

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

Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 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 (by phone)

**Also Present:** Denis Yoder, Superintendent; Judy Chamberlain, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; JB Elliott; Mike Copple; Josh Woodward; Connie Thornton; Vickie Marino; Seth Surface; Amber Pearson; Wayne Ledbetter; Wendy George; Megan Cottrell; Brittany Chapin; Sandy Jacquot; Tawnia Showalter; Kathy Youngquist; Nick Passmore; McKayla Breese; Jessica James; Shane Jones; Justin VanWinkle; Paul Bahnmaier; and Debbie Walburn, Clerk

**1.0 Call to Order** – President Travis Daniels called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2.0 Ordering and Approval of the Agenda** – Matt Erickson moved to accept the agenda as presented. 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:** The employment of Rachael Ferguson as assistant golf coach for 2014-15; Katie Chaney as PLHS custodian; and Austin Jantz as AM route SPED van driver; the resignation of John Culvahouse effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year; the early retirement request from Mary Guffey effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

**Attendance Requests:** From Barbara Ball & Francis Koder, Lawrence, for their granddaughter, Madison Hite, to attend PLMS as an 8th grader

Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**4.0 Recognitions** - None

**5.0 Board Business**

**5.1 Jefferson County Economic Development Presentation** – Wayne Ledbetter and several members of the Jefferson County Economic Development Commission were present to discuss the potential for residential development on school property.

**5.2 State Assessment Update** – Director of Curriculum & Instruction Judy Chamberlain updated the board on the status of state assessments in our district schools.

**5.3 Lecompton Territorial Days Committee Request** – Members of the Lecompton Territorial Days Committee were present to provide additional information and answer questions from the board regarding their request. Consensus of the board was to allow the change and to proceed with the facility use procedures currently in place.

**5.4 Keystone Learning Services Inter-Local Renewal** – Tiffany Ball moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Upon the 9th day of March, 2015, at a duly convened meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District #343 with a Quorum of the Board present at voting to adopt the following and:

Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of USD #343 shall enter into the 2014 Renewal Interlocal Agreement as amended with the Northeast Kansas Education Service Center, d/b/a/ Keystone Learning Services, and

It is further Resolved that the President of the Board of Education of USD #343 is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to enter into such agreement.

Unified School District #343

/s/ Travis Daniels  
President of the Board

Travis Daniels  
Print President Name

/s/ Debbie Walburn  
Attest by Clerk of the Board

Debbie Walburn  
Print Clerk Name

Matt Erickson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**5.5 2015-16 School Calendar** – Tiffany Ball moved to approve the calendar as presented as the official 2015-16 school calendar. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**5.6 Certified Staff Update** – 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, PLHS/PLMS assistant principal Mike Copple, PLMS principal Josh Woodward and PLES principal Connie Thornton. This executive session should begin at 8:08 p.m. in this room with the board reconvening at this place at 8:28 p.m. Tim Blosser seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 8:28 p.m. and reconvene at 8:38 p.m. Tim Blosser seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 8:38 p.m. and reconvene at 8:48 p.m. Tim Blosser seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 8:48 p.m. and reconvene at 8:58 p.m. Tim Blosser seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Let the record show that the board returned to regular session at 8:58 p.m.

**5.7 Administrative Assignments** – 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 and PLHS principal JB Elliott. This executive session should begin at 9:00 p.m. in this room with the board reconvening at this place at 9:20 p.m. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 9:20 p.m. and reconvene at 9:30 p.m. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 9:30 p.m. and reconvene at 9:40 p.m. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 9:40 p.m. and reconvene at 9:50 p.m. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 10 minutes, to begin at 9:50 p.m. and reconvene at 10:00 p.m. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Let the record show that the board returned to regular session at 10:00 p.m.

Matt Erickson moved to approve Connie Thornton as Pre K-4 Principal @ PES & LES for the 2015-16 school year. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Erickson moved to approve Josh Woodward as 5-8 Principal @ PLMS for the 2015-16 school year. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jenny Morgison moved to approve Theresa Beatty as 9-12 Assistant Principal (.5) @ PLHS & AD @ PLHS/PLMS & Transportation Director (.5) for the 2015-16 school year. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-3. Voting against: Traci Eddy, Tiffany Ball and Matt Erickson.

Jenny Morgison move to approve Mike Maloun as 5-8 Assistant Principal (.3) & Band Teacher (.7) for the 2015-16 school year. Matt Erickson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**6.0 Executive Session** – This executive session was not needed.

## **7.0 Reports and Communications**

### **7.1 Superintendent's Report**

- The latest news from the legislature was shared with the board
- Superintendent Yoder shared with the board the concerns with the participation rate and revenues being down with our food service program. The OPAA group is looking at reasons why and how to improve.
- A Board Candidate Forum will be held on April 1 at PLHS
- **Communications**

**7.2 Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report** – No report

**7.3 Keystone Learning Services Update** – Minutes of the February 12, February 16 and February 18, 2015 meetings were enclosed with board materials. Jenny reported that a new Executive Director had been hired.

**7.4 USD 343 Endowment Association Update** – Traci reported that the group had met and were giving monies to the district wellness program, grab/go bags for classrooms, two academic and one vocation scholarships and \$250 to Deb Ashlock for winning art students.

**8.0 Adjournment** – Matt Erickson moved to adjourn the meeting. Gene Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 10:12 pm.

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Travis Daniels, President

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Debbie Walburn, Clerk