



SOUTHERN BOONE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

February 16, 2009

Board Summary

Presentation – The board enjoyed a presentation by the Middle School Ag Science Club

Consent Calendar

Employment approved: - Justin Reynolds, JV Baseball

Damon Wren, Freshman Baseball

Resignation accepted – Kevin Hixson, PE Teacher, Head Football Coach

Policy Update – Approval of Board policies GCBC and GDBC. These policies have been updated to align with our new 403(b) regulations.

Auditing Services - The board approved the auditing service contract to Gerding, Korte & Chitwood for the 2008-09 school year.

Superintendent Report

- Congratulations to the Primary, Elementary, and Middle School. They have just had their PBS state review. All three schools were recognized as implementing School-wide Positive Behavior Supports at a universal level!
- Rick Briedwell gave an update on transportation and maintenance throughout the district.
- The principals highlighted the instructional focus in their schools, as well as events planned.
- Wes Derhoff from Septagon updated the board on the completion of the 5th grade addition to the Elementary School. The board reviewed the financial figures of the project. The project came in under budget. Final figures are expected at the March board meeting.
- Pat Lacy gave a report to the board and highlighted activities throughout the district. He reported GPA averages of athletes in each of the sports. He also discussed with the board the coaching expectations and evaluation procedures that have been developed. The administrators are continuing to work on this document to define the descriptors in the evaluation tool.
- Carolyn Deffenbaugh, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning, and Accountability, discussed with the board work on curriculum that is being done throughout the district.

Visitor Comments and Communications

No visitor comments

Instructional Reports/Perpetual Calendar/School Goals

Library/Media Program Evaluation Report - Carolyn Deffenbaugh gave the program evaluation report from the Library/ Media Department. This [report](#) can be found on the district website. The report highlighted strengths, needs and direction of the program.

High School Curricular/Schedule Changes for 2009-2010 – Dale VanDeven, HS Principal, discussed with the board possible curricular changes for next year. He highlighted the revisions to the business department and the addition of course offerings. Health would not be a required freshman course, but would be taken by students in their senior year in combination with a senior issues class. In the area of communication arts, British Literature and exposition will be eliminated and embedded in the existing English curriculum. This movement would allow for reduced class sizes within the English 1, 2, 3, and 4 courses. Curriculum in English 3 and 4 would be analyzed with the aim of increasing the rigor and expectations of the class.

The same dual credit classes will be maintained. We currently offer dual credit in American History, psychology, sociology, biology, Algebra I, statistics, and composition.

Mr. VanDeven also discussed with the board a concept of a seminar period. This would give students the opportunity to access the academic support needed by a number of students. This concept is being further detailed and will be discussed at the March board meeting.

Alternative Program Changes – Bob Simpson discussed several issues relating to services offered for students “at risk” of school failure. Staff and administration have been working on a plan that will use existing staff and better meet the needs of the students. The proposal would create a “stand-alone” alternative school which would be designed to address the needs of students’ grades 9-12, and on rare occasions, a middle school student. More information will be discussed at the March board meeting.

Vocational Education Enhancement Grant – The board granted permission to apply for vocational enhancement funds for the business department. This grant would allow for the purchase of equipment, software, and supplies to institute new courses in multi-media and accounting in the business department.

Financial Information

Financial Reports - The board received electronically a monthly financial statement for review. We also discussed the actual assessed valuation. It was budgeted at a 3% increase and came in a little above this estimate. This will realize additional revenue of \$14,705. Mrs. Miller also reported to the board that our Prop C revenue will be down approximately \$80,678. A budget amendment was approved by the board, reflecting more accurate revenue and expenditures to date. These [monthly financial reports](#) are available to the public on the district web site.

A **work session** has been scheduled for March 9 for the board to review the financial condition of the district and discuss ways for the district to become more efficient in the current challenging economic climate.

Food Service Expenditures – Greg Frost from OPAA food management reviewed our revenue and expenditures relating to food service. He discussed the trends of our district. We have been with OPAA food management since 2004-05.

Mowing Bid – The board approved the extension of the mowing contract until the end of this fiscal year in order to allow time to analyze our budget projections for next year before going to bid.

Old Business

Drug Testing Report – Mr. VanDeven gave the board a 2nd quarter report on the drug testing program. Rick Gowdy, patron, also spoke to the board and stated that our procedures were well in line with effective programs. He has given suggestions to the administration for modifications in the evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the program. Mr. VanDeven will be giving the board information on slight modifications that will be made to the program next year.

Facility Discussion – The board met in a work session prior to the board meeting to review facility needs throughout the district and to begin to prioritize needs. They also reviewed the bonding capacity of the district.

Messaging System – Mrs. Miller informed the board that a representative from School Reach, an electronic parent notification system, will present to the board in March.

New Business

2009-2010 School Calendar – The board approved the 2009-2010 school calendar for next year. The school year for students begins August 19. The calendar contains 175 student days and shows 6 snow days placed at the end of the school year. The [approved calendar](#) is posted on the district website. The professional days and/or professional development days for teachers will not be shown on the calendar until after the March board meeting.

Contracting Bus Services – This discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

Summer School Application – The board approved the summer school application to be filed with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Summer school will be held for grades K-8 June 1-26. The high school will be offering some credit recovery courses and driver's education. Enrollment information will be coming soon through each building communications.

Spring Break Activities – The board discussed the procedures utilized for activities scheduled over spring break. Past practice has been to go by the following guidelines for practicing and playing during spring break: *If prior arrangements were made with the coach by the parents, students would be excused from practice on Friday prior to spring break and Monday and Tuesday of spring break. Practices missed due to this arrangement would not be held against the students. Students would be expected to attend practice unless prior arrangements were made. Games or events would not be scheduled until Thursday of spring break. These guidelines would allow students, with prior arrangements, to travel during spring break and still be able to participate in activities occurring during spring break.*

The board felt that this is still good procedures and would maintain this practice.

Continuing Business for March Meeting

Monthly Financial Report

Facility Discussion

Construction Update
Review Long/Short Range Maintenance Needs
Facility Planning Discussion
District Messaging System
Automated School Lunch Fees
HS Seminar Period Discussion
Alternative School Program
Bus contracting services – Discussion
Professional Development for 2009-2010
Drug Testing Program for 2009-2010
Activities/ Extra-Curricular Program Evaluation Procedures
Food Service Bids
Five-year graduate follow-up report
Faculty performance report/contracts 2009-2010 – Executive Session
District Technology Plan

Executive Session

The board reviewed the performance of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and the principals. Contracts were extended to these employees.