

**West Franklin USD 287**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 12, 2007**

The regular meeting of the West Franklin USD #287 Board of Education was held Monday, March 12, 2007, at Pomona High School. The following board members were present: President Neal Baker, Sheila Anderson, Janie Dillon, Randy Hermreck, Keith Milliken, Mary Ann Parkin and Nancy Reed. Administrators and staff present were: Superintendent Susan Myers, Board Clerk Teresa Hawkins, Curriculum Director Andy Azwell, Principal Mike Dorst, Principal Rick Smith, Principal Eric Koppes, Principal Susan Wildeman, Principal Robert Allen, Transportation Director Richard Adler, and Maintenance Supervisor Jerry Engel. The following staff and community members were also present: Gene Hirt, Louis Coppoc, Frances Coppoc, Diana Macoubrie, David Staley, Troy Ifland,, Jeff Link, Lila Reekie, Chris Reekie, Joel Hermreck, Curtis Altic, Becky Macklin, Shelly Welch, Karen Gibson, Virginia Cook, Stacy Hower, and Ryan Sink

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Neal Baker.

Mr. Baker announced that the board would be interviewing a superintendent candidate on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 and that there would be a community reception to meet the candidate from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Pomona High School multi-purpose room. The board also plans to interview on March 14 & 15. This will be confirmed as soon as candidates can be contacted. There will also be community receptions on March 14 & 15 in the Pomona High School multi-purpose room and Pomona Elementary respectfully.

Mr. Baker asked for public comments. Mr. Louis Coppoc addressed the board.

Minutes from the previous meetings and bills were presented. Minutes were amended to change the vote on the Vocational Agriculture Facility from 5-1-1 to 5-1. Bills were questioned and answered. Sheila Anderson made a motion to amend the minutes, and to pay the bills as presented. Nancy Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

### **Reports**

**Principal Eric Koppes:** Had nothing further to add to his report mailed in the board packet.

**Principal Mike Dorst:** Had nothing further to add to his report mailed in the board packet.

**Principal Rick Smith:** Had nothing further to add to his report mailed in the board packet.

**Principal Susan Wildeman:** Had nothing further to add to the information that had been mailed in the board packet. Keith Milliken questioned why the dip in the third nine weeks grades. Mrs. Wildeman stated that this was normal for third nine weeks and grades also dropped last year at this time. She also informed the board of the different tactics she and the teachers were using to improve the low grades.

**Principal Robert Allen:** Had nothing to report

**Curriculum Director Andrew Azwell:** Had nothing further to add to his report mailed in the board packet.

**Superintendent Dr. Susan Myers:** Reported that the students had voted on the mascot and school colors. Results were: Jaguars – 191 and Falcons – 221; Maroon, Silver, Black & White – 89 and Blue, Silver, Black & White – 334.

**Local Effectiveness Grants:** Shelly Welch thanked the school board for funding the grant program. She has used her grant money to fund the Guided Reading program. She also shared several of the books that she uses from the web. She has had students advance two or three grade levels after implementing this program. Becky Macklin also uses the Guided Reading program. She also shared a few fiction and non-fiction books she purchased with her grant money. Becky thanked the board for funding the Local Effectiveness grants. JoAnn Stigall shared samples of the special pens, pencils, and the different shaped dry erase boards that she uses to help improve her kindergartener's writing skills. Mrs. Stigall also gave the board a hand-out showing some of the projects and the improvement in the student's writing skills. Mrs. Stigall thanked the board for funding the grant program.

**Action Items:**

**Travel Request:** Andrew Azwell requested to attend a Kansas Power School User's Group meeting in Salina on April 2 & 3. Mary Ann Parkin made a motion to accept the travel request. Keith Milliken seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

**07-08 Vocational Agriculture Facility:** Dr. Myers explained that she had just received the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for the property at 238 East D St in Pomona. The report revealed there was no evidence of recognized environmental conditions, and a Phase II Assessment would not be needed. A full copy of the report is on file at the district office. Anyone who would like to see or check out the report is welcome to do so. Sheila Anderson made a motion to accept the Phase I Environmental Report. Nancy Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

**Vocational Carpentry Bid:** David Link, Williamsburg submitted a bid for 13.11% of material costs. A certified check for \$250.00 was included with the bid. This project will be for the 07-08 school year and will be located in Williamsburg. Keith Milliken made a motion to accept David Link's bid of 13.11%. Mary Ann Parkin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1

**Renewal of Local Effectiveness Grants:** Dr. Myers provided the board with a brief history of the grants. When the grant program was started the district funded \$10,000 but cut that amount to \$6,500 the last few years. Nancy Reed made a motion to renew the Local Effectiveness Grant program for \$6,500. Sheila Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1

**Recreation Commission Resignation:** Shawn Walters, Williamsburg Recreation Commission, submitted a resignation. Sheila Anderson made a motion to accept the resignation. Nancy Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

**Sick Leave Transfer Request:** Bob Boldra requested to transfer 4 days of sick leave to Jennifer Hamlet. Dr. Myers also presented the board with a request from Robert Allen to transfer 5 days of sick leave to Jennifer Hamlet. Jennifer has had a sick child and she has also been sick herself. Mary Ann Parkin made a motion to allow the sick leave transfers, including the one from Robert Allen. Sheila Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1

**Discussion Items:**

**Extended Contract Review:** Staff members with extended contracts must be notified in writing on or before May 1 as to the number of days to be assigned for the following school year.

Current extended contracts are: Pomona High Counselor; 20 days, Williamsburg Counselor; 10 days, Vocational Carpentry; 10 days. Questions were asked and answered as to the need for the extra days.

**Republish 06-07 General Fund Budget:** Dr. Myers reported that she had given the board information stating that the district could republish the budget and gain \$17,695 in state aid. Since then, she has received a report from the state showing that a pre-school special education student had been counted twice – this will decrease the amount of gain. After this correction the actual gain will be \$16,400. Republishing the budget will not affect taxes. In order to republish a notice must be published in the newspaper ten days before the budget hearing. Budget hearing should be scheduled before the regular April board meeting.

The board took a 10 minute break at 7:45 pm

**Personnel:**

**Executive Session:**

Neal Baker made a motion to enter executive session at 7:58 pm for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed. Principals were asked to join the executive session. Sheila Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

The board came out of executive session at 8:18 pm

Neal Baker made a motion to re-enter executive session at 8:20 pm for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed. Mary Ann Parkin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

The board came out of executive session at 8:30 pm

**Employment Recommendation:**

Neal Baker made a motion to accept the following employment recommendations and supplemental contracts:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Action</b>
Shannon Hassler	Math/Foreign Language	Williamsburg High	Resignation
Bob Boldra	Math	Pomona High	Resignation
Roger Driver	Science	Williamsburg	Retirement
Susie Harbison	Teacher Aide	Pomona Elementary	Resignation
Jennifer Hamlet	Math	Pomona High	Resignation
Eric Honn	Technology Assistant	District	Employment
Jason Nelson	Social Studies	High School	Employment
Jennifer Hoffman	Math	High School	Employment
Billy Jo Bonar	Science	High School	Employment
Tammy Adell	Aide	Pomona Elementary	Employment

Supplementals:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Betty Greer	Co- HS Play	Terry Tinich	HS Asst. Track
Cherrie Lindsey	Co-HS Play	Ian Evans	HS Head Baseball
Cheryl Thomas	HS FBLA	Jason Nelson	HS Asst. Baseball
Liz Smith	HS Asst. FBLA	Erica Crist	HS Co-Cheerleader
Merritta Combs	HS FCCLA	Cherrie Lindsey	HS Co-Cheerleader
Connie Hoyt	HS NHS	Susan Zentz	HS Dance
Mike Pickman	HS Scholar's Bowl	Kris Hassler	HS Athletic Director
Karen Gibson	HS STUCO	Michelle Graf	MS Head Volleyball
Mike Pickman	HS Newspaper	Susan Zentz	MS Asst. Volleyball
Mike Pickman	HS Yearbook	Shelly Welch	MS Asst. Volleyball
Jason Nelson	HS KAYS	Brad Graf	MS Head Football
Lori Hamilton	HS Forensics	Rob Conway	MS Asst. Football
Susan Zentz	HS Webmaster	Rob Conway	MS Head Boys Basketball
Steve Taylor	HS Band	Brad Graf	MS Asst. Boys Basketball
Steve Taylor	HS Choir	Shawn Walters	MS Asst. Boys Basketball
Angie Corwine	HS Head Volleyball	Jeff Smith	MS Head Girls Basketball
Angelle Higbie	HS Asst. Volleyball	Angela Harris	MS Asst. Girls Basketball
Chuck Lee	HS Head Football	Chuck Lee	MS Head Track
Shawn Walters	HS Asst. Football	Virginia Cook	MS Asst. Track
Levi Thurman	HS Asst. Football	Shawn Walters	MS Asst. Track
Jerald Johnson	HS Head Cross Country	Greg Butler	MS Quiz Bowl
Brock Campbell	HS Head Boys Basketball	Tonya Turnbaugh	MS Cheer/Pep Club
Jason Nelson	HS Asst. Boys Basketball	Trisha Rogers	MS KAYS
Levi Thurman	HS Asst. Boys Basketball	Phyllis Cunningham	MS Math Bee
Pat McGonigle	HS Head Girls Golf	Debbie Aubert	MS Spelling Bee
Kris Hassler	HS Head Boys Golf	Paula Howard	WES Spelling Bee
Brock Campbell	HS Asst. Boys Golf	Janet Ashburn	WES Vocal
Chuck Lee	HS Power Lifting	Levi Thurman	WES AM Duty
Susan Zentz	HS Head Track	Debby Lantis	WES Webmaster
Kyle Conley	HS Asst. Track	Barb Engel	AES Math Bee
		Darrell McCune	AES Vocal
		Julie Smith	AES Spelling Bee
		Debby Lantis	AES Webmaster

Nancy Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

**Executive Session:**

Neal Baker made a motion to enter executive session at 8:40 pm for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed. Sheila Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

The board came out of executive session at 8:55 pm

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.  
Keith Milliken made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Reed seconded the motion.  
Motion passed 7-0

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Neal Baker, Board President

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Teresa Hawkins, Clerk

**Minutes are not official until approved by the board.**