.6 Concrete Bids – Gene Barrett moved to accept the low bid from CLH Concrete for the projects including the base bid of \$9,420 plus the addition in front of the baseball pad of \$1,480 and the pad edge turndown of \$1,984. Jenny Morgison seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 – 0.

5.7 Board Election Resolution – Jenny Morgison moved to approve the Kansas State Legislature Actions Relating to School Board Elections resolution as presented. Matt Erickson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1. Abstaining: Tiffany Ball.

PERRY-LECOMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 343
BOARD RESOLUTION 2015

Kansas State Legislative Actions Relating to School Board Elections

A RESOLUTION by the Board of Education of the Perry-Lecompton Public Schools, Unified School District No. 343, Jefferson County, Kansas, regarding the Kansas State Legislature’s proposed bills to alter the process for electing public board of education members in Kansas.

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers of the State of Kansas provided in Article 6 of the State’s Constitution for the establishment and maintenance of public schools; and

WHEREAS, the people of Kansas approved by popular vote an amendment in 1966 endowing locally-elected boards of education with the sole responsibility of maintaining, developing and operating local public schools; and

WHEREAS, all children in Kansas deserve access to a public education absent of potentially divisive partisanship; and

WHEREAS, moving local public school board elections to November of even-numbered years would reduce focus on school board candidates as they compete for attention with all other candidates for every federal, state and local office; and

WHEREAS, moving school board elections from the spring to fall would impair a school district’s efficient operation based on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30; and

WHEREAS, moving school board elections from the spring to fall would potentially create a “lame duck” board, thereby impeding discussions of administrator evaluations, contract extensions, teacher evaluations, teacher negotiations and budget preparation; and

WHEREAS, partisan elections would bar federal executive branch and military employees from running for office and serving their communities by holding local office; and

WHEREAS, current options in voting plans allow local districts to determine the best plan to ensure representation from all parts of the district; and

WHEREAS, the current election cycle for electing local public education board members has and will continue to serve the children of Kansas well, as demonstrated by the fact that Kansas ranks among the top states in educational outcome for successful students while spending below the national average per pupil; and

WHEREAS, increasing voter participation can be accomplished without disrupting the current election cycle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we as a Locally-Elected Board of Education call upon the Kansas State Legislature to pass no law changing the election cycle for local boards of education; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we as a Locally-Elected Board of Education call upon the Kansas State Legislature to pass no law changing the nonpartisan status of local board of education elections.

ADOPTED by the Perry-Lecompton School District Board of Education on this date, 9th, of this month, February, of this year, 2015.

By: /s/ Travis Daniels

Member

/s/ Matt Erickson

Member

/s/ Traci L. Eddy

Member

/s/ Gene Barrett

Member

/s/ Tim Blosser

Member

/s/ Jenny Morgison

Member

Member

Attest: /s/ Debbie Walburn

Clerk, Board of Education

6.0 Executive Session – Matt Erickson moved that the board recess to executive session for the purpose of discussing items affecting non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals being discussed. Included in the executive session will be Superintendent Denis Yoder, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Judy Chamberlain, PLHS principal JB Elliott and Assistant Principal Mike Copple. This executive session should begin at 8:05 p.m. in this room with the board reconvening at this place at 8:35 p.m. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend the executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 8:35 p.m. and reconvene at 8:45 p.m. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend the executive session 3 minutes, to begin at 8:45 p.m. and reconvene at 8:48 p.m. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend the executive session 3 minutes, to begin at 8:48 p.m. and reconvene at 8:51 p.m. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Let the record show that the board returned to regular session at 8:51 p.m.

7.0 Reports and Communications

7.1 Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Yoder reported to the board on the possible K-12 education budget funding cuts to the general fund and LOB. The board was reminded of the upcoming lunch at Perry Elementary on February 17th at 11:30 a.m.

7.2 Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report – Director Chamberlain reported that state assessment testing will begin on March 9th with an end date no later than May 15th.

7.3 Keystone Learning Services Update – Minutes of the January 21, 2015 and February 3, 2015 meetings were enclosed with board materials. Jenny Morgison shared information on the scheduled executive director candidate interviews.

7.4 USD 343 Endowment Association Update – Traci Eddy reported that the group will meet on February 18th.

8.0 Adjournment – Matt Erickson moved to adjourn the meeting. Tiffany Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 9:02 pm.

Travis Daniels, President

Debbie Walburn, Clerk