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Regular Board of Education Meeting
Garden City Unified School District No. 457
Board Meeting Room, 1205 Fleming Street
Monday, April 17, 2017; 6:00 p.m.
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The Board of Education of Garden City USD 457 met in regular session on Monday, April 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Educational Support Center, 1205 Fleming, Garden City, Kansas.

Board members present were Lara Bors, Jean Clifford, Tim Cruz, Dana Nanninga, Mark Rude and Jennifer Standley. Gloria Hopkins was absent. Joining board members at the conference table was Superintendent, Steven Karlin. Also in attendance were Heath Hogan, Deputy Superintendent; Renee Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; Leigh Ann Roderick, Director of Elementary Education; and KJ Knoll, Financial Officer. Approximately 40 observers were present in the audience.

Jean Clifford, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

	Bors	Clifford	Cruz	Nanninga	Rude	Standley
Motion			X			
Second						X
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay						
Abstain						
<u>Carried</u>						

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the meeting agenda with the following amendment:

1. Additional certified personnel actions for consideration, item E-3.

Dr. Timothy Hannigan requested to address the Board of Education in regards to the new transportation schedule and school starting times. He was allowed time to present his concerns. No comments were made and no action was taken.

There was no correspondence.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

	Bors	Clifford	Cruz	Nanninga	Rude	Standley
Motion			X			
Second	X					
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay						
Abstain						
<u>Carried</u>						

Motion: That the Board of Education approve all consent agenda items as amended. Approved actions are as follows.

1. **MINUTES** of the April 3, 2017, Board of Education meeting - approved as presented.
2. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLES** totaling \$5,904,500.11, noting that all major accounts contain adequate balances to meet current obligations - approved as presented.

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3. **PERSONNEL** - approved all certified and classified personnel actions as presented.

a. **Certified**

Appointments: Morgan Allaman, Hayley Barros, Maryll Bennett, Catherine Blankinship, Nina Hollingsworth, Sharaya Hutchison, Michaela Stevens

Resignations: Rebecca Binkley, Melanie Gifford, Sandi Huey, Jane Richardson, Vestal Teeter

Transfers: Ana Castaneda Bautista, Dianna Deniston, Kayla Kuhlman, Kelli Livermore, Roxanna Reed, Sara Sanders

Other:

- Reagan Hill – issued a notice of personnel action for A/C track at Kenneth Henderson Middle School as a Rule 10 coach
- Approved the following positions changes:
 - ✓ Moved 1.0 special education gifted position from Jennie Wilson Elementary School to Florence Wilson Elementary School.
 - ✓ Moved 1.0 special education deaf/hard of hearing position from Edith Scheuerman Elementary School to Garden City High School.
 - ✓ Moved 1.0 special education vision impaired position from Florence Wilson Elementary School to Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Center.
- Approved the following extended school year staff requests:
 - ✓ Garfield Early Childhood Center – 15 teachers
 - ✓ Charles Stones Intermediate Center – 3 teachers
 - ✓ Garden City High School – 2 teachers
 - ✓ Itinerant Staff – 1 nurse, 1 physical therapist, 1 speech language pathologist, 4 substitutes

Contract Recommendations: Approved the following administrator renewals for the 2017-18 school year:

- **Administrators**
 - ✓ Hogan, Heath – Deputy Superintendent, extended contract to June 30, 2019
 - ✓ Scott, Renee – Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, extended contract to June 30, 2019
- **Coordinators**
 - ✓ Arellano, Jina – Special Education Coordinator
 - ✓ Cessna, Roy – Public Information Coordinator
 - ✓ LaBarbera, Glenda - Special Education Senior Coordinator
 - ✓ Nothern, Jessica – Payroll Coordinator
 - ✓ Perkins, Juana (Janie) – Supplemental Programs Coordinator
 - ✓ Schiffelbein, Brenda (Layne) – Instructional Technology Coordinator
 - ✓ Shellenberger, Traci – Special Education Coordinator
 - ✓ Witt, Polly – Health Services Coordinator
- **Directors**
 - ✓ Geist, John
 - ✓ Johnson, Tracy
 - ✓ Roderick, Leigh Ann – Director of Elementary Education
 - ✓ Schafer, Roxie
 - ✓ Steinmetz, Crystal – Director of Curriculum/Assessment
 - ✓ Stillian, Charles – Director of Transportation

