



B & B Schools

Baileyville and St. Benedict



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August Events

Aug. 17 - Practices begins

JH FB 6:30-8:00 PM

V-FB 7AM & 6:30 PM

V-VB 8:30-11:30 AM

6:30-7:30 PM

Aug. 24-25 Practice begins

JH-VB 6:30 PM

Aug. 26 -Teacher Inservice

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Powder Puff Football

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Pineapple Chunks

Aug. 31 - Cheeseburgers

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Watermelon & Cantaloupe

Special School Board Meeting with "Open Public Forum"!!

On Monday, August 24th, 2009, there will be a special school board meeting to be held in the B&B gymnasium at 7:30 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to get input from district patrons about their thoughts and desires for the future of USD #451. I would highly encourage you to spend some time looking over a power point presentation which was presented to the USD 451 school board by Donna Whiteman, KASB lawyer, on July 22nd, 2009. This power point presentation can be accessed by going to the school website and clicking on "Consolidation Powerpoint". You may need to click on the refresh button for it to come up on your screen.

Any district patron wishing to ask questions or air their views will be given four minutes to pose their question(s) or express their views. I highly encourage all to attend. I also highly encourage you to read my informational letter which is located on the next page of this newsletter.

Thanks, Jerry Turner, Superintendent USD #451

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Meeting

7:30 P.M.

August 24, 2009

B&B North Gym

Patrons of B&B

I would bet that by now many of you are aware of some unpleasant facts facing our school district. The faltering economy and our continual drop in student numbers is putting a financial strain on our school. With that being said, it brings about a word that probably no one wants to think about, consolidation.

It is my duty to this district to do all I can to see to it that we do what is best for our kids in regards to academics and extracurricular activities. Shrinking budgets have not affected that yet, but the future is pointing to lower budgets, which means less opportunities for our students to excel academically and in extracurricular activities. It is for these reasons, maintaining high academic standards and doing what is best for kids, that we need to plan for the future. That planning may mean consolidation with a neighboring school district.

In order to help you to make a competent decision, some facts to support what I have been talking about is probably necessary. Below are some facts that will show you what has, and is, happening to our district.

- 1). Base State Aid per Pupil (BSAPP) in 2008-2009 started out to be \$4433 per student, but was cut in the middle of the school year to \$4400 per student. This has never happened, to my knowledge, in state history. BSAPP for the 2009-2010 school year is starting out at \$4218 per student. Of that \$4218 per student, \$216 is from the federal government via the ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009). That \$216 per student is only good for school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.
- 2). School year 2008-2009 our actual student enrollment was 201(FTE, which stands for "Full Time Equivalent", was 192.5, kindergarten kids only get funded as half). School year 2009-2010 actual student enrollment will be 188(FTE will be 183). We lost 13 actual students.
- 3). In July of 2008 I published a school budget of \$1,967,809. This past July I published a school budget of just \$1,800,242. This is a difference of \$167,567.
- 4). In a memo from the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB), dated July 21, 2009, school districts are advised by the Legislative Budget Committee to "prepare for another round of deep budget cuts". This is in reference to the funding of the 2010-2011 school year. The memo also states that the Governor has made \$90,000,000 of budget cuts since the legislature recessed in May. School districts may very well have their budgets cut during this school year (2009-2010), just like we did last school year (2008-2009).
- 5). Projected enrollment numbers show our district to have a K-12 enrollment of about 153 FTE students in school year 2012-2013.
- 6). The state legislature has financial incentives currently in place which will allow consolidating districts to maintain their current budget numbers for a specified period of years depending on their enrollments at the time of the consolidation. In other words, you get to use the combined budgets of both districts for the first 4 years based on current enrollments.

I do not claim to know how long it will take for our country or state to achieve an economic recovery which will hopefully allow for more adequate educational funding. I do know that we owe it to our students, your children, to give them a quality education so they can be prepared to achieve success in this world. To attain this, I feel we must begin planning now. We need to begin by getting public input as to your thoughts and desires, by answering your questions, if possible, and by beginning negotiations with a neighboring district, etc.

If we fail to plan for the future, we most likely will be at the mercy of others, with no, or very little say, in our children's education. If we begin to plan now we at least have a chance, to some extent, to control the future educational opportunities of our children.

