

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

Building Tour 7:00pm
Regular Board Meeting, September 10, 2007 7:30 P.M.
Hanover Public School, Hanover, KS

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PRESENT: **Bruce Meyer, President**
 Todd Frye
 Bryce Heck
 Joel Hynek
 Jim Kruse
 Larry Nicholson
 Marge Schlabach

ADMINISTRATION: **Steve Joonas, Mike Savage, Aaron Birkhofer, Larry Wurtz**

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

STAFF: **Trenton Horn, Marilyn Pachta, Jerry Howell, Lisa Hynek**

STUDENTS: **Heather Oentrich, Melissa Pachta**

PATRONS: **Laura Oentrich, Jon Pralle**

The meeting was called to order and roll call was conducted by President, Bruce Meyer

The following motions were made seconded & approved:*

*To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Jon Pralle addressed the Board with concerns involving the volleyball program at Hanover. He voiced his support for the coach.

*To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Trenton Horn, Vo-Ag Instructor at Linn, addressed the board to present two proposals for the Linn FFA Chapter attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN October 23-27, 2007. Andrew Pachta has already qualified for national convention and the Linn FFA Chapter is proposing to take additional chapter members if approved by the board.

*To approve proposal #1 allowing the Linn FFA to take up to 13 members in addition to Mr. Horn and Andrew Pachta, and a female sponsor to attend the National FFA Convention Oct 23-27, 2007 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The chapter will pay for fuel, lodging, and convention registration; with members paying for food and other expenses.

*To approve proposal #2 for Linn & Hanover FFA Chapters for attending national conferences and taking up to 14 Chapter members on an every other year basis. The Chapter will pay for fuel, lodging and convention registration; while the members will pay for food and other expenses.

The Board discussed the base pay that was set at the August Board meeting for the Dance Team Coach at Hanover. It was the consensus of the board to keep the pay at the same rate approved.

Superintendent Joonas reviewed the implementation of the district bullying policy approved at the August board meeting. Administrators are in the process of working with staff and site council to develop a plan to carry out the district bullying policy. There was an initial in-service conducted for students and staff concerning bullying in August.

Mr. Joonas asked the board to review District Policy A, B, & C for review at the October Board Meeting.

The October Board Meeting will be held at the Linn Attendance Center on October 8, 2007, with the Building Tour at 7pm and the regular meeting at 7:30pm.

Jerry Howell, Vo-Ag Instructor at the Hanover Center, addressed the board concerning the 7 students and projects taken to the State Fair in Hutchinson, KS.

Mr. Howell reported that Hanover School will be hosting the North East Kansas Land judging Competition in Hanover on October 4, 2007. There will be 30-35 schools participating in the contest.

Superintendent Joonas visited with the board on notes from the Administrative retreat. As a part of the process of Goal Setting/Visioning for the District, Mr. Joonas gave the board a priority list of concerns for Future Facility Concerns/Improvements and Academic Aspirations and Goals. The board discussed the option of having KASB conduct a Boardmanship meeting with the board. Mr. Joonas will check on the cost of KASB providing this service.

Larry Wurtz reported on facility and transportation issues. Mr. Wurtz discussed the route changes because of new students and one less bus route. The district has one new bus driver and one new van driver. Mr. Wurtz also reported on the hailstorm damage at Hanover. There was damage to the building and the vehicles. The district is still waiting on a final report from the insurance company. The board also discussed the sidewalk options at the Hanover center. Midwest Materials has looked at the site and has given a bid for the project, however the board expressed concern over requirements for ADA Accessibility.

*To accept the bid of Midwest Materials for \$5,265 for installation of the sidewalk, contingent upon checking with KASB about requirements for ADA.

Mr. Birkhofer reported on enrollment at Hanover. Spanish classes are being taken via Internet. Principal Birkhofer also received a letter from the insurance adjuster complimenting the custodial staff on the excellent condition of the buildings.

Mr. Savage reported that Linn enrollment was up. Principal Savage also reported on the donation of a swing set by United Bank and Trust and Bank of Palmer. United Bank and Trust also donated the new padded score table in the gymnasium. The school is currently looking at replacing the current football score clock. This will also be a donation from a business or two in the community.

Superintendent Joonas spoke to the board concerning continuing problems with leaking on the roof at the Linn High Gym. Mr. Joonas has contacted Cheney Construction several times and they have made multiple attempts to fix the problem. The board instructed Mr. Joonas to contact Cheney Construction again with the option proceeding on and contacting a lawyer.

Mr. Joonas informed the board of the KASB Region 4 Fall Regional Meeting at Washington on October 16th, and the School Finance Seminar in Topeka on September 20th in Topeka.

Superintendent Joonas reported to the board concerning the meeting with board members on financial line items and reports. Mr. Joonas read a recommendation of breakdown of line items and reports to be generated for the Board on a quarterly basis, starting in 2008-2009.

Mike Savage presented "Curriculum Corner" in the area of 7-12 Social Studies Curriculum. The district social studies teachers are Richard Turner at Linn, and Shannon Bussman at Hanover.

*To hold Executive Session for Non- Elected Personnel.

*To approve Tyler Bruna as second assistant for HS Football and Melissa Minge for assistant JH Volleyball for the 2007-08 school year at the Hanover Center.

*To approve Doreen Bennett and Sharlene Graff as drivers for the district for the 2007-08 school year.

*To adjourn the meeting.

Cindy Hiesterman, Clerk
