

Board Highlights



Board Highlights are sent out each month, following the Board of Education meeting, to communicate to District staff and stakeholders the essential topics discussed and voted on during the meeting.

**February 3, 2014
6:30 p.m.**

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Dr. Keithly recognized Karen Evans for being named the Outstanding High School Teacher by the Coalition for the Advancement of Science and Mathematics Education in Oklahoma.
- ❖ Dr. Keithly provided an update on the sports complex. The target date agreed upon for completion is March 1, but this could be pushed back due to the weather.
- ❖ Dr. Keithly presented information on the Education Funding Rally to be held March 31 at the Capitol. This event, sponsored by the Oklahoma Education Coalition, is to help draw attention to the dire need for better funding for public education.
- ❖ Dr. Keithly presented information on upcoming staff planning meetings. Dr. Brunk will be meeting with principals this month to review class size and staff needs for the next school year.
- ❖ Dr. Keithly has been meeting with cafeteria managers to discuss their concerns and make sure all needs are being met. Linda Fort, former CNS director, retired last week.

Business Items

- ❖ In an effort to help reduce costs, the Board voted to discontinue the contract held with Candor Public Relations effective February 28. The firm will be called upon only if necessary in the future.
- ❖ A new Wide Area Network (WAN) services agreement was approved. This will save the district money each year but increase the Internet connection speed at each school.
- ❖ Board policies EL, EF, EB, and EL-P were revised to incorporate federally mandated language and approved as such. These will be posted along with the rest of the board policies on the YPS website.
- ❖ The personnel consent docket was approved in its entirety, including staff travel and personnel actions.

Business Items (cont'd)

- ❖ No actions were taken regarding the hiring of a new superintendent.

Board Member Announcements

- ❖ Board members complimented Dr. Keithly on his efforts throughout the district. Parents have voiced appreciation of his work and his frequent visits to the schools.
- ❖ Leonard Wells encouraged the meeting's attendees to talk to their legislators and representatives regarding the cuts to education funding and how much those cuts impact all the programs in place at schools.