

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

Regular Board Meeting, March 9, 2009 7:00 P.M.
District Office, Barnes, Kansas

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PRESENT:

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

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

CLERK: Cindy Hiesterman, Clerk , Becky Bruna, Deputy Clerk

OTHERS: Donna Kruse, Press

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.

There were no delegations.

*To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The Board reviewed the itinerary on the Hanover Senior class Trip for 2009.

Superintendent Joonas informed the board of a group wanting to host a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament as a fund raiser at Hanover. Cleanup will be done on a volunteer basis. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the request and refer to policy with a fee set by the administration to cover utility costs.

Mr. Joonas updated the Board on the State Budget Situation. The Governor's budget recommendations would utilize stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act . The plan shifts approximately \$157 million out of K-12 education to the state general fund and replaces it with federal dollars. The plan will keep school funding flat at \$4,400 for the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years. The adopted budget would also delete the transfer of \$2.9 million from the State Safety Fund, allowing those dollars to be used for driver's training programs in our schools. Appropriations members also approved deleting a sweep of \$100,000 from the Children's

Superintendent Joonas presented the Board with a recommendation for Graduation Requirements with an increase from 21 to 26 credits beginning with the graduating class of 2013. The Board also reviewed Valedictorian/Salutatorian requirement recommendations and the proposed Bullying Plan.

*To approve the Graduation requirements as presented.

The Bullying plan will be presented to the individual site councils and will then be brought back for approval at the March board meeting, along with the Valedictorian/Salutatorian requirements.

The Board reviewed plan for the air conditioning in the buildings. It was the consensus of the board to put the plans on hold until further notice due to the changes in the state budget.

Larry Wurtz reported to the board on transportation and maintenance. The district may look at replacing a bus. Bids will be presented at the March Board meeting.

Mr. Wurtz also reported on the Hanover cooks response on news articles that commented on food shortage and quality of food at the Hanover Center. The cooks invited board members to come and enjoy a noon meal anytime.

Marge Schlabach noted that problems were with the count generated by the computer system, and not that there was not enough food prepared. Mrs. Schlabach wanted the cooks to know that the problem has been reviewed and taken care of.

Mike Savage reported on activities at the Linn Attendance Center. Mr. Savage reported that the High School ScholarsBowl team had qualified for State Competition. The ScholarsBowl Sponsor is Rebecca Fischer. The Forensic team has participated in their first competition and came home with 4th place under the direction of Diane Friedrichs. The Linn FFA received 3rd place in Dairy Foods.

Val Converse reported on activities at the Hanover Attendance Center. Mrs. Converse reported that Hanover School was one of the non-profit recipients of a donation to the Hanover community of Technology equipment and other office equipment. A list of the equipment will be made and catalogued for the board to allow them to value and accept the equipment. The Board wishes to thank the individuals responsible for not only the donation, but for the help transporting the equipment to Hanover.

Superintendent Joonas reported that there is a change in the dates of Parent Teacher Conferences due to the concerts by the Youth Band from Oaxaca, Mexico. The Concert is being sponsored by Rural Arts Partners. The Board expressed their pleasure in having the chance to bring such a cultural experience to the communities. The concerts are planned for March 9th in Hanover and March 10th in Linn. The Parent Teacher Conferences will be moved to March 10th & 16th at Hanover, and March 9th and 16th at Linn.

Due to the Concert on March 9th, the starting time for the March Board meeting will be moved to 8:15pm, at the district office.

The Board also received a copy of the Technology Plan as composed by the Technology committee. The Board wishes to review the plan for approval at the March Board meeting.

The Board discussed the chain of command for resolving student issues and discussed present resolution practices.

*To hold Executive Session for Non Elected Personnel.

*To accept the resignation of Steve Joonas as Junior High Boys Assistant Basketball coach and C Team High School Boys Basketball coach.

The Board discussed extending the administrators contracts and chose not to take action at this time due to the current financial concerns. President, Bruce Meyer explained that evaluation of administrators would be done in January rather than in February of next year.

*To approve Kim Lohse as assistant Junior High Track Coach at Hanover.

*To approve the Resolution with Smoky Hill Educational Service Center as presented.

*To hold Executive Session for Superintendent Evaluation.

*To adjourn the meeting.

Cindy Hiesterman, Clerk