

Pending approval.

February 2, 2009

Regular Board Meeting of the Lawrence Public Schools Board of  
Education.

Members Present: Julie Beam, Chuck Carpp, Jeff Johnson,  
Carol Sjoquist, Carrie Rokos. Absent: Jim Sanborn, Bill Lux

Administration Present: Bob Gendron, Sue McQueen, John  
Overley. All present

Athletic Director Present: Jeff Miller

Student Representatives Present: None

The meeting was called to order by Johnson at 7:30 p.m.

Sjoquist moved and Carpp supported the motion to approve the January 12, 2009 open and closed minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0 with Rokos abstaining.

Beam moved and Carpp supported the motion to approve the bills of \$447,286,68 as presented. Discussion was held. Motion carried 5-0.

There were no comments from the public.

Elementary principal's report: McQueen stated the 5th & 6th grade bands provided a quality band concert and thanked Ann Richmond for her leadership. A Magic Show and a roller skating party were presented as awards to the Reading Renaissance Goal Reachers. Upcoming trips will be taken to the KVC Museum and to the Air Zoo. She stated positive student progress was being made through the Miblise program.

High School principal's report: Gendron reported the Semi Formal dance had been rescheduled for February 14, 2009. The seniors had ordered their caps and gowns and their last day will be May 22, 2009. At present the senior scholarship process is

being streamlined and will be done electronically. Homecoming will be held the week of February 9-13. Count Day is February 11, 2009. Next year's schedule is being formulated and our Technology students may be attending the Tech Center classes in both the morning and afternoon. Staffing issues for next year are also being addressed. Gendron stated the prom location would need to be changed.

Athletic Director's report: Miller stated he had interviewed applicants for both the JV softball and Varsity baseball positions. He recommended Patti Feuerstein for the softball position and Dale Gribbler for the baseball position. He congratulated Kaylee Garvision who has signed a 2 year, full ride scholarship to LMC to play softball. Boys basketball districts will be at Eau Claire on March 11 and girls will play at Covert on March 4. A special thank you was given to the Athletic boosters for the new Tiger mascot, to the Reeder family for the stationary bike and to the winter sports event helpers.

Carpp moved and Rokos supported the motion to approve Patti Feuerstein as JV Softball Coach and Dale Gribbler as Varsity Baseball Coach. Motion carried 4-0 with Johnson abstaining.

Overley presented the bid for the USF funding yearly contracts stating USF pays approximately 70% of the costs. Sjoquist moved and Rokos supported the motion to approve the bids from:

Qwest Communications Corp, Long Distance rate:

IntraState

\$0.0187/minute

InterState		\$0.0350/minute
Sprint Distance Learning Lab	Month to Month	\$603.60/month
ATT, Internet T1 Circuit	1 year contract	\$504/month
Comcast Cable Modem	3 year contract	\$99.95/month
Centennial, 5 cell phones		\$212.48/month
Altronics (TelNet)	24 month contract	\$842.95/month

Motion carried 5-0.

Overley stated the School Board Elections will be held May 5, 2009. Sanborn's seat and Beam's seat are up for reelection. Nominating petitions are available at the Superintendent's office and must be returned by 4:00 p.m. on February 10, 2009. A few petitions have been picked up.

Sjoquist moved and Rokos supported the motion to approve the request to change the location of the spring Prom to Heritage Glen Golf Course. Motion carried 5-0.

Overley presented the school budget update. He stated he was hoping to hold steady with the foundation allowance. The projection for next year, however, looks like there will be cuts.

Overley presented information regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan (Stimulus Plan). He stated the estimated amounts are as follows:

Estimated Title I Funding (over two years)	\$222,181
Estimated Infrastructure Funding (over one year)	\$240,208
Estimated Stabilization Funding (over two years)	\$582,449

The Board accepted the second reading of the Homeless Education Policy as follows:

#### Homeless Student Policy

In order to ensure that homeless students have equal access to the same free appropriate public education as provided to other students, the following shall apply: "Homeless Children and Youth" are defined, in accordance with the provisions of 20 U.S.C. 11434a(2)(A), as:

Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or have a primary nighttime residence in a supervised, publicly or privately, operated shelter for temporary accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill), an institution providing temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

The definition includes:

\*Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;

\*Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;

\*Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and

\*Unaccompanied youth – a youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

## ENROLLMENT/PLACEMENT

The district will consider the best interests of the student with parental involvement in determining whether the student should be enrolled in the school of origin or the school that nonhomeless student who live in the attendance area in which the homeless student is actually living are eligible to attend. To the extent feasible, and

in accordance with the student's best interest, the student should continue his/her education in the school of origin, except when contrary to the wishes of the parent or guardian. If the student is unaccompanied by a parent or guardian, the homeless coordinator will consider the views of the student in deciding where the student shall be educated. The choice regarding placement shall be made regardless of whether the student lives with the homeless parents or has been temporarily placed elsewhere

The school selected shall immediately enroll the homeless student, even if the student is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, immunization records, proof of residency or other documentation. However, the district may require a parent or guardian of the student to submit contact information.

