

**Unofficial Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Education of U.S.D. No. 403,
Rush County, Kansas, on February 9, 2015**

The Otis-Bison U.S.D. No. 403 Board of Education meeting was called to order on February 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman, Bernard Juno. At roll call, there were seven board members present. Superintendent Piper and Principal Goodheart were present. Cathy Ochs entered the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

There was no public open forum.

Motion made by Amanda Wiltse, seconded by Camie Hlavaty, to amend and approve the agenda for February 9, 2015 by making Item C - Consideration of School Board Election Resolution and moving all remaining items down. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Superintendent Piper's report included the following:

- State Audit
- Virtual School
- Insurance Rates
- Open Board Position
- Advertising buses for sale on Purple Wave
- State Funding

Principal Goodheart had no additions to his report.

Motion made by Camie Hlavaty, seconded by Amanda Wiltse, to approve the January 14, 2015 regular board meeting minutes, treasurer's report, accounts payable, activity funds and petty cash fund. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Motion made by Gary Yost, seconded by Camie Hlavaty to table Item B – Consideration of 2015-16 calendar until the March meeting. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Gary Yost moved, seconded by Ted Bannister, to approve the School Board Election Resolution. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0. (Resolution attached and made a part of these minutes.)

Motion made by Gary Yost, seconded by Amy Blackburn, to approve the Out-of-District Applications for Chase Harter and Alayna Hoover. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

Superintendent Piper discussed finance appropriations, giving the board a list of items to consider for purchase.

Motion made by Ted Bannister, seconded by Gary Yost to approve the purchase of football uniforms, with payment to come half from general fund and half from the athletic fund. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

No action was taken on negotiations.

Amanda Wiltse moved, seconded by Ted Bannister, to go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes with the board, Superintendent Piper and Principal Goodheart to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 9:05 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 9:05 p.m.

Bernard Juno moved, seconded by Ted Bannister, to go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes with the board, Superintendent Piper and Principal Goodheart to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 9:26 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0. Mark Goodheart left the executive session at 9:13 p.m. and Superintendent Piper left the executive session at 9:19 p.m.

The meeting was resumed at 9:26 p.m.

Ted Bannister moved, seconded by Verla King, to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes with the board to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 9:37 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 7, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 9:37 p.m.

Amy Blackburn left the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Bernard Juno moved, seconded by Camie Hlavaty, to go into executive session for five (5) minutes with the board and Superintendent Piper to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel and to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and that we return to open session in this room at 9:44 p.m. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

The meeting was resumed at 9:44 p.m

Motion made by Amanda Wiltse, seconded by Verla King, to accept the resignation of Joy Yost at the end of her contract. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

There was no action taken on the Superintendent contract.

Gary Yost moved to adjourn. Verla King seconded the motion. Motion vote was: Affirmative 6, Negative 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairperson

Janice M. Pivonka, Clerk

OTIS-BISON SCHOOL DISTRICT, UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403
BOARD RESOLUTION 2015

Kansas State Legislative Actions Relating to School Board Elections

A RESOLUTION by the Board of Education of the Otis-Bison Public Schools, Unified School District No. 403, Rush County, Kansas, regarding the Kansas State Legislature's proposed bills to alter the process for electing public board of education members in Kansas.

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers of the State of Kansas provided in Article 6 of the State's Constitution for the establishment and maintenance of public schools; and

WHEREAS, the people of Kansas approved by popular vote an amendment in 1966 endowing locally-elected boards of education with the sole responsibility of maintaining, developing and operating local public schools; and

WHEREAS, all children in Kansas deserve access to a public education absent of potentially divisive partisanship; and

WHEREAS, moving local public school board elections to November of even-numbered years would reduce focus on school board candidates as they compete for attention with all other candidates for every federal, state and local office; and

WHEREAS, moving school board elections from the spring to fall would impair a school district's efficient operation based on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30; and

WHEREAS, moving school board elections from the spring to fall would potentially create a "lame duck" board, thereby impeding discussions of administrator evaluations, contract extensions, teacher evaluations, teacher negotiations and budget preparation; and

WHEREAS, the current election cycle for electing local public education members has and will continue to serve the children of Kansas well.

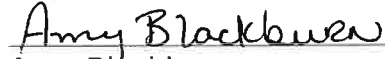
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we as a Locally-Elected Board of Education call upon the Kansas Stat Legislature to pass no law changing the election cycle for local boards of education; and

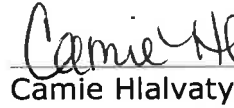
FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we as a Locally-Elected Board of Education call upon the Kansas State Legislature to pass no law changing the nonpartisan status of local board of education elections.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 403,
Rush County, Kansas, the 9th day of February, 2015.

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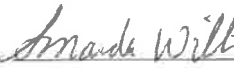

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