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- **Financial Officer**
 - ✓ Knoll, KJ – extended contract to June 30, 2019
- **Principals**
 - ✓ Bayer, Matthew – Kenneth Henderson Middle School
 - ✓ Botts, Christy – Edith Scheuerman Elementary School
 - ✓ Darter, Martha – Abe Hubert Elementary School
 - ✓ Finch, Linda – Plymell Elementary School / Charles Stones Intermediate Center
 - ✓ Guymon, Joshua – Garfield Early Childhood Center
 - ✓ Harman, Carma – Georgia Matthews Elementary School
 - ✓ Keidel, Phillip – Gertrude Walker Elementary School
 - ✓ Kipp, Charles – Garden City High School
 - ✓ Koerperich, Julie – Alta Brown Elementary School
 - ✓ Leiker, Tracy – Victor Ornelas Elementary School
 - ✓ Meng, Ryan – Garden City High School
 - ✓ Murrell, Karen – Jennie Barker Elementary School / Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Center
 - ✓ Nordby, Steven – Garden City High School
 - ✓ Otero, Kari – Garden City High School
 - ✓ Ronn, Mark – Garden City Alternative Education Center
 - ✓ Smith, Janet – Charles Stones Intermediate Center
 - ✓ Solis, Rafaela – Buffalo Jones Elementary School
 - ✓ Springston, Bradley – Horace Good Middle School
 - ✓ Sterling-Stewart, Melinda – Jennie Wilson Elementary School
 - ✓ Stoppel, Jarrod – Kenneth Henderson Middle School
 - ✓ Sullivan, Lucas – Horace Good Middle School
 - ✓ Syng, Roger – Garden City High School
 - ✓ Thon, Michael Drew – Garden City High School
 - ✓ Wehkamp, Skyla – Florence Wilson Elementary School

b. Classified

Appointments: Valentine Hernandez, Regina Sanford

Retirements: Victoria Marroquin, Nancy Woods

Other: Approved the following extended school year staff requests:

- Garfield Early Childhood Center - 27 paraprofessionals
- Charles Stones Intermediate Center - 9 paraprofessionals
- Garden City High School - 5 paraprofessionals

4. OTHER

- a. Consider approval of revised school lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year – approved as presented.
- b. Consider approval of revisions to Board of Education policy JCDBB Weapons – approved as presented.

CURRICULUM REPORTS

1. Library Services Program

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Tracy Leiker, Principal at Victor Ornelas Elementary School, spoke briefly about the Library Media Specialist Committee, and what they have been challenged with. She stated they spent many hours discussing possibilities of solutions for the challenge. Mrs. Leiker invited committee members that were present for the meeting to stand and be recognized. Corie Brooks, Librarian at Garden City High School, and Penny Cruz, Librarian at Alta Brown Elementary School, presented the results of their research in regards to school libraries and their impact on student achievement. They also presented information in regards to the following:

- Learning Commons
- Creation of a Library Department Head
- Model Program
- 75% plan (actually 70%) if funding is cut
- 50% plan (actually 56.5%) if funding is cut
- Pros and cons of both plans

Dr. Karlin thanked the committee for their research and hard work.

2. Homework - Update

Crystal Steinmetz spoke about what the committee has come with so far and the policy recommendations they have come up with based on research they have collected. Mrs. Steinmetz introduced committee members present to help with the presentation - Ashley Oyler, a parent serving on the committee; Amber Doyle, elementary level teacher; Rebecca Burnfin, intermediate level teacher; and Rajneesh Devgan, high school level teacher. Mrs. Steinmetz stated that when they started the committee, their goals and objectives were:

- Evaluate the current homework policy
- Gather feedback on the current practices of teachers within the district
- Research and gather information on effective homework practices
- Evaluate similar district's homework policies
- Updates to the policy that best address the needs of our teachers, students, and parents

Ashley Oyler presented her perspective as a parent, in regards to homework and the policy. Mrs. Steinmetz stated that they did a lot of research. They conducted a current homework practice survey of teachers to collect data on how they are currently using homework. Mr. Devgan presented research information for the high school level and recommendations, Amber Doyle presented research information for the elementary level and three major recommendations of the committee, and Rebecca Burnfin presented homework research and recommendations for the intermediate level. Board Members questions were answered. No action was taken.

