

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 223
BARNES-HANOVER-LINN**

Regular Board Meeting, November 10, 2008 7:00 P.M.
District Office, Barnes, Kansas

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PRESENT:

**Todd Frye
Bryce Heck
Joel Hynek
Jim Kruse
Larry Nicholson
Marge Schlabach**

ABSENT: **Bruce Meyer**

ADMINISTRATION: **Steve Joonas, Mike Savage, Valeria Converse, Larry Wurtz**

CLERK: **Cindy Hiesterman, Clerk**

STAFF: **Jennifer Dague, Lori Chambers**

PATRONS: **Karen Schmale, Debra Rogge, Donna Kruse**

The meeting was called to order and roll call conducted by Vice President, Marge Schlabach

The following motions were made seconded and approved: *

*To adopt the agenda as amended.

*To approve the Consent Agenda as presented, the addition of college reimbursement hours for Mary Strnad.

Jennifer Dague, Business Instructor and Technology Coordinator at the Linn Attendance Center described her responsibilities and curriculum for the Board. She also thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the Technology Conference in Seattle Washington. The Conference is designed to promote the use of technology in K-12 education and demonstrates the use of technology in enhancement of the curriculum.

Lori Chambers, Business Instructor and FBLA Sponsor at Hanover presented the board with her Business Department Course Sequence. Mrs. Chambers encouraged board members to follow the activities and achievements of her students by checking out their web page at :

http://www.usd223.org/pages/Chambers_Website.

Karen Schmale, Linn Senior Class Sponsor, presented the proposed itinerary for the Linn Senior Class which will take place during spring break. Students and parent sponsors are planning a trip to Colorado March 18-21, with all transportation, lodging and food being paid by the students.

Mr. Joonas presented the 2008 Insurance Renewal quote for the District Insurance with Hanover Insurance Agency.

*To approve the District Insurance as presented for 2008-09 with the additional coverage for Violent Event Response.

Superintendent Joonas reminded the board of the KASB State Convention, December 5,6,and 7 in Wichita.

Mr. Joonas discussed continuing plans to install Air Conditioning in the buildings. The board discussed soliciting bids for specifications on the electrical upgrade required to continue with the A/C projects. It was the consensus of the board to contract companies to obtain bids for the electrical upgrade.

The board discussed moving the dates for the January, February, and March Board meetings. It was decided to leave all three dates on the second Monday of the month.

Larry Wurtz reported to the board concerning transportation and food service. The reduction in fuel cost has significantly helped the budget for transportation. Mr. Wurtz also reported on the large number of students attending the Greenleaf Early Childhood Education Center. There are fifteen students in the morning and fourteen in the afternoon session.

Mike Savage reported on activities at the Linn Center. Linn will be hosting the North Central Dairy Judging Contest this week and the Linn High School Play is Friday, November 14th.

Val Converse, principal at Hanover, reported to the Board on activities at the Hanover Center. Mrs. Converse reported that staff had completed defibrillator training.

Mr. Joonas addressed the traffic issue in front of the Hanover School. Superintendent Joonas has met with the County Commissioners concerning working with the city to find a solution to the traffic problem.

Mr. Joonas reported that he had checked into the availability of grants for Wind Energy equipment. Grants will be available until April.

The Board discussed having flu shots available for students. Superintendent Joonas has discussed the possibility with the Washington County Health Department and they are discussing the feasibility of offering the service.

Mr. Joonas reminded the Board that the Mexican Band Concert has been rescheduled to March 9th and 10th. Due to the conflict with Parent Teacher Conferences, Hanover will hold Parent Teacher Conferences on March 10th and 16th, and Linn will hold Parent Teacher Conferences on March 9th and 16th.

Superintendent Joonas addressed the possibility of additional dual credit courses using the Distance Learning facilities. There must be enough interest in a class for enrollment of 5 or more students to approve a course being offered.

Mr. Joonas reminded the board of the Smoky Hill Legislative Luncheon on December 12th in Salina.

Superintendent Joonas also informed the board of the opportunity for the National FFA team from Linn to participate in a trip to California with all costs being paid for by an individual company. The board supports the trip and congratulates the students for their achievement.

*To hold Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel and Student Matters.

*To approve Jenny Joonas as parent/toddler educator, Marilyn Pachta and Marcy Oehmke as Facilitator/Educator and Romelia Sutton as Coordinator for the Migrant Program. Permission was given to hire a couple of students each afternoon for one on one help as needed for the 2008-09 year.

The board continued discussion on the proposed changes in the board boundaries.

*To table the approval of Board Boundaries until the December meeting.

*To adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried 6 aye, 0 nay.

Cindy Hiesterman, Clerk