

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 343**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**June 12, 2017**

Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Office.

**Members Present:** Travis Daniels, Matt Erickson, Tiffany Ball, Traci Eddy, DeAnn Hupe Seib

**Absent Members:** Jenny Morgison; Gene Barrett

**Also Present:** JB Elliott, Superintendent; Rita Lesser; Justin Dunnaway; Wayne Ledbetter; Jarae Essman; Marty Blosser, Clerk

- 1.0 Call to Order** – President Travis Daniels called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- 2.0 Ordering and Approval of the Agenda** – Matt Erickson moved to accept the agenda as presented. DeAnn Hupe Seib seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.
- 3.0 Consent Agenda** – Matt Erickson moved to approve the Consent Agenda with (with the supplemental approvals to be tabled until after executive session):

**3.1 Personnel Considerations:** The resignation of Greta Ball-Hood, Food Service effective May 24, 2017; the resignation of Racheal Ferguson as PLHS Spanish teacher effective May 25, 2017; the resignation of Debbie Wade as PLHS Secretary effective May 30, 2017

The employment of: Karen Gorski as PLHS secretary effective July 19<sup>th</sup>; Kelly Hoopes as Spanish teacher at PLHS for the 2017 – 2018 school year; Anna Wade as Title I teacher at PES and PLMS for the 2017-2018 school year; Lani Novak-Mersmann (June – August) for 16 hour per week custodian; Pam Featherly (June – August) for 16 hour per week custodian.

Matt Erickson moved to approve Kent Houk as 7<sup>th</sup> grade assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2017-2018 school year. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Matt Erickson moved to approve Mike Kelly as .5 assistant high school football coach for the 2017-2018 school year. Tiffany Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1

Matt Erickson moved to approve Amanda Doleman as PLMS student council sponsor for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried 5-0

**3.2 Attendance Requests:**

- From Jamie Hunter of Ozawkie, for Henlee Hunter to attend LES as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader and Ivy Long to attend PLMS as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader
- From Amy Oshel of Ozawkie, for Spencer Archer to attend PLHS as a 12<sup>th</sup> grader
- From Jaclyn and Josh Hackathorn of Lawrence, for Hunter Hackathorn to attend PLHS as a 12 grader, Wyatt Hackathorn to attend PLMS as a 8 grader, and Dalton Hackathorn to attend PLMS as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader
- From Pamela and John Keller of Perry, for Campbell Keller to attend PLMS as a 8<sup>th</sup> grader and Jenna Keller to attend PLHS as a 10<sup>th</sup> grader
- From Christina and Adam Morey of Ozawkie, for Allison Biggs to attend PLMS as a 8<sup>th</sup> grader and Dalton Morey to attend LES as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader

- From Chris and Angel Gaither of Ozawkie, for Alexander Gaither to attend PLMS as a 6th grader, Azland Gaither to attend LES as a 2nd grader, and Achilles Gaither to attend PES as a 1st grader
- From Mardi Bowlin and Chad Heston of Oskaloosa, for Ryan Heston to attend LES as a 3rd grader
- From Barbara Ball and Francis Koder of Lawrence, for Madison Hite to attend PLHS as a 11th grader
- From Lori Asmus and David Black of Valley Falls, for Taylor Black to attend PLHS as a 10th grader
- From Mike and Tara O'Connor of Lecompton, for Cassody O'Connor to attend PLHS as a 12th grader and Logan O'Connor to attend LES as a 2nd grader
- From Regan Agre of Oskaloosa, for Lola Agre to attend LES as a 4th grader
- From Alysa and Erik Baker of Lecompton, for Landon Johnson to attend PLHS as a 12th grader, Anthony Baker to attend LES as a 4th grader and Eva Baker to attend LES as a 2nd grader
- From Josh and Jaylene Rosenberger of Lecompton, for Rylie Rosenberger to attend LES as a 4th grader
- From Kyle and Nicole Marshall of Topeka, for Sophia Marshall to attend LES as a 2nd grader
- From Matt and Brianna Erickson of Ozawkie, for Kayla Erickson to attend PES as a PRE K student, for Kyla Erickson to attend PES as a 1<sup>st</sup> grader, and for Gabriel Evans to attend PLMS as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader
- From Sorin and Magdalena Iordan of Meriden, for Timothy Iordan to attend PLHS as an 11<sup>th</sup> grader

**Gifts to the District - None**

**Disposal and Sale of District-Owned Property** – Two book shelves, flash cards, sports uniforms, push mower, and a weed eater.

