

Pending approval

September 8, 2009

Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Public Schools
Board of Education.

Members Present: Julie Beam, Chuck Carpp,
Dave Garvison, Jeff Johnson, Gerry Martin,
Tom Reynnells, Carol Sjoquist. All present

Administration Present: John Overley, Sue
McQueen, Jay Peterson.
All present

Athletic Director: Jeff Miller, Absent.

Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Beam moved and Carpp supported the motion to approve the bills of \$7815.90 from Cycle 13 and bills of \$554,434.70. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Carpp moved and Martin supported the motion to approve the open minutes of August 3 and the open minutes of August 26 as presented. Discussion was held. The August 3, 2009 minutes were approved 5-0 with Beam and Sjoquist abstaining and the August 26, 2009 minutes were approved 7-0.

Comments from the public:

Dennis Ghost made a request to retire Isdrío Reyna's football jersey #9 in his memory. Discussion was held. The consensus of the board was not to retire jerseys, but to direct this request to the athletic committee to research ways to honor past Lawrence athletes. It was also suggested to Mr. Ghost to meet with the athletic boosters and the alumni association for their input.

Sjoquist moved and Martin supported the motion to hire Jessica Bierhalter as high school English teacher. Motion carried 7-0.

High School Principal's Report:

Peterson reported the staff professional development included training on Pinnacle/Excelsior on line grade book and reported the parents will

be able to use the new program after the first marking period. The staff also worked in core subject groups using the SMART model for goal setting. The first day of school went well. The social studies teachers will be showing President Obama's speech tomorrow. The MEAP's will be October 13-29. The staff is also working on an anti-bullying and harassment policy. The H1N1 efforts continue encouraging all to wash their hands frequently and to stay home if they are ill.

Elementary Principal's Report:

McQueen reported the three day in-service included creating a behavioral team to help children, team building and instruction in grade book. She stated letter grades are only given to grades 4-6. The first day went well with an assembly looking at rules and expectations. The KG had an open house with parents including a bus ride. September 10 will be the start of their fundraiser for field trip money and the 16th is the district open house.

Sjoquist moved and Carpp supported the motion to approve hiring Jay Peterson as Jr./Sr. High School Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Carpp moved and Sjoquist supported the motion to recall Abbi Grimes to a ½ time elementary, Title I position, per seniority recall list. Motion carried 7-0.

Beam moved and Carpp supported the motion that the Lawrence Public School District is reconfirming CIPA compliance as previously approved in 2001. Our district has been CIPA compliant since 2001 and enforces an acceptable use policy/Internet safety policy, including Internet content filtering. Motion carried 7-0.

Carpp moved and Reynnells supported the motion to approve the following coaching contracts pending background checks:

- Scott Whittington, Asst. Varsity Football Coach
- Bob Fragala, Asst. Jr. Varsity Football Coach
- Chad Connley, Volunteer Sideline Football Asst.
- Bob Rokos, Volunteer Jr. High Football Coach
- Brandon Mann, Volunteer Jr. High Football Coach

Motion carried 7-0.

Carpp moved and Reynnells supported the motion to approve the following 2009-2010 contracts:

- John Overley, Superintendent

Jay Peterson, Jr./Sr. High School Principal
Sue McQueen, Elementary Principal
Sue Goldenberg, Elementary Social worker
Mirinda Amthor, At-Risk Coordinator
Gene Butler, Technology Coordinator

Motion carried 7-0.

The consideration of approving a proposal from Butler Computer Services to re-create and maintain our school web page was tabled to the next board meeting.

It was stated Phil McAndrew had been offered the open English position, but denied it.

Discussion was held regarding the recycling program which has started, but is not working smoothly at this time. We did not receive any stimulus money for a new dishwasher.

Martin will be attending the Van Buren County Board meeting and asked the board members to contact him if they had any concerns.

In September, \$297.68 had been received from the Linda Marshall embezzlement leaving a balance owed to the school of \$51,387.48.

Discussion was held regarding bus inspections. We may have to hire an outside agency to do the inspections as money is no longer available for inspections from the State.

Discussion was held regarding holding November elections beginning in 2010 to save money.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Pat Garrod, Recording Secretary