

SOUTH NODAWAY R-IV SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

A quorum being present and due notice having been published according to Section 610.010 & 610.022 RSMo, the regular meeting of the South Nodaway R-IV Board of Education was called to order by President Lori Murphy on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 7:04 p.m. in the lunch room at the high school in Barnard, Missouri.

Members Present: Lori Murphy – President;– Steve Farnan - Vice President; Chris LaMaster – Member; Shawn Beck – Member; Rick Holtman – Member; Janet Hilsabeck – Member; and Macia Kemper – Member. Other School Personnel Present: Darbi Bauman, Elementary Principal; Shawn Emerson, High School Principal; Kyle Collins, Superintendent and Tracy Skoglund, Board Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda and/or additions

Approval of Minutes (August 17, 2011 regular meeting)

Approval of Principals' and Superintendent's Reports

Approval of Program Services and Funding Request-AEL for \$250

Approval of Warrant #3

Chris LaMaster made the motioned and Rick Holtman seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Teacher Representative Comments

Barb Sherry, Kindergarten Teacher, commented that they started a new phonics program called "Pathways to Reading". They will be working with vowel town next and the first grade has already started working with this program. Barb Sherry commented that she is on the Salary Committee and since we haven't been able to do raises she was investigating increasing the reimbursement for unused sick leave when you leave the district. The school currently pays \$10.00 a day if you have accumulated the maximum days and are staying in the district. They pay \$15.00 per day for unused days when you leave. She indicated that another local district pays \$35.00 per day if you have been there 5-10 years, \$65.00 per day for 11-15 years and \$80.00 for 11-15 years. If we used her scenario of \$80.00, this change would mean that a maxed out employee on unused sick days leaving the district would receive \$5,600.00. She also told the board members that she is in need of old Happy Meal toys.

Elementary, High School, and Superintendent's Reports

Elementary Principal Darbi Bauman commented on her written report to the Board that ADA was 96.4%. We have 92 students enrolled at the K-6 elementary. The third grade classroom with the help of Sterling Jackson, Roger Salsbury, Lee Bowen and Dr. Collins is now ready to go. We would like to send out a big thank you to Stacy Harlan, Third Grade Teacher, Megan Sheehan, Music Teacher, and Lora Partridge Reading Teacher for being so flexible while the classroom was being repaired. Teachers have already conducted their first DIBELS screening on k-5 students. The Quick Read fluency intervention program that we have been using for grades 4-6 is not compatible with our new Windows 7 operating systems and it will cost too much to upgrade. We will be using older XP laptops to solve this issue. Mrs. Holtman has conducted the health screenings at the elementary and high school. The Staff met at North Andrew for the first of two Platte Valley Conference Professional Development days. Ned Miller spoke to the group about engaging the students and in the afternoon was spent developing grade

level and subject specific networks. The group will meet again on October 10th at Union Star. The Elementary Academic Team had their first meet on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. The coaches are Lora Partridge and Stacy Harlan.

High School Principal Shawn Emerson commented in his report that we have had 98.76 percent attendance for August. The ADA is 86.9. The staff and students have done a great job with the new schedule change. There have been very few tardies so the time between bells seems adequate. The seminar period (21 minutes) at the end of the day is used as a mentor/study hall time. The D and F list is shorter than last years list at this time and we attribute this to the seminar addition. Mr. Emerson outlined the Homecoming schedule for Board members. There will be a Booster Club Dinner from 5-7 on Thursday, September 29th with a community pep rally and air rock to follow. The Homecoming parade will be at 5:00 p.m. on Friday with the game at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday October 1, there will be a 5K Longhorn Stampede beginning at the Guilford School. At 10:00 a.m. begins the Barnard Picnic with the PTO Carnival, games by the FFA, Mud Volleyball and lots of other fun activities.

Superintendent Kyle Collins updated members on the technology issues we have been having at Guilford. We have not been able to test the effectiveness of the new T-1 connection to the elementary since we are waiting on AT & T to complete the connection. Dr. Collins updated the members on the MSIP 5 issues. We still have several concerns about it. The rule was approved by the state board of education on August 16, 2011 and will go into effect in 2013. A public comment period will begin October 3, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

Buildings Audit and Bond Discussion

Dr. Collins presented to the board information he had gathered from LJ Hart's company regarding a lease purchase or bond for the issue repayment schedule for 10, 15 and 20 years. The board is thinking about putting the \$650,000 issue on the April ballot for repair and maintenance of the current facilities. There is a considerable amount of repairs, maintenance and renovation that needs to occur at both facilities including; roof repair, wall repair, chimney removal, brick and mortar work, HVAC, and parking lot improvements. The board wanted to see if Roger Adamson from LJ Hart's could come to a working Board meeting on October 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to further discuss this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

EOC and MAP testing report- Nick Wray

Guidance Counselor Nick Wray went over the 2011 Spring EOC and Map Testing report. Each board member was given the material in their packet and he fielded questions and went over the highlights. Mr. Wray had put the data in charts by class and compared each to the state level. Most tested areas have shown a pattern of being well above the state average in advanced and proficient student scores. South Nodaway qualified again this year for "Distinction in Performance".

Board took a break from 7:50 – 8:10 p.m.

Constellation Newenergy-Gas Division Agreement

Dr. Collins asked the board if they wanted to participate in the Constellation Newenergy-Gas Division Agreement. Lori Murphy made a motion to drop the agreement for this year. Janet Hilsabeck seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

BUDGET

Dr. Collins gave the board members a budget pro-ration scenarios showing a projected budget deficit for 2011-12 showing a 90% pro-ration with a \$70,025 deficit and the 2011-12 scenarios with an 80% pro-ration showing a deficit \$184,373. If the formula would be funded fully with no pro-ration we would have an ending positive balance of \$44,323.00. He said that revenue was coming in according to plan so for this year.

Adjournment

Since there were no further business, President Lori Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The Board will have a working board meeting on October 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. with the next regular meeting scheduled to be October 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved by the South Nodaway R-IV Board of Education.

President

Secretary