Dr. Karlin stated that the Homework Policy will be brought back on the next agenda for a first reading.

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

- Dr. Karlin thanked Dr. Hanigan for coming to address the Board in regards to the transportation changes and school starting times. He reviewed some history of how current transportation procedures came to be. There have been a number of changes in the district since the original system was put into place. The change that will be made is meant to improve efficiency of the system and provide the best possible transportation system for all of our students. He stated that originally,

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Charlie Stillian, Director of Transportation, met with a group of principals to share his ideas with and gain perspective and an understanding of what issues would be created at the various levels. After meeting with the principals, Mr. Stillian came up with a couple of options. The options were shared with all of the principals in the district. The principals took the proposals back to their Site Councils, building leadership teams, and their faculties. The information was brought back to Mr. Stillian to help fine tune the plan. This took place last year and the plan was put on hold until this year so that they could make sure the information was out there. This year, the same group of principals was asked to review the proposals once again after Mr. Stillian made a few adjustments. Then he sent the final recommendation out to principals to once again share with their staff and any groups they saw fit before it was presented to the Board. The proposal was discussed at the March 6th Board of Education meeting. It was covered by the local media. The item was back on the agenda at the Board Meeting on April 3rd. After carefully considering all of the information that they had at that point, the Board made the decision to approve the recommended proposal. Dr. Karlin shared some of the benefits of the proposal. He stated that there will not be a perfect system but he felt the new system will make things better. Board Members discussed the item further. No action was taken.

- Mark Rude had additional comments in regards to the homework policy.
- Lara Bors, Regional Vice President of Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB), stated that she attended a board meeting last weekend. She shared gifts she received at the meeting that were made by students from the Olathe school district. She stated that she will share other discussion items at a later date with Dr. Karlin.
- Dr. Karlin stated that Dr. Roger Marshall’s office in Garden City will have an open house and ribbon cutting on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. All Board Members are invited.
- Tim Cruz shared information about Real Men Real Leaders and their banquet on Thursday evening.
- Mrs. Clifford thanked community members for their comments this evening and encouraged communication with the Board when they have concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING - THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM AT THE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER, 1205 FLEMING STREET, GARDEN CITY, KANSAS.

	Bors	Clifford	Cruz	Nanninga	Rude	Standley
Motion			X			
Second					X	
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay						
Abstain						
<u>Carried</u>						

EXECUTIVE SESSION - the following action was taken.

Motion: That the Board of Education go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of consultation with Board legal counsel on matters which are privileged in the attorney/client relationship which if discussed in open session would waive that privilege and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session at 9:15 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room. Randy Grisell, Board legal counsel, and the district leadership team were invited to join Board Members in Executive Session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:15 p.m. and the following action was taken.

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Motion			X			
Second	X					
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay						
Abstain						
<u>Carried</u>						

Motion: That the Board of Education extend the executive session from 9:15 p.m., for the purpose of consultation with Board legal counsel on matters which are privileged in the attorney/client relationship which if discussed in open session would waive that privilege, until 10:15 p.m. and that the Board of Education reconvene into open session in the Board Meeting Room. Board counsel and leadership team were invited to join Board Members in Executive Session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:15 p.m. No action was taken.

	Bors	Clifford	Cruz	Nanninga	Rude	Standley
Motion			X			
Second	X					
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay						
Abstain						
<u>Carried</u>						

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the board, the following action was taken.

Motion: That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:


 Joanne Nelson, Clerk


 Jean Clifford, President