

JULY 9, 2013 – TENTATIVE NOTES OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE SEVIER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AT A MEETING HELD ON JULY 9, 2013, AT 2:30 PM IN THE SEVIER SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE.

In attendance were President Clint Johnson, Vice President Jack Hansen, members Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr, as were Superintendent Cade Douglas, Assistant Superintendent Gail Albrecht, Business Administrator Patrick D. Wilson, and Executive Secretary Patricia Sanchez.

Also in attendance were Secretary Mavanee Loftus, HR/Transportation Director Gary Kyhl, Special Services Director Lisa Crane, Accountant Kari Carter, CTE Director Don Yates, Superintendent Douglas' spouse Marissa and children, County Clerk Steve Wall and Assistant Barbara Crowther, Attorney Brandon Johnson of Chapman & Cutler LLP, and Brian Baker of Zion's Bank.

President Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Tom Hales offered the reverence and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #2. – OATH OF OFFICE. President Johnson administered the Oath of Office to Cade Douglas for a two-year appointment as the Superintendent.

ITEM 3.A. – DISCUSSION – ITEMS FROM THE BOARD.

- Mr. Orr commented on a suggestion from a patron to have the principal hand out the diplomas to the graduates instead of the Board. Mr. Wilson explained that the Board is the graduating authority and that the principal certifies to the Board that students have met the requirements for graduation. He stated that the Board should be part of the process. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that a picture be taken of the principal and student with their diploma.
- Mr. Hales shared a concern from a discussion with the mayor of Salina in regards to funding a resource officer in the North Sevier schools. He felt that those patrons who live in the unincorporated areas of North Sevier would be getting the same benefit but would not be paying their fair share of it. Mr. Wilson stated that the mayor was correct; however, two-thirds of the money would be coming from the entire county and those unincorporated areas are a part of the school District's levy and a part of the county's levy. The unincorporated areas would be participating at approximately 67 percent but not at 100 percent. Mr. Wilson explained that District administration has met with the county commissioners and will meet again on July 15 to further discuss the process for the attendance area resource officers.

ITEM 3.B. – DISCUSSION – ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION.

Items from Superintendent Douglas

- Online school: Superintendent Douglas updated the Board in regards to the decision of not continuing with online school. The District was contacted by and met with Harmony representatives. He explained that in the past, Harmony has partnered with charter schools and they basically do everything that Lola Jensen was doing with Sevier Connection Online. Harmony stated that the District would make money by continuing with the online school with their support. After District administration reviewed the contract and started putting the numbers together, it didn't add up to any savings for the District. Administration felt that this is not the time to partner with Harmony or continue with online school. One of the concerns was that Sevier would have been the first public school district ever to partner with Harmony; however, they claimed to have partnered with a district in Idaho. Superintendent Douglas said

that he'd like to visit sometime with that district and see how the partnership worked out for them.

Mr. Wilson explained that Harmony was using the charter school WPU value, which is significantly higher than what Sevier receives in the basic WPU. One of the reasons they wanted to partner with Sevier was because they have maxed out on their slots with charter schools, whereas, public education doesn't have a slot limit.

Items from Pat Wilson

- August Board meeting and work session: Mr. Wilson recommended that the time of the August 14 Board meeting be moved from 4:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. and to also schedule a work session prior to the regular meeting with a suggested time of 11:00 a.m. Agenda items for the work session would include: the new RHS building, CTE travel, Zion's Bank strategies for working through the bonds, and the voted leeway and technology.

A motion was made by Don Naser and seconded by Jack Hansen to recess the regular Board meeting and convene as a Board of canvassers for the Bond and Voted Local Levy elections. Motion passed unanimously.

In attendance were President Clint Johnson, Vice President Jack Hansen, members Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr, as were Superintendent Cade Douglas, Assistant Superintendent Gail Albrecht, Business Administrator Patrick D. Wilson, and Executive Secretary Patricia Sanchez.

Also in attendance were Sevier County Clerk Steven Wall and Assistant Barbara Crowther, Brian Baker of Zion's Bank, and Brandon Johnson of Chapman & Cutler LLP.

ITEM #5. – RESOLUTION. “Resolution finding and promulgating the results of a special bond election and a special voted local levy election held in the School District on June 25, 2013; and providing for related matters.”

Sevier County Clerk Steven Wall read the results of the FOR and AGAINST votes for the bond and voted local levy elections. The bond election had a total 3639 votes, 2547 FOR and 1092 AGAINST. The voted local levy had a total of 3632 votes, 2241 FOR and 1391 AGAINST. A voting breakdown of each precinct was provided. There were approximately 800 ballots that came back and the county sent 400 back out to the new addresses received. Out of the 400 ballots sent back out, 60 came back in. Mr. Wilson commented that on the overall election, it was just below 35 percent participation. Mr. Wall commented that from his experience with elections that if there had been polling locations, he felt that the participation would have been half that many. He explained that the absentee ballot process actually had a better return and didn't seem to pose any more work than a regular election; maybe just a small increase in costs.

Mr. Wilson explained that Sevier District provided four people to assist the county to help extract ballots and run them through the counting machines.

