

**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, April 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office, Leon, Kansas.

**DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Randy Rivers, Superintendent; Ava McHone, Clerk; Debbie Webster, BES Principal; Kevin Hood, BMS Principal; David Carson, BHS Assistant Principal; Kathy Metsker, Curriculum Co-ordinator; Mark Carson, Middle School Activities Director; Marlyn Brown, Transportation Supervisor; Jan Hus, School Nurse; Susan Wrampe, Jodi Crumrine, and Jean Lake-Brown, Teachers; Maria Starkel, Secretary; Darcy McCoy, Shannon Diehl; Mr. and Mrs. Morse, Kathy Glaves, Jeff Glaves, Kyle Wiseman, and Jason Harrison, Patrons; Daric McCoy and Jenny Diehl, Students

**REGULAR PROCEEDINGS**

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

Motion unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM**

Three district patrons and a student addressed the board regarding employment contracts.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Minutes of the March 9, 2009 meeting  
Financial Reports and Claims  
Early Graduation Request

Motion unanimously carried.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

## **STUDENT HANDBOOKS**

The Board reviewed the contents of a proposed “consolidated student handbook”. The handbook will be review, amended and presented to the Board in May for final approval.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS**

A list of current supplemental duties as well as possible changes for the 2009-10 school was presented to the Board for their review. A list of supplemental positions for the 2009-10 school will year will be presented at the May meeting for Board approval.

## **POLICIES**

Brett Jurging moved and Phyllis Brewer seconded the motion that the Board approve the “Instruction” section of the Board policy Book.

Motion unanimously carried.

## **CALENDAR**

Mr. Rivers presented the Board with several calendar options for the 2009-10 school year. It was Mr. River’s recommendation that the calendar which was the staff’s recommendation be approved with school beginning on August 17 and ending May 28.

Trish Stiger moved and Trish Navarro seconded the motion that the calendar be approved as recommended..

Motion unanimously carried.

## **BUDGET**

Mr. Rivers recommended to the Board that the following budget cuts be approved for the 2009-10 school year.

- Several high school assistant coaching positions
- Substantial cut in funding for professional development activities
- Reduction in the curriculum director position from .8 FTE to .4 FTE

Transportation director position to include driving a regular bus route  
Elimination of the facility director position  
Elimination of one teaching position at Bluestem Elementary Leon  
Elimination of one secretarial position at Bluestem High School  
Reduction in the number of random drug test performed on students  
Dropping the Parents As Teachers Program  
8 Day reduction in student contract days in 2009-10

Kenny Sowers moved and Trish Stiger seconded the motion that the budget cuts for 2009-10 school year be approved as recommended.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **PERSONNEL**

#### **BOARD RECESSES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:30 P.M.**

Kenny Sowers moved and Melissa Hatfield seconded the motion that the Board recess to executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. Those remaining for the executive session to be all Board members and Randy Rivers.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **BOARD RECONVENES FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:00 P.M.**

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Kenny Sowers moved and Melissa Hatfield seconded the motion that the Board recess to executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. Those remaining for the executive session to be all Board members, and Randy Rivers. The Board included Ron Wrampe, David Carson, Kathy Metsker, Kevin Hood, and Debbie Webster as needed.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **BOARD RECONVENES FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:30 P.M.**

#### **BOARD RECESSES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:30 P.M.**

Melissa Hatfield moved and Trish Stiger seconded the motion that the Board recess to executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected

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personnel. Those remaining for the executive session to be all Board members and Randy Rivers.

Motion unanimously carried.

**BOARD RECONVENES FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:45 P.M.**

**BOARD RECESSES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:45 P.M.**

Melissa Hatfield moved and Phyllis Brewer seconded the motion that the Board recess to executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. Those remaining for the executive session to be all Board members, Randy Rivers, and Ron Wrampe

Motion unanimously carried.

**BOARD RECONVENES FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:00 P.M.**

Trish Stiger moved and Melissa Hatfield seconded the motion the Board adopt a resolution to non-renew the teaching contract for Brittani Hendrix.

Voting was as follows: 6 Yea      1 Abstain—Kenny Sowers

Motion carried.

Mr. Rivers recommended the Connie Bevan be transferred from BHS to BMS Secretary.

Brett Jurging moved and Kenny Sowers seconded the motion that the transfer of Connie Bevan to BMS Secretary for the 2009-10 school year be approved.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Rivers recommended that Chris Houseman be transferred to BES Physical Education teacher for the 2009-10 school year.

Trish Stiger moved and Melissa Hatfield seconded the motion that the Board approve transferring Chris Houseman to BES Physical Education.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Rivers recommended to the Board that a contract be extended to Debbie Webster as BES Principal through the 2010-2011 school year.

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Brett Jurging moved and Phyllis Brewer seconded the motion at a contract be extended to Debbie Webster as BES Principal through the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Rivers recommended to the Board that a contract be extended to Kevin Hood as BMS Principal through the 2010-2011 school year.

Brett Jurging moved and Kenny Sowers seconded the motion at a contract be extended to Kevin Hood as BMS Principal through the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Rivers recommended to the Board that a contract be extended to David Carson as BHS Assistant Principal through the 2009-2010 school year.

Melissa Hatfield moved and Brett Jurging seconded the motion at a contract be extended to David Carson as BHS Assistant Principal through the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Rivers recommended to the Board that a contract be extended to Kathy Metsker as .4 FTE Curriculum Coordinator through the 2009-2010 school year.

Melissa Hatfield moved and Kenny Sowers seconded the motion at a contract be extended to Kathy Metsker as .4 Curriculum Coordinator through the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

A special Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Office to discuss personnel.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice-President Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m..

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JEREMY NELSON, PRESIDENT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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AVA MCHONE, CLERK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION