

Minutes of the Meeting
December 8, 2008

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BLUESTEM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
LEON, KANSAS**

The regular meeting of Bluestem USD No. 205 Board of Education was held Monday, December 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office, Leon, Kansas.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeremy Nelson	President	Brett Jurging	Member
Melissa Hatfield	Vice-President	Phyllis Brewer	Member
Trish Stiger	Member	Trish Navarro	Member
Kenny Sowers	Member		

OTHERS PRESENT

Randy Rivers, Superintendent; Ava McHone, Clerk; Ron Wrampe, BHS Principal; Kevin Hood, BMS Principal; Debbie Webster, BES Principal; Steven Clark, Theresa Smith, and Ashley Evenson, Teachers; Molly Williams, Chelsea Dey, Morgan Kilgore, Jessica Albers, and Casey Callerman, Students; Susan Williams, Parent

REGULAR PROCEEDINGS

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. Trish Stiger moved and Brett Jurging seconded the motion that the agenda be approved.

Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM

The Board heard three items in the public participation forum.

The BHS junior class made a request that the class be allowed to host the Prom at the El Dorado Civic Center.

Kenny Sowers moved and Melissa Hatfield seconded the motion that the Board allow Mr. Wrampe and the Junior Class to work together to have the prom at the El Dorado Civic Center.

Motion unanimously carried.

The BHS Student Council presented the Board of Education and Bluestem High School with a plaque conveying the student body's appreciation to the contributions made to the district by David Kohls. They requested that the plaque be mounted in the BHS commons area.

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Kenny Sowers moved and Melissa Hatfield seconded the motion that the Board accept the plaque and place the plaque in the area recommended by the Student Council.

Voting was as follows: 6 Yea 1 Nay—Phyllis Brewer

Motion carried.

Susan Williams gave a presentation requesting consideration of a policy to allow foreign exchange students classified as seniors to participate in graduation ceremonies even though they may not have met BHS and Kansas graduation requirements. The board will study the issue further. The Board requested that Mr. Womack attend the next meeting to discuss the policy regarding graduation for the foreign exchange students.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kenny Sowers moved and Brett Jurging seconded the motion that the consent agenda be approved that included the following items:

Minutes of the November 10 and 11, 2008 Board Meetings
Financial Reports and Claims
IRS 403B Plan

Motion unanimously carried.

STAFF REPORTS

The Board reviewed written staff reports from building administrators and department supervisors.

POLICIES

Mr. Rivers presented the Personnel of the policy book. This was considered the first reading of the policy.

2008-09 CALENDAR

A preliminary discussion of a calendar for the 2009-10 school year was held. The board studied and discussed both a five-day school week calendar and a four-day school week calendar. A final decision on the calendar will be made in March 2009. The Board asked the administration to seek input from the community and staff on a 4-day school week calendar.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Rivers shared the results of the four World Café community meetings with the Board. This was the first step in the strategic planning process. Staff and students will be given the opportunity in January and February to share their thoughts and suggestions for a strategic plan for the Bluestem District.

The Board briefly discussed the special taxes for sewer extension to the lots being used to construct new home by the BHS construction class.

POLICIES

Mr. Rivers presented the Board with the Community Relations Section of the Board Policy Book for the second reading.

Brett Jurging moved and Phyllis Brewer seconded the motion that the Community Relations section of the policy book be approved.

Motion unanimously carried.

NEGOTIATIONS AND NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

BOARD RECESSES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:15 P.M.

Brett Jurging moved and Trish Stiger seconded the motion that the Board recess to executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and negotiations. Those remaining for the executive session to be all Board members and Randy Rivers.

Motion unanimously carried.

BOARD RECONVENES FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:45 P.M.

Kenny Sowers moved and Trish Stiger seconded the motion that the resignation of Ricci Woody and BHS custodian be accepted.

Motion unanimously carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m..

JEREMY NELSON, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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