

BOARD BRIEF

{ AN INFORMAL REPORT FROM THE BASEHOR-LINWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETINGS. }



The Basehor-Linwood USD 458 Board of Education held the January 9, 2012 meeting in the Lou Haney Board of Education Room at the District Office.

- 1) Mrs. Sherry Reeves reported that BLHS has been selected as one of 3 schools in Kansas to receive the National Blue Ribbon nomination. The program recognizes schools in which students achieve in the top 15% in the state on reading and mathematics assessments regardless of demographics. Sherry Reeves and staff have begun the application process and will be anxious to hear results in September.
- 2) Board President, Mrs. Dayna Miller, and Mrs. Lori Van Fleet attended the Legislative Dinner to learn more about the Governor's new funding plan and shared that with the Board.
- 3) Mr. Howard brought up the 2012-2013 calendar as a first read. He mentioned that dates have been aligned so that Spring Break matches other districts in Leavenworth County for 2013.
- 4) Mr. Howard spoke about the Board vacancy and stated that he has a list of 10 questions for potential Board members to answer, which will help the Board learn more about each candidate.
- 5) Mr. Howard mentioned that the District is looking at possibly outsourcing food service operations. A Board representative, along with the District Food Service Director and Superintendent will be evaluating more in-depth in the coming weeks.
- 6) Mr. Howard updated the Board on District activities in his Superintendent's Report:
 - a. School Finance Proposal – Reiterated that it is just a proposal and that in its current form, the base state aid would be \$4,492, however, there would be no additional weightings for transportation, at-risk, etc. The plan would count Kindergarten students as 1.0 FTE and Virtual School funding would be reduced to .75 FTE (which would amount to a cut of 15% for Basehor-Linwood).
 - b. The legislative session began Monday, Jan. 9 and Gov. Brownback would be giving his State of the State address on Wednesday, Jan. 11.
 - c. Health Insurance Costs – The District's carrier, Coventry, plans to increase rates by 25% this year. Mr. Howard and team are looking at proposals from other carriers to see if there is an alternative to Coventry for the next plan year.
 - d. Mr. Howard presented Sherry Reeves, BLHS Principal, with the 2011 Governor's Achievement Award plaque. Only 17 other high schools in the state qualified for this award. The school must have achieved Standard of Excellence in both reading and math in 2011, must have made AYP in both reading, math and one additional measure – graduation rate, and the school must have been among schools in the top 5% in both reading and math in 2011 on the state assessments.
 - e. Mr. Howard recognized the Board for their service for School Board Recognition Month (January) and asked that the community do the same!

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- 7) Actions taken were as follows:
- a. Approved Additional Assessment for Schools for Fair Funding
 - b. Tabled Basehor Historical Society Request
 - c. Approved Building Level Administrative Contract Renewals
 - d. Approved the appointments of the following:
 - i. Barbara Lawrence, BES/BIS Building Technology
 - ii. Stephanie Ogden, GRES Building Technology
 - e. Approved the resignations of the following:
 - i. Christy Gibson, BES/BIS Building Technology

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Lou Haney Board Room at the District Office.

{ Basehor-Linwood Board of Education meetings are open to the public and take place at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Check out the BOE page at www.usd458.org for location, meeting agendas and minutes. }