The district shall provide a written explanation, including a statement regarding the right to appeal, to the homeless student's parent/guardian, or to the homeless student if unaccompanied, if the district sends the student to a school other than the school of origin ("school of origin" is defined as the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled) or other than a school requested by the parent or guardian. If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment in a school, the student shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute. The student or parent/guardian shall be referred to the district homeless coordinator, who will carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible.

## SERVICES

Each homeless student shall be provided services comparable to services offered to other students, in the district including, but not limited to, transportation services;

educational services for which the student meets eligibility criteria, such as education programs for disadvantaged students, students with disabilities and gifted and talented students; vocational programs and technical education; school meals programs; preschool programs; before-and-after school care programs and programs for students with limited English proficiency. Homeless students will not be segregated in a separate school or in a separate program within a school based on the student's status as homeless.

## TRANSPORTATION

In the event that it is in the best interest of the homeless student to attend the school of origin, transportation to and from school shall be provided at the request of the parent/guardian or, in the case of an unaccompanied student, the homeless coordinator. If the student's temporary housing is outside the district of origin, the Lawrence Public School System will work with the school of origin to agree on a method to apportion the responsibility and costs for transporting the student. If an agreement cannot be reached, the costs will be shared equally.

## RECORDS

Any records ordinarily kept by the school, including immunization records, academic records, birth certificates, guardianship records and evaluations for special services or programs of each homeless child or youth shall be maintained so that appropriate services may be given the student, so that necessary referrals can be made and so that records may be transferred in a timely fashion when a homeless student enters a new school district. Copies of records shall be made available upon request to students or parents in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

## COORDINATOR

The Board shall designate an appropriate individual to act as the district's homeless coordinator:

The homeless coordinator shall ensure that:

1. Homeless students are identified by school personnel and through coordination activities with other entities and agencies.
2. Homeless students enroll in, and have a full and equal opportunity to success in, schools in the district.
3. Homeless families and students receive educational services for which such families and students are eligible, including Head Start, Even Start and preschool programs administered by the district and referrals to health care service, dental service, mental health services and other appropriate services.
4. The parents or guardians of homeless students are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.
5. Public notice of the educational rights of homeless students is disseminated where such students receive services, such as schools, family shelters and soup kitchens.
6. Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance to the law.
7. The parent or guardian of a homeless student and any unaccompanied youth, is full informed of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin and is assisted in accessing transportation to the school selected.

8. Unaccompanied youth will be assisted in placement or enrollment decisions, their view will be considered and they will be provided notice of the right to appeal.

9. Students, who need to obtain immunizations, or immunization or medical records, will receive assistance.

Overley presented a letter from the 5/3 Bank of Lawrence stating they were closing the Lawrence branch on April 15. Overley stated he was meeting with a representative from the 5/3 Bank looking into the possibility of a courier system. Discussion was held. Overley was directed to send a letter of concern to the 5/3 Bank.

Overley stated the school website format is being updated.

A letter from Gene Butler was addressed. He requested permission to hold a band festival on June 21, 2009 on school grounds to raise money for new library books. The board gave tentative approval to proceed with the plan, but would need the final detailed proposal before final approval would be given.

Carpp moved and Sjqouist supported the motion to move into closed session. Roll call vote: Sjoquist Y, Carpp Y, Rokos Y, Beam Y, Johnson Y. Motion carried 5-0.

The open session of the Lawrence School Board was adjourned at 8:30.

Pat Garrod, Recording Secretary

The board returned to open session at 9:03 p.m.

Motion by Beam supported by Sjoquist to accept the recommendation of the finance committee for all non-union employees of Lawrence Schools as follows:

\*Superintendent salary (annuity) for 2008-09 increase \$4500, prorated beginning January 19.

Salary (annuity) for the 2009-10 school year to increase by \$4500.

\* High School Principal salary for the 2008-09 school year increase \$4000 prorated beginning January 19. Salary for the 2009-10 school year to increase \$4000.

\*Elementary Principal salary for the 2008-09 school year increase \$2000 prorated beginning January 19. Salary for the 2009-10 school year to increase by \$2000.

\*Add 1.5% to all employees that are covered by the insurance program, prorated beginning January 19. Salary increase for 2009-10 by 1.5%.

Employees with insurance will switch to MESSA Choices II with a \$10/\$20 prescription card.

\*All other employees will increase 1.5% retroactive to the start of the 08-09 school year.

Salary increase for the 2009-10 school year by 1.5%.

Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.