Jerry Turner, Superintendent, USD #451

USED COMPUTERS FOR SALE AT B&B

The school board at its May meeting approved a plan to sell old computers to the patrons of the district and current employees. These computers will be available to district patrons and current employees at a price of \$25. **Patrons and current employees will submit to Carol Hunninghake via the mail or in person the attached information card below by September 1st, 2009. No information cards will be accepted after 4:00 pm on September 1st, 2009.** Current employees living outside the district boundaries can submit their name only. Patrons living inside the district boundaries can submit the names of their spouse and/or children currently enrolled at USD #451. If more names are submitted than there are computers available for sale, then names will be drawn out of a box to determine who gets to purchase these computers. If not all of the computers are purchased via this method, then patrons and current employees both, may resubmit names of their spouses and children for the remaining computers. Below is a description of the computers for sale compiled by Susan Winters.

There will be a PC, a mouse, and a keyboard with each unit—MONITORS ARE NOT INCLUDED!! The PC is an IBM 8187-EU4. They come with a Pentium 4 processor, 2.8 ghz processing speed. Windows XP operating system is installed as well as a 256MB memory but is upgradeable to 4 GB. Each machine has a CD rom, floppy disk drive, and several USB ports(2 on the front and 2-4 on the back). An ethernet card is resident on the motherboard for internet access but they DO NOT come with a modem. If you need a modem there are expansion slots available for the user to install if needed. Since these units are being sold to district patrons and or current students, Sophos anti-virus is installed on each workstation and is available free of charge to the end user for as long as our school district subscribes to this service. Microsoft Office is also installed. If you have any other questions about these units, please contact Susan Winters at; swinters@usd451.org.

COMPUTER SALE INFORMATION CARD

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Medications

All prescription and over the counter medicine taken by students during school time must be checked in at the office. If it is a prescription, a form must be filled out by parents & doctor giving permission for its use and must be on file in the office prior to its use.

Absent from School

Parents should call or send a note if your child is going to be absent from school, the office will need to be notified. Call 336-6631 HS office or 336-3201 Elementary office by 8:30am. This procedure is to ensure that the students are not stranded on roads due to road conditions, illness or traffic accidents.

School Insurance

USD 451 has elected to provide health insurance for students during school and activity hours. There are limitations to what the insurance will cover. An accident insurance form must be filled out by the parent and teacher/coach witnessing the accident. This must be submitted to the insurance carrier within 10 days.

Offer-Versus-Serve

All students have the opportunity to choose only those foods which they intend to eat in the School Lunch Program. This feature of the National School Lunch Program is designed to reduce food waste and give students the opportunity to select foods which they want to eat. Each day students will be offered the complete lunch which includes a serving of milk, bread, meat, fruit and vegetables.

Breakfast Offered

Breakfast will be available at both attendance centers, if interested call the high school at 336-6631 or the superintendents office at 336-2326

Needed: your email address

Parents, in order for you to access your student's grades via the online grading system you will need to e-mail your e-mail address to Rachael at rdeters@usd451.org If you have not gave it to her yet. Please get your e-mail address to Rachael **as soon as possible. This is applicable for all students grades K-12.**

Equal Opportunity Employer

USD 451 prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. USD 451 is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Internet Usage

B&B USD 451 firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on the world wide web network justify its use, even though a determined user might discover material on it that is not consistent with the educational goals of this district.

Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the risk of the user and B&B Jr/Sr High School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through the internet service.

A form has been sent home with the students to be signed by the parents for approval of students to use the Internet.

Health Care Coverage for Uninsured Children

Kansas has the opportunity to offer health care coverage to 60,000 uninsured children by matching federal monies with a state match of funds. Your child may be eligible for this health care insurance if he or she is currently uninsured currently receiving free/or reduced lunches or a member of an income eligible family. For example, \$32,900 annual income for a family of four. Applications are available at the Principal's or Superintendent's office.

Athletic Schedules

The Pocket size version of the 2008-2009 Athletic Schedule may be picked up at the offices of the B&B Attendance Centers and the Baileyville State Bank. One student from each household has received several to take home to parents.

School Phone Numbers

Baileyville

High School	336-6631
High School FAX	336-2835
Superintendent Office	336-2326
Cafeteria-Baileyville	336-3338

St. Benedict

Elementary School	336-3201
Elementary FAX	336-0127

U.S.D. #451 AUGUST SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the U.S.D. #451 Board of Education was called to order Monday, August 10, 2009 by President Dale Sudbeck at 7:30 p.m. Alan Schmitz, Nick Holthaus, Jim Dalinghaus, John Haug and Martin Haug answered roll call. Steve Sudbeck was absent. Also attending were Jerry Turner, Cheryl Deters and Carol Hunninghake.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the July 13, 2009 regular meeting and July 22, 2009 special meeting were approved as presented.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Accepted the general fund financial reports, treasurer's report, claims and payroll for the month of August and a transfer to vocational ed.

