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**Board Agenda
January 14, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

- A. **Call to Order**
- B. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Report of Clerk
 - Treasurer Report
 - Budget Report
 - Approval of Bills
- C. **Public Open Forum**
- D. **Correspondence to the Board**
- E. **Board Members Report**
- F. **Administrator Reports**
 - Central Office Reports**
 1. Gannon Court Decision
 2. State Revenue
 3. Parking lot
 4. January 19th In-Service
 5. Forgivable Loan Program
 6. Increase in services for significant disabilities
 - Region Reports**
 - Region I
 - Region II
 - Region III
- G. **Unfinished Business**
 1. Set a date for IBB Training. (Discussion Item)
 2. Review of Board Retreat Agenda (Discussion Item)
- H. **New Business**
 1. Director's Evaluation (Discussion Item)
- I. **Licensed Personnel**

A 15 minute executive session is recommended for the discussion of personnel issues and negotiations)
(A motion and Board approval would be required)

 - Classified Personnel**
 - a) Transfers, Resignations, & Contract Recommendations (Action Item)
- J. **Adjourn**



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ANW Board of Directors
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Attendance

Dawn Wilson	#101	Harry Hepler	Supervisor
Jim Armstrong	#256	Doug Tressler	Supervisor
Darrel Catron	#257	Kathy Robertson	Asst. Director
Helen Harrington	#258	Robert Coleman	Director
Wes Smith	#366	Cindy Folk	Board Clerk
David Hutchison	#387		
Brad LaRue	#413		
Tadd Goodell	#479		

Visitors; Kathy Jones, Amy Brewer, Jenny Westerman, Jessica Wilson, Traci Porter, Marcia Longberg, Cathy Buckley.

The meeting was called to order by President David Hutchison at 6:30 pm.

Motion to approve the consent agenda (December 10, 2014 minutes, budget and revenue reports, and accounts payable) as presented with no discussion made by Wes Smith/Brad LaRue. Motion carried 8/0

C. Public Open Forum – Kathy Jones spoke on gifted education and information coming out from the Kansas Legislators in regard to gifted education.

D. Correspondence to the Board Cindy Folk asked the Board to replace the classified personnel report at the end of the board packet with the updated one at their seats.

E. Board Member Reports David Hutchison reported that Special Olympics Basketball would be coming up and invited everyone to attend if possible.

F. Administrator Reports

Central Office Reports

Region I- Kathy Robertson reported on the work she and Jenny Westerman have completed for the KEEP Evaluation System. Mrs. Robertson thanked Gary Wheeler, Dr. Hardy and Bob Coleman who have been working to resolve issues. Mrs. Robertson nominated Dawn Wilson for the KASEA Special Education award. She was instrumental in the ANW Parent Advisory Group and the development of the Parent Handbook. Mrs. Robertson also nominated Suzy DeCoster for Special Education Educator of the year. She reported that she will be attending meetings in Topeka and Wichita. Mrs. Robertson summarized the changes to the job descriptions that are being presented to the Board for approval for the remainder of this school year.

Region II- Harry Hepler reported on the upcoming CPI class which will be held on Jan. 16 & Jan. 19th at the Central Office. Mr. Hepler discussed and defined what CPI is. Mr. Hepler reported on all of the meetings being held for students with significant behavior issues. He also thanked Brad Crusinbery, Principal at Jefferson Elementary in Iola who is very good to work with ANW. Mr. Hepler reported on a regular education teacher who is looking at alternate ways of doing testing for kids with special needs.

Region III- Doug Tressler reported on the transition coalition and the work of the ANW transition team. He summarized the work being done on transition and getting those things with in the IEP. Mr. Tressler is also hoping for better compliance with KSDE due to the work done by the team. Mr.

Tressler is making forms to access information faster from WebKidss. Mr. Tressler reported he also had been promoted to Wing 1st Sargent.

G. Unfinished Business

1. Mr. Coleman reported the open dates for Interest Based Bargaining training are March 25th or April 1st. Board consensus to host the training on March 25th from 6:00-9:00 pm. with the Board providing the meal.
2. Review of the agenda for the Board Retreat which will be held on January 21, 2015. Agenda items will be Administrative duties; Interlocal agreement and equity within the Coop; Providers/Teachers will do program presentations.

