

**MINUTES – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – May 25, 2017**  
**Central Administration Building- Board Room**

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mr. Zimmerman, Vice-President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Central Administration Building Board Room. At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Zimmerman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the west wall of the meeting room.

Attendance taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Janet Byars  
Doris Martin  
Lisa Pieper  
Nancy Sedlacek  
Steve Winter  
Jon Zimmerman

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Board of Education of District #15 approve the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Steve Winter and a second by Nancy Sedlacek.

Janet Byars	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Nancy Sedlacek	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

**Motion Passed: 6 Yeas - 0 Nays**

**3. Middle School Schedule**

Mr. Jarosh and Ms. Henning shared a handout that highlighted the effectiveness of the 9th period that was added for the 2016-2017 school year. The program provided opportunities for students to participate in over 250 activities (most activities were one day/week). Ms. Henning noted that she surveyed teachers to help complete the information for the handout. Specific data was shared on the goals of creating relationships, increasing participation in non-classroom activities, increasing academic achievement/student conduct, and involving the community in school. They noted that it appears there was a direct correlation between positively creating relationships and the drop in the number of behavior referrals. The Middle School plans to continue the program next year and has a goal of increasing community involvement. Board members suggesting surveying the students to see what kinds of activities they would like to see available.

#### **4. Random Drug Testing Policy**

Mr. Sexton provided an update on the random drug testing policy. He noted that the school attorney reviewed the policy and made a few suggestions. The highlighted revisions include: adding what the extracurricular activities include, time frame for re-entering the testing pool, ineligibility during the appeal process and a new activity drop form. Board members asked for clarification on the time frame for re-entering the testing pool (calendar year), if there are measures in place to eliminate the possibility of results showing prescription or over the counter drugs and if any schools had retested a sample which resulted in a different outcome. Byars noted that a constituent talked to her on this topic and felt it should be implemented at both the middle and high school levels, but was very happy with the policy itself. Mr. Nauroth added that how to gauge the effectiveness of the policy is very important and participation will have to be monitored very closely in order to assist with this process.

#### **5. School Wellness Policy**

Mr. Brazell shared the revised wellness policy and corresponding administrative regulation with Board members. He noted that he removed the implementation plan area and another section about revising the policy as well as the glossary of terms. He added that the administrative regulation indicates items being removed and the reason that they are being removed is because those components are an actual part of the policy so there is no need to be redundant. Mr. Brazell informed the Board that he believes that the policy now includes all the new federal requirements.

#### **6. Gym Floor Advertisement**

Mr. Brazell shared a graphic of the gym floor sponsorship layout. He noted that he is still finalizing things as he wants to make sure that all the companies are advertised equally at the size that was agreed upon. Each advertiser is paying \$15,000 over four years. Pieper noted that she will contact the marketing department for Pinnacle Bank for an alternative color that should be easier to read. Mr. Nauroth commented that the district will most definitely get feedback, both positive and negative, on the sponsorship and the image of the knight.

#### **7. Strategic Planning Update**

Mrs. Nielsen informed the Board that the complete update to year one of the strategic plan is available on eMeeting. Mr. Sexton highlighted the focus areas of Strategy 1 which include the use of Infinite Campus to maintain career/goal information, career exploration opportunities, and the use of Gallup surveys to measure student engagement. Mrs. Nielsen added that the next steps include making Infinite Campus more meaningful, evaluating the Gallup survey more and utilizing High Reliability Schools which will be piloted at Stoddard, Paddock Lane and the High School. Next, Mrs. Cordry-Hookstra shared updates on Strategy 2. Steps completed for that strategy in the first year included a review of the character models, needs assessment and a review of the behavior models. The committee working on this strategy is recommending that the district continue with Boys Town and PBiS, which will be implemented at the kindergarten level beginning next school year. Administrators also plan to implement with fidelity and provide more support to the staff moving forward. Mr. Nauroth updated the Board on Strategy 3. The enhanced use of social media, improved communication with stakeholders, ways for community members to be more involved in the education setting, and the grants that were awarded for the after school program were topics that Mr. Nauroth shared with the Board. Mr. Nauroth noted that the district is currently working on developing a process for identifying all the volunteers and community people and the amount of time they spend in the buildings. Finally, Mr. Brazell summarized the completed updates to Strategy 4 which deals with facilities, infrastructure and technology. Mr. Brazell stated that the work for the single-site preschool has already started. He also shared information on the special education audit, energy audit, the use of the BrightBytes survey to evaluate technology knowledge and the annual safety audit. Mrs. Nielsen let Board members know that planning for next year's action steps will take place over the summer months.

**8. Director of Early Childhood Development Position**

Mr. Nauroth shared that the final readings of the policies which include the new directory of early childhood development position are on the June board agenda. If those are approved, he informed the Board that he intends to then bring a name to the Board for official approval of that position.

**9. Public Comments - This is the proper time for public questions and comments on any topic. Please make sure a request form is given to the Board Vice-President before the meeting begins.**

No one spoke at this time.

**10. Adjournment**

Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Nancy Sedlacek and a second by Steve Winter.

Janet Byars	Yes
Doris Martin	Yes
Lisa Pieper	Yes
Nancy Sedlacek	Yes
Steve Winter	Yes
Jon Zimmerman	Yes

**Motion Passed: 6 Yeas - 0 Nays**

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks

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Board Secretary/Superintendent

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Date