Barbara Crowther reported that the number of rejected ballots was 129 and that 38 were postmarked after the day before the election. There were 35 signatures that didn't match; 3 were

empty, and 53 were not signed. Of the ballots not signed and signatures not matching, 22 came into the county building and provided documentation to correct them so they could be counted.

Mr. Wilson reported that the highest precinct by percentage of returned vote was district #22 in Richfield with 46.09 percent. The lowest percent was district #25 from Salina at 20.75 percent. In the bond election and out of all of the precincts, there was one precinct that it did not pass in, which was Sigurd at 42 percent FOR and 58 percent AGAINST. The highest passing precinct was precinct #12, which was in Richfield at 84.26 percent FOR and 15.74 percent AGAINST. With the voted local levy there were 5 precincts that did not pass (Elsinore, Joseph, Salina 14, Sigurd, and Salina 25) and the highest passing was precinct 12 at 78.39 percent. Mr. Wilson explained that every attendance area passed both the bond and voted local levy elections. There was a greater increase in the positive support of both in all areas than seen in the 1996 election. It proved that it was supported countywide and not geographically driven.

President Johnson commended the District administration for all the effort and hard work that went into preparing the election and felt that because of that, the elections were successful.

President Johnson ordered that the returns be filed in the official records of the Board.

A motion was made by Jack Hansen and seconded by Richard Orr to publically proceed to canvas and declare the results of the special bond election and the special voted local levy election. Motion passed unanimously.

President Johnson declared the bond election results: total number of votes cast was 3639; total number of affirmative votes was 2547; and total number of negative votes was 1092; total number of challenged voters was 63; total number of challenged voters issued provisional ballots was 63; total number of provisional ballots was 62.

President Johnson declared the voted local levy election results: total number of votes cast was 3632; total number of affirmative votes was 2241; total number of negative votes was 1391; total number of challenged voters was 63; total number of challenged voters issued provisional ballots was 63; total number of provisional ballots counted was 61.

A motion was made by Richard Orr and seconded by Don Naser to publically thank County Clerk Steven Wall and Assistant Barbara Crowther for helping the District through the election process and being there every step of the way. Motion passed unanimously.

President Johnson stated that the Board needed to adjourn as canvassers and reconvene as the Board of Education for consideration of resolution findings and promulgating the election results.

A motion was made by Jack Hansen and seconded by Richard Orr to adopt the following resolution: "Resolution finding and promulgating the results of a special bond election and a special voted local levy election held in the School District on June 25, 2013; and providing for related matters." Motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Wilson expressed appreciation and thanks to Brian Baker of Zion's Bank for helping build the voter information pamphlet and to Brandon Johnson of Chapman & Cutler for reviewing documents, answering questions, and going through the legalities involved.

Mr. Baker commended the Board and District Administration for their expediency in getting all the election information together and out to the public to accomplish the goal. Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Baker how often he had seen an election pass at a 70 percent support? He replied that it happened very rarely. He explained that there are always about 20 percent of people who will vote no on everything. He said he was very impressed with local determination and the citizens knowing what the project was going to be and how the money would be spent. It showed a high degree of trust in staff and elected officials.

Brandon Johnson echoed Mr. Baker's comments. He also commented that this was an historical day because it was the last June bond election to be held in Utah.

Mr. Wilson commented that the legislature believes there's not enough turn out for a school district to hold a special election through the absentee ballot process; however, Sevier School District proved that concept differently this June.

Superintendent Douglas publically thanked the citizens of Sevier County for their support and a special thanks to Mr. Wilson, Superintendent Mickelsen, and Mrs. Albrecht for all their dedication and hard work in the preparation of the elections.

Mr. Wilson also mentioned that the flyers that were sent home with the students helped to educate parents (4500 flyers sent out 9 times). He praised the efforts of patron Kristi Allred, who was a huge supporter and worked hard with the public.

Mrs. Albrecht commented on the help and efforts of former Superintendent Brent Thorne as well as some school employees.

ITEM #4. – CLOSED MEETING. A motion was made at 3:24 p.m. by Jack Hansen and seconded by Tom Hales to take a break and go into the Closed Meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual(s) and litigation. Voting went as follows: yes – Clint Johnson, Jack Hansen, Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr. Motion passed.

In attendance were President Clint Johnson, Vice President Jack Hansen, members Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr, as were Superintendent Cade Douglas, Assistant Superintendent Gail Albrecht, Business Administrator Patrick D. Wilson, and Executive Secretary Patricia Sanchez.

A motion was made at 4:10 p.m. by Jack Hansen and seconded by Richard Orr to go out of the Closed Meeting. Voting went as follows: yes – Clint Johnson, Jack Hansen, Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr. Motion passed.

ITEM #6. – ACTION ITEMS. This agenda item was addressed before the closed meeting.

A motion was made by Richard Orr and seconded by Don Naser to schedule a work session on August 14, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. and to change the time of the regular Board meeting on August 14, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Hales and seconded by Don Naser to approve the out-of-state travel for North Sevier High School FFA advisor Jason Goble and student state winners to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY on October 29 – November 2, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at 4:11 p.m. by Don Naser and seconded by Richard Orr to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

I certify that upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board of Education of the Sevier School District approved the foregoing minutes on the 14th day of August 2013. I further certify that a quorum of the Board was present on both the day covered by these minutes and the day of approval.

Patrick Wilson, Business Administrator