

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF PITTSBURG DISTRICT 250 HELD IN THE BEVAN EDUCATION CENTER
510 DEILL STREET, IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURG ON NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held November 14, 2011 and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President John Clark.

Members Present: Dr. Al Mendez, Marlene Willis, John Clark, Todd Biggs and Kayla Joy. Dawn McNay and Joan Fields were absent from the meeting.

Superintendent Destry Brown, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Brian Biermann and Board Clerk Vicki Horton were also in attendance.

Dr. Al Mendez arrived at 6:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon a motion by Todd Biggs, seconded by Dr. Al Mendez, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda and the October 24, 2011 Board Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

FOCUS ON LEARNING

The Board of Education heard a proposal from Bob Boyer, Drafting and Communication Technology teacher at Pittsburg High School and Linda Garrow, Marketing teacher and DECA sponsor. PHS students were also present. Under the program, the students would design and partially manufacture items with school logos, such as mouse pads, coffee cups, water bottles, key chains, and clothing and sell them online. Approximately \$5000 in funds is needed to purchase the equipment for the store.

The Board Members approved the idea in principal and asked for a written proposal to present to the Board at a later date.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Brown reported that enrollment for the 2011-2012 school was presently at 2848 with an increase of eight students since the state's official count date on September 20, 2011.
- Mr. Brown updated the Board on the progress of the new track and soccer field at Pittsburg High School; asphalt has been laid and the rubberized surface will probably be put down in the spring due to weather. If the track is not done by track season, plans have been made to transport kids to other tracks.
- Mr. Brown announced that the next Board of Education Meeting will be at Lakeside Elementary School in the library at 6 p.m. The format for discussion with staff would be broken up in grade levels and exploratory groups.

- Mr. Brown reported that the evaluation process for non-tenure staff had been completed and that there had been positive feedback from principals and staff.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Brian Biermann discussed the school district's application process regarding the State's 21st Century Program. The district had this program from 1999-2003 for after school programming. The district has applied several times and been denied. This year, the district is using "Save the Children" to write the grant to KSDE. This organization is endorsed by Governor Brownback. The formal application is due November 28, 2011 to KSDE.
- Dr. Biermann also discussed school improvement with the board. He discussed the progress PCMS and PHS are making with the schools being "On Watch". He also showed the board the new curriculum website and discussed plans to begin using it on the November 28th PLC day.

Other Administrative Reports

- There were no other administrative reports.

Board Member Reports

SEK Interlocal

- There was not a SEK Interlocal report this meeting.

USD 250 Foundation

- Mr. Clark reported that there had not been a USD 250 Foundation meeting this month.

KSHSAA Report

Todd Biggs reported that he had attended a regional KSHAA meeting at Fort Scott this month. Some issues discussed were the classification changes, extending state competition from one day to two and downsizing volleyball tournaments from two days to one. Mr. Biggs reported that coaches were not satisfied with the classification changes and wanted something better or keep the classifications the same.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Policy Committee Changes to Section E & F

Mr. Brown reviewed with the board policy changes in sections E & F of the 2012 Policy Handbook.

Upon a motion by Marlene Willis, seconded by Kayla Joy, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Section E & F policy changes of the policy handbook.

NEW BUSINESS

Accept Gifts from District Patrons

Mr. Brown reported that USD 250 had received donations from district patrons. They are as follows:

Caring for Kids	\$1000.00	PCMS Dragon Store Items
Susie Lundy	\$ 400.00	8 th Grade Fundraising Project (Angela Lewis & Kristy Uttley)
Kaye L. Webb	\$ 250.00	Booster Donation
Tims Memorial	\$2140.00	K-Kids – Lakeside
Anonymous	\$ 25.00	Lakeside Project – Christmas Ornaments For Joplin Students
Iota Theta Chapter		
Beta Sigma Phi	\$ 25.00	Lakeside Project – Christmas Ornaments For Joplin Students
Lions Club	\$ 300.00	Shoes for District Kids

Upon a motion by Todd Biggs, seconded by Marlene Willis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the gifts from district patrons.

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Noah Grotheer, Technology Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the new District Technology Plan. Board Members were asked to review the plan. This item will be brought back to the next meeting for a vote of approval.

OTHER PERSONNEL

Executive Session

Upon a motion by Todd Biggs, seconded by Marlene Willis, the board voted 5-0 to go into executive session at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters for Nonelected Personnel and that the board return to the open meeting at 7:15 p.m. Destry Brown and Dr. Brian Biermann also attended the session.

The Board returned to open session, upon a motion by Todd Biggs, seconded by Marlene Willis, the board voted 5-0 to return to executive session for an additional 30 minutes.

The Board returned to the open meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Open Session – Action on Personnel

Upon a motion by Marlene Willis, seconded by Dr. Al Mendez, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the employments as listed.

RESIGNATIONS:

Certified:

Glenn Bliss; Physical Education/Health Teacher, PCMS, at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

Classified:

Lane Brant; Maintenance

Debbie Baeza; Cafeteria Supervisor/Crossing Guard, Lakeside Elementary School.

EMPLOYMENTS:

Supplemental:

Kaitlyn King; Asst. Softball Coach, Pittsburg High School

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Marlene Willis, seconded by Dr. Al Mendez, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Vicki Horton, Clerk

Joan Fields, President

Dr. Brian Biermann, Deputy Clerk