Tiffany Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **4.0 Recognitions - None**

#### **5.0 Board Business**

**5.1 District Insurance** – DeAnn Hupe Seib made the motion to approve district insurance through Willis for the 2017-2018 at a cost of \$133,799. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**5.2 Student Accident Insurance** – Traci Eddy made the motion to approve the purchase of student accident insurance to provide Mid-Catastrophic Group Activities coverage for \$1750 and All Pupil (K-12) coverage for \$3100 for the 2017-2018 school year. Tiffany Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**5.3 End of Year Budget Matters** – DeAnn Hupe Seib moved to authorize the Clerk, the Superintendent, and the district auditor to make necessary transfers and expenditures to close out the 2016-2017 budget. Matt Erickson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**5.4 Resolution To Operate in the Event of School Shutdown** – Tiffany Ball moved to approve the resolution for emergency funding, operation and maintenance as approved by the Supreme Court decision. Matt Erickson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**MOTION AND RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING, OPERATION  
AND MAINTENANCE**

Mr. President, I move the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Kansas school finance system is embroiled in litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Supreme Court has issued a decision declaring the Kansas school finance system inequitable and further directed that unless the Kansas Legislature corrected the inequities, the school districts will be unable to operate after June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Legislature has a constitutional responsibility to provide for the “intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement” of Kansas public schools; and to “make suitable provisions for finance of the educational interests of the state”; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Constitution provides that local public schools shall be maintained, developed and operated by locally elected boards; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 72-8201 empowers local school districts with the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes;

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 72-8205 provides that local Boards of Education shall have the authority to adopt rules and regulations; for teaching in the school district, for general government thereof, to transact all school district business and to adopt policies that the Board deems appropriate to perform its constitutional duty to maintain, develop and operate local public schools; and

WHEREAS, the closure or shutdown of Kansas schools would be unprecedented and have a devastating effect upon the Perry Lecompton School District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Unified School District No. 343, Jefferson County, Kansas;

Section 1. It is hereby declared, that in the event school closure or shutdown occurs; by act of the Kansas Legislature, from judicial orders issue by Kansas appellate courts, or by other emergency or financial crises which impact the finances or operation of the school district, it is the intent of the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 343 to take necessary and appropriate action to continue the operation of its schools.

Section 2. It is further the Board’s intent, to provide continued authority and take appropriate action, to insure that it may transact all school district business and perform its constitutional duty to maintain, develop and operate the Perry Lecompton School District.

Section 3. The superintendent of schools, and the clerk of the Board of Education with authorization from the superintendent, shall have the authority and are empowered, in advance or in the event of the occurrences enumerated above, to approve and process from school district balances, reserve funds and any other appropriation; payments for services rendered, wages and benefits earned by all employees; payments for bonds and other obligations; payments to vendors and contractors; payments for security and critical services; payments for utilities, maintenance and insurance; and to take any or all other and further action required or necessary to insure continued maintenance, development and operation of the Perry-Lecompton schools.

This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption. ADOPTED

by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 343, Jefferson County, Kansas, the 12<sup>TH</sup> day of June 2017. UNIFIED

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 343

By: /s/ Travis Daniels  
Member  
/s/ Matt Erickson  
Member  
/s/ Traci L. Eddy  
Member  
/s/ Tiffany Ball  
Member  
/s/ DeAnn Hupe Seib  
Member

Attest: /s/ Marty Blosser4  
Clerk, Board of Education

**6.0 Executive Session** – Matt Erickson moved that the board recess to executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals being discussed. Included in the executive session will be Superintendent JB Elliott. This session should begin at 6:55 p.m. in this room with the board reconvening at this place at 7:05 p.m. DeAnn Hupe Seib seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 5 minutes, to begin at 7:05 p.m. and reconvene at 7:10 p.m. DeAnn Hupe Seib seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Matt Erickson moved to extend executive session 5 minutes, to begin at 7:10 p.m. and reconvene at 7:15 p.m. DeAnn Hupe Seib seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Let the record show that the board returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.

## **7.0 Reports and Communications**

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

- Superintendent Elliott shared that all of the 2006 International buses sold and that we are currently looking to purchase a new bus.
- The board was updated on the individuals that filed for the upcoming board elections. He also explained that there will be a primary election for District #3, in August.
- **Communications** – None

**7.2 Keystone Learning Services Update** – Minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting were enclosed with board materials.

**8.0 Adjournment** – Matt Erickson moved to adjourn the meeting. Traci Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Time: 7:31 p.m.

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Travis Daniels, President

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Marty Blosser, Clerk