OLD BUSINESS

Adopted the 2009-2010 budget as published.

Approved non certified contracts for 2009-2010 as offered.

Approved the wellness policy for 2009-2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Offered and approved a contract for Gilbert Schmitz as maintenance supervisor at the St. Benedict attendance center for 2009-2010.

Approved a bonus for Laurie Niehues for 2009-2010.

Approved to pay the surety bond to renew the Notary Public for Carol Hunninghake

Approved the new board policies-DC-3 Annual Operating Budget, GAAB Complaints of Discrimination, MA Goals and Objectives.

Approved the Board Policy Handbook for 2009-2010.

REPORTS

Cheryl Deters, TABB representative extended an invitation to the board for the back to school luncheon for the faculty and staff August 27, 2009 at noon.

Jerry Turner's superintendent report included: drain work for both kitchens are KDHE compliant, the school buildings are ready for students, district's asbestos inspection was completed on August 5, 2009 and enrollment for 2009-2010 is in progress.

The board held the 2009-2010 budget hearing.

The board discussed holding a community meeting in the new gym for district patrons to discuss consolidation options and hear patron's ideas and comments. The meeting will be held August 24, 2009 at 7:30 in the new gym. The board agreed to publish the informational letter about consolidation in the August newsletter. The board also agreed to consider a response to the letter from USD 442 pertaining to a consolidation study after the August 24, 2009 community meeting. Mr. Turner also discussed the recommended procedures for schools if there would be an H1N1 flu outbreak.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. with the next special meeting scheduled for August 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the new gym to hold a community meeting on consolidation.

Special Board Meeting July 22, 2009

The special meeting of the U.S.D. #451 Board of Education was called to order Wednesday, July 22, 2009 by President Dale Sudbeck at 6:30 p.m. Alan Schmitz, Steve Sudbeck, Nick Holthaus, Jim Dalinghaus, John Haug and Martin Haug answered roll call. Also attending were Jerry Turner, Carol Hunninghake and guests.

The board waived the 48 hr. written notice for a special board meeting.

Accepted Harold Singletons resignation as maintenance supervisor at the elementary attendance center.

Held an executive session to discuss non elected personnel

Donna Whiteman, a lawyer with the Kansas Association of School Boards presented information on consolidation of schools.

The special meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. and the next regular meeting scheduled for August 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

MILITARY REQUESTING STUDENT INFORMATION

Each year the military branches request the names and addresses of our juniors and seniors. We are obligated to give this information to them unless parents have indicated IN WRITING that they do not want their student(s) information released to the military. The military branches use this data to send information about military opportunities and benefits to the student much like the colleges do when promoting their schools. Students are never obligated to respond to those materials or to enlist.

If you do not want your student's information released to the military, please complete the form below and return it to the school office or the school counselor. Thank you.

-----cut, complete, & return to B & B HS-----

Student name: _____

Do not release my student's name and address to the military at this time.

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

School Bus Safety

Transportation is a very important function in a rural district such as B&B. In order for safety to prevail, it is important that student behavior on the bus follows very closely to the behavior in the regular classroom.

We would appreciate having all parents and students become familiar with bus transportation rules that are located in the Student Handbook. It would be nice if parents and students go over these together at home.

There is also a growing problem in our district with vehicles ignoring the stop sign arm on a bus when it is extended and the bus has its flashing red lights on. It is a state law that all vehicles approaching from behind or in front of the bus must stop completely until the loading or unloading procedure is complete. Flashing yellow caution lights which change to red are easily visible. Please be prepared to stop. Show extra caution.

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USD #451 Patrons, Asbestos Warning

According to state and federal guidelines we, as a public school district, are required to inform you of the following information.

USD 451 has been complying with federal and state asbestos regulations for many years. Some of the building materials in our school do contain asbestos. These materials are periodically inspected and maintained to ensure that they do not present a health hazard to students, employees, and visitors. USD 451 is committed to protecting the health of all students and will continue to ensure that asbestos containing materials are maintained according to state and federal requirements.

Jerry Turner, Superintendent, USD #451

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