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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF TOPEKA & SHAWNEE COUNTY

LWVTSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **October 3;** LWVTSC Tuesday Topics beginning at 11:30 am at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. Lunch is available for \$10. Speaker will be Beth Clarkson, Wichita State University Professor. Members and guests welcome.
- **October 10;** LWVTSC Board Meeting at noon in the Library
- **October 17, 2017:** Last day to register to vote in the November elections.
- **October 21, 2017:** League Day, Leavenworth, KS
- **November 7, 2017:** Local elections in Kansas
- **November 14;** LWVTSC Board Meeting at noon in the Library
- **December 5;** LWVTSC Tuesday Topics beginning at 11:30 am at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. Lunch is available for \$10. Shawnee County legislators are invited for the Legislative Forum.
- **December 12;** LWVTSC Board Meeting at noon in the Library.

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If you need a ride to any League event, contact Thomas Leucht and Jan Jaquith, email jan.tom1938@gmail.com or phone 783-8967 or Bernadette Forge, email b.forge@cox.net or phone 232-9078.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Judy Moler, President



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Voter Registration is almost a full time job in order to get people registered by October 17. Jan Martens and Ethel Edwards and their stalwart crew have accepted every venue offered. In addition, they are beginning the voter education classes in the local high schools.

Theresa Kiernan is working with Michael Roberts to complete the paperwork needed to make our LWVTSC a 501 (c) (3) entity. Hopefully, this will be done within the next year.

Our LWVTSC directory will be handed out at the October Tuesday Topics. If you cannot be there, make arrangements either with me or a Board member to get one to you. If you would prefer an electronic version, please contact Theresa Kiernan. We would like to deliver as many as possible without the extra expense of mailing.

The State League Conference will be Oct. 21 in Leavenworth. The day will include exciting speakers. Davis Hammet of the Loud Light will speak about increasing youth civic participation in Kansas. Micah Kubic of the ACLU of Kansas will follow up on September's Democracy Tomorrow event. As always, there will be a preview of legislative priorities and a time to share with other local Leagues. Information on how to register will be shared within the next week. The state water study committee will meet prior to the meeting. The cost is \$