H. New Business

1. Director Evaluation. Board reviewed the current evaluation form. Board consensus to use the existing document with no changes. Cindy Folk will email the document to all Board members to complete and return to her by February 2, 2015 either by paper form or electronic form.

Personnel - Licensed

Motion made by Jim Armstrong/Darrel Catron to move into executive session for twenty (20) minutes to include all Board members and all Administrators. Motion carried 8/0.

Executive session began at 7:20 p.m.
Out of executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Motion to extend five (5) minutes made by Jim Armstrong/Helen Harrington 8/0

Executive session continued 7:41 pm.
Out of executive session at 7:46 pm.

2. Classified Staff

1. Transfers, Resignations, & Contract Recommendations. Motion made by Wes Smith/Darrel Catron to accept the updated classified staff report. Motion carried 8/0

Motion made by Darrel Catron/Tadd Goodell to accept the resignation of Georgene Caoile at the end of the school year. Motion carried 8/0.

Motion made by Wes Smith/Tadd Goodell to move into executive session for five (5) minutes to include all Board members and all Administrators. Motion carried 8/0.

Executive session began at 7:48 pm.
Out of executive session at 7:53 pm.

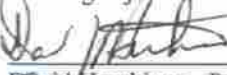
Motion to extend five (5) minutes made by Brad LaRue/Tadd Goodell. Motion carried 8/0.

Executive session continued 7:54 pm.
Out of executive session at 7:59 pm.

Next meeting will be the Board Retreat on January 21st 2015 and the next regular scheduled Board meeting will be February 11th, 2015.

Motion to adjourn made by Darrel Catron/Wes Smith. Motion carried 8/0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.



David Hutchison - President

2-11-15

Date



Cindy Folk - Board Clerk

2-11-15

Date

Central Office Administrative Report
January 14, 2015

1. The Gannon decision has come back from the lower court with a decision that the State is not meeting its constitutional requirement to provide for "suitable funding" for education. At this time it is assumed that the State will appeal that decision to the Supreme Court. Information coming from KASB suggests that in all likelihood the Supreme Court will uphold the lower court's decision but their decision will not come out until after the legislative session is over. Thus there likely will be no financial relief for schools for the upcoming year.
2. The shortfall in state revenue is causing a significant problem for the Governor and Legislators. There appears to be a recognition that changes will need to be made to balance the budget but at the present time the Governor is looking at making cuts to programs to balance the budget for this year (he has indicated that he will try not to cut education funding). Budget cuts will likely not come close to meeting the amount necessary for the next fiscal year. There is some talk about raising property tax or sales tax but the legislative majority is still insistent that no changes be made to the planned income tax cuts.
3. B&G was able to get the concrete replaced in our parking lot before the holiday break. We are probably lucky to have completed it before bad weather set in, given that a significant hole had formed under the concrete due to water drainage.
4. Plans are set for our licensed staff in-service on the new evaluation process. For districts that are holding school that day we have been able to secure substitutes for the staff members that will be gone. Paras are not a part of the in-service so if school is in session the paras will be present to assist the substitute teacher.
5. Administration is examining our current Forgivable Loan Program. Two issues currently exist: 1. Some of the universities are requiring teachers to take two college classes (6 hours) per semester to complete their program. This creates a significant load for teachers who are starting a new job along with learning the IEP system, and other Special Education requirements. 2. This also increases the cost to the Coop in the short term for books and tuition while shortening the time the teacher is in the program and allowing for a teacher to no longer have an obligation to stay for at least 3 years. Our current contract was based on the teacher only taking one class per semester and two during the summer. We have found that Fort Hays does offer online classes for teachers to complete licensure and only requires one class per semester, and at an amount less than Emporia or Pittsburg. The Coop could offer to pay on a format that would be based on the Fort Hays program.
6. The number of foster care students with significant disabilities continues to rise and change which can present enrollment problems and the need for more intensive services. Available space for program needs, finding quality staff to provide services and transportation are the areas of most critical need at this point. The growth in child poverty, foster care and homelessness are significant factors affecting this issue and will likely continue to increase in the foreseeable future.