

MINUTES FROM REGULAR DECEMBER 14, 2009  
STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The Board of Education of the Sterling Public School District met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. as advertised in the Tecumseh Chieftain and Hickman Voice News. Board members present included: Mike Hestermann, Andrea Heusman, Tom Nieveen, Paul Saathoff and Cheri Wirthele. Others present included Superintendent Larry Harnisch and Code Wickham.

Approval was given on the consent agenda as presented with an itemized listing of expenses following this summary.

Code Wickham, D. A. Davidson, presented information on why it would be wise to refinance the school district bonds at the current time. He estimated that the district would be able to realize a savings of at least \$100,000 because bond rates are so low at the present time. After discussion the board decided to call the 2005 series bonds and authorized the reissuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2010.

In the administrative reports Superintendent Harnisch reported on: **(a)** Calendar changes dues to snow cancelations Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. **(b)** Semester test will be given Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> **(c)** Harold Richardson was able to raise \$3,505 from old batteries with funds to be used in refurbishing the weight room, **(d)** Sterling Holiday Tourney is Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, **(e)** Internet pricing for 2010-10 is being negotiated with ESU 6, **(f)** Board incumbents have until February 16<sup>th</sup> to file for reelection, **(g)** The old bus from the Energy Grant received will have to be disposed of rather than donated to a non-profit in Johnson County.

In discussion items **(a)** the board discussed Non-Certified Personnel fringe benefits, leave and holidays as spelled out in current board policies. These items will be included in the Classified Personnel Handbook that is being developed. **(b)** Lewiston voted to co-op junior high athletics with Pawnee City rather than Sterling for 2010-11.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>; however may have to be moved to Jan. 12 or 13<sup>th</sup> depending on the Mudecas Basketball Tourney schedule.

President Tom Nieveen adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.