

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF PITTSBURG DISTRICT 250 HELD IN THE PITTSBURG HIGH SCHOOL  
LIBRARY, 1978 EAST FOURTH STREET, IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURG ON  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held September 26, 2011 at Pittsburg High School and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Joan Fields.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Upon a motion by Dawn McNay, seconded by Dr. Al Mendez, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda and the September 12, 2011 Board Minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**FOCUS ON LEARNING**

Board Members met with Pittsburg High School Faculty and divided into departmental groups for discussion/concerns/suggestions. The topics varied widely from parent involvement, social networking outlets, bullying, drug abuse, concerns on the budget. Board Members wanted to get reacquainted with the schools and staff.

The Board will be conducting its second meeting of the month in a different building each month to meet with faculty and staff as they did the high school this month.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Website Progress Update**

Noah Grotheer, Technology Director, and Dr. Brian Biermann reviewed with the Board the new USD 250 website that will be launched on Monday, October 3, 2011. The site will now feature a cycling masthead that will display images from around the district, as well as events and advertising. There will be separate sections each for the district schools, faculty and staff, parents and students and the community.

**Bid from CDL Electric**

Mr. Brown presented the bid from CDL Electric for the PHS Soccer Field/Track Project lighting. The lighting will be paid for with the \$100,000 Grant USD 250 received from the Pritchett Trust. Included will be lights that will light the track for community residents that choose to walk the track at night.

Upon a motion by Dawn McNay, seconded by Dr. Al Mendez, the board voted 5-0 to approve the bid from CDL Electric for \$98,950 for the Soccer Field/Track Project lighting at Pittsburg High School.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PHS Journalism Trip Request**

Emily Smith, PHS Journalism Teacher, addressed the board to request board approval to travel to Minneapolis, MN for a National Journalism Convention. The majority of the cost is covered by the students and through fundraisers. Transportation costs will be shared with other Kansas schools.

Upon a motion by Dr. Al Mendez, seconded by Marlene Willis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the PHS Journalism Trip to Minneapolis, MN.

## **OTHER PERSONNEL**

### **Executive Session**

Upon a motion by Marlene Willis, seconded by Dr. Al Mendez, the board voted 5-0 to go into executive session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters for Nonelected Personnel and that the board return to the open meeting at 8:10 p.m. Destry Brown and Dr. Brian Biermann also attended executive session.

The board returned to open session.

Upon a motion by Joan Fields, seconded by Dr. Al Mendez, the board voted 5-0 to return to executive session for an additional 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters for Nonelected Personnel.

The board returned to the open session at 8:25 p.m.

### **Open Session – Action on Personnel**

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

#### **EMPLOYMENTS:**

##### **Classified:**

Lindsey Kling, Full-Time Library Aide, PHS

##### **Supplemental:**

Willie Watt, Asst. Baseball Coach, PHS

**ADJOURN**

Upon a motion by Dawn McNay, seconded by Marlene Willis, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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Vicki Horton, Clerk

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Joan Fields, President

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Dr. Brian Biermann, Deputy Clerk