

**Smoky Valley Public Schools - USD 400**  
**Minutes of the Board of Education**  
**December 9, 2013**

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The Board of Education of Smoky Valley School District No. 400 held a regular board meeting on Monday, December 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administrative Center, 126 S. Main, Lindsborg, Kansas.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Andy Carlson, President; Dwight Swisher, Vice-President; Chris Bauer; Todd Deterding (via double robotics); Karna Peterson; Karla Pihl; and Sharon Schrag.

Others Present - Glen Suppes, Superintendent; Gwen Oleen, Board Clerk; Julie Martin, Board Treasurer; Dan Carr, Reporter for the Lindsborg News-Record; Fred Van Ranken, Director of Student Learning; Darryl Talbott, Debbie Watson, John Denk, and Marc Williams, Principals; Cody Whetstone, Director of SVVCS/Vision\_Tek; Laurie Denk, Info Tech Teacher and the Vision\_Tek Student Board Members (Claire Denk, Hannah Godfrey, Cody Hopkins, Sam Reed, Brock Sauvage, and Tyler Weis); Mike and Ann Sample, Dawn Lackey, Debbie Jacobson, John Mullen, Galen and Blakely Bunning, Nicole Odell, Fred Peterson, Patti and Mikaela Johnson, Rob Bergstrom, Jason Tolle and Robert Huhman, patrons.

Approval of the Regular Agenda A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Sharon Schrag to approve the regular agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Sharon Schrag to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the November 11, 2013 special board work session and regular board meeting, the November 26, 2013 special board work session, and the December 2, 2013 special board work session, the financials, including the treasurer's report, bills, the payables, the added payables, and the building activity reports.

Patron Concerns Dawn Lackey asked the Board if the public would be informed of the personalized blended learning concept. Andy Carlson replied that the public would be informed and the concept will be studied thoroughly before consideration of a possible pilot project at the secondary level.

Vision\_Tek - Laurie Denk & Students Technology Instructor, Laurie Denk, introduced the Vision\_Tek Student Board Members: Claire Denk, Hannah Godfrey, Cody Hopkins, Brock Sauvage, Sam Reed and Tyler Weis. They did a fine job highlighting some of their projects and accomplishments at Vision\_Tek.

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Teacher Evaluation System - Marc Williams	Marc Williams discussed some of the basic procedures involved in the new McRel teacher evaluation system. Our district has begun to implement the process even though the statute does not require its use until FY'15.
KASB Convention Report - Todd Deterding	Todd Deterding, KASB Convention Voting Delegate, gave a brief report on the KASB Annual Convention he attended at Wichita, December 7 - 8. Mr. Suppes presided over the KSSA (Kansas School Superintendents' Association) meeting that was held on Friday, December 6, in conjunction with the convention. Mr. Suppes currently serves as President of KSSA. He summarized a few other topics that were discussed during the convention.
Legislative Update	Mr. Suppes provided the Board with a few updates that are happening in the Kansas Legislature.
Personalized Blended Learning	The Board debriefed on the discussion of personalized blended learning at the special board work session held at Vision_Tek on December 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Marc Williams and John Denk provided some input concerning the Edgenuity presentation held on December 4. Andy Carlson and Dwight Swisher attended the presentation. The Board concur they need to further study the concept and schedule more work sessions as well as visit Lawrence Public Schools who have implemented this concept in some of their subject areas.
Budget Discussion for FY'15	Mr. Suppes discussed with the Board some possible budget cuts that may be made to balance the budget and address the shortfall for FY'15. Board discussion followed. No decisions were made at this time.
Building Reports	The building reports were included at the end of the agenda.
Superintendent's Report	Mr. Suppes reported on the following items: a) Common Core b) KAEA (Kansas Alliance for Education Advocacy)
Communications	Gwen Oleen reported that staff from district buildings appreciated the t treats that were sent on behalf of the Board in observance of American Education Week in November.
Executive Session	A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Karna Peterson for the Board, and by invitation, the Superintendent go into executive session at 9:35 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel, in order to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals and public interest, and that the Board return to open meeting at 9:55 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

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- Executive Session  
(*continued*)
- A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Karna Peterson to go into a second executive session for the above stated reason at 9:55 p.m. and that the Board return to open meeting at 10:05 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.
- A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Karna Peterson to go into a third executive session for the above stated reasons at 10:05 p.m. and that the Board return to open meeting 10:10 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.
- The Board reconvened into open session at 10:13 p.m.
- Resignations
- A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Sharon Schrag to accept the resignation of Michael Ferguson as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at SVHS, effective November 25. Motion carried 7-0.
- A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Sharon Schrag to accept the resignation of Christine Deterding as Head Volleyball Coach at SVMS, effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.
- A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Sharon Schrag to accept the resignation of Melissa Brumbaugh as Assistant Cross Country Coach at SVHS/SVMS, effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.
- Employment Contract
- A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Dwight Swisher to hire Stephen DeWitt as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at SVHS for the 2013-14 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
- Out-of-District Requests
- A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Sharon Schrag to approve the out-of-district request of Christopher Ley (7<sup>th</sup>) and Joshua Ley (9<sup>th</sup>) to attend Smoky Valley Public Schools. Motion carried 7-0.
- Pay Termination
- A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Chris Bauer to terminate the pay of Anita Sutton, pending the results of the due process hearing. Motion carried 7-0.
- Adjournment
- A motion was made by Karla Pihl and seconded by Sharon Schrag to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

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Board Clerk

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Chairman