

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT # 368
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIAMI COUNTY

Special Meeting
MARCH 23, 2009
6:00 P.M. – BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Stacy Bledsoe
Kelly Franke, Vice-President (arrived 6:20 PM)
Brenda Hallstrom
Shelly Schierman
Amiee Seck, President
Tom Vohs
Mike Yocam

Dr. Rod Allen, Superintendent of Schools
Judy Welter, Assistant Superintendent
Jimmy Hay, Business Manager / Clerk

Staff: Staci Wokutch, Amy Hastert, Janis Grandon, Mark Lentz, Jerry Henn, Matt Meek, Karen Ulanski

Visitors: Dustin Avey (Piper Jaffray), Brian McCauley (Miami County Republic), John Leighty

AGENDA

Mr. Yocam moved to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Vohs seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS

REFINANCE OF SERIES 1999 BONDS:

Mr. Dustin Avey with Piper Jaffray presented the final details regarding the refinancing of the Series 1999 bond issue. The final savings was very close to the estimate presented at the regular March Board of Education meeting. Mr. Avey complimented the district on the A+ rating received from Standard & Poor's. This rating ranks the district at the top of all districts in the state. Mr. Avey thanked the district for the opportunity to work with the district on this transaction and planned to finalize the closing of the bond sale upon board approval. Mrs. Schierman moved to approve the refinancing of the 1999 bond issue. Mrs. Bledsoe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Franke arrived at 6:20 p.m.

GREENBUSH DRIVER'S EDUCATION CONTRACT:

Additional information was presented regarding the driver's education program offered by Greenbush. The program at Greenbush will allow the district to offer driver's education at \$225/student compared to the \$385/student charge previously approved by the Board of Education. Mr. Vohs moved to approve the driver's education contract with Greenbush. Mrs. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

WORK SESSION:

Dr. Allen presented and reviewed the budget savings projection spreadsheet titled "E&E Budget Adjustments-Savings." Dr. Allen requested that the Board provide input regarding if they have any changes to the action item column and if they would like for the Board to take action on items or leave them as noted to be handled by the Administration. If left as Administration decisions, the Administrative Team will implement items as early as it is prudent.

Following is a summary of each section of the spreadsheet that was presented and discussed:

ENERGY: No changes related to action item responsibility.

TRANSPORTATION: No changes related to action item responsibility.

PROGRAM SUPPORT: Matt Meek commented that the special education student is being transitioned back to Paola Middle School as the student is ready to return. This will result in a cost savings which is why it is shown as a cost savings. No changes related to action item responsibility.

STAFF: May have future discussion on elimination of work study as some positions may be beneficial or more cost effective to continue utilizing summer/temporary help. The district is exploring the Kansas Works Program as a means of continuing the summer employment program while minimizing cost to the district. No changes related to action item responsibility.

BUDGETS: "Supplementals" refers to activities expenses (transportation, etc), not supplemental contracts. PHS and PMS presented the following proposals to reduce their activity budgets:

PHS/Mark Lentz cost reductions to achieve 10% savings or \$21,000: Reduce supplies by \$8-10,000; Transportation savings of \$5,000 by shortening C team schedules; Not filling some supplemental positions for savings of \$6-7,000 (positions would not be eliminated, but would be left unfilled) for a total savings of \$19,000 to \$22,000.

PHS is also considering reducing the JV cheer position and are also evaluating other activities and the number of staff working events in order to reduce extra duty salary expenses.

PMS/Matt Meek cost reductions to achieve 10% savings or \$10,800: Looking for closer games, but there is not a lot of flexibility in the scheduling of middle school games; One fewer football coach as position would not be filled due to decline in the number of students participating; Adjust the wrestling supplemental salary through negotiations; Considering changes related to three cheerleading sponsors (would leave the boys basketball sponsor position open because they have dance during the boys basketball season and shift to football sponsor position and girls basketball; This is eliminating a sponsor only and not the number of students eligible to participate).

PMS is also considering eliminating security at ball games, reducing the number of staff working at events requiring extra duty pay, and reducing athletic budget by an additional \$1,000 and supplementing the athletic budget from other areas.

Both PHS and PMS are trying to save money without impacting students and student activities.

OPERATIONS: No changes related to action item responsibility.

OTHER ITEMS: These items will not result in major cost savings and are mainly efficiency-related items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Franke moved to enter into executive session with Dr. Allen, Jimmy Hay, Judy Welter, Jerry Henn, Mark Lentz, Matt Meek, Staci Wokutch, Janis Grandon, Amy Hastert and Karen Ulanski until 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel and negotiations. Mr. Yocam seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Schierman moved to extend executive session with Dr. Allen, Jimmy Hay, and Judy Welter present to discuss personnel and negotiations until 8:45 p.m. Ms. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

No further action was taken. The Board of Education adjourned at 8.45 p.m.

President _____

Clerk _____

Date Approved:

