
Board Briefs

McPherson USD 418 Board of Education
Monday, February 22, 2010

WORK SESSION

The Board Members and Administration met at Washington Elementary/ECC at 5:45 pm to tour the schools.

GIFTS TO SCHOOLS

The Board accepted the following donations to the FFA Chapter at McPherson High School to help pay for the FFA awards banquet at the end of the school year:

- Heartland Veterinary Clinic for \$104.
- McPherson Veterinary Clinic for \$112.

The Board also accepted the following donation:

- Farm Bureau donated \$500 to Washington Elementary to help with costs for Wellness Day.

REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Education met at 7:00 pm for its regularly scheduled meeting. The board approved the agenda for the meeting as well as the consent items. The consent agenda items included: Personnel, MHS Activity Fund Report, MMS Activity Fund Report and MMS State Assessment Testing Incentive.

REPORTS

• *Governmental Relations*

Mr. Tolle updated the Board on several bills recently passed either by the house or senate. Mr. Tolle and Ms. Viola were recently in Topeka at a Governmental Relations Seminar. There is concern that the budget will be difficult to balance. Providing there is no additional revenue the upcoming year, schools could face a \$300 to \$600 per student loss in funding.

• *Update from Washington Elementary*

Mrs. Beam introduced Adie Traxton, WES guidance counselor, who discussed the "backpack program". This program provides meals for students during the weekend. A recent dodge ball tournament was held at MHS to help raise funds for the program.

- ***Update on College, Career & Citizenship Read with District Strategic Learning Plan***

Dr. Watson discussed the definition page and stated that the document continues to be a work in progress. Mr. McClendon discussed the recent MHS in-service in which faculty were split up into three groups to discuss career, college and citizenship. Mr. Mohn discussed the latest information regarding the Pre-K program transition. There will be weekly meetings to continue in order to implement this program for Fall, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***District Calendar 2010/11***

Mr. Ruder reviewed with the Board that the calendar will remain as an agenda item over the next few months so board members and staff can gather any public input.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***CCC Recommendations – Jazz Band at McPherson Middle School***

Mr. Plackemeier discussed with the Board the recommendation from CCC to add Jazz Band at McPherson Middle School. The board accepted the motion for the course recommendation.

- ***Budget Cuts***

Dr. Watson presented information regarding the budget. Mr. Ruder discussed the 2010/11 budget items. The board approved the motion to establish March 1st as a Board retreat date. At this meeting the board will begin discussion on how to make necessary cuts for 2010/11.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The board approved the following personnel actions:

Employment

Dorothy Kramer, RES food service server

Resignation

Amanda Luttig, MMS assistant tennis coach

Retirement

Ruth Obold, LES kindergarten teacher

David Scarpellini, LES custodian

Suspension

Todd Brittingham, MHS English Teacher, suspended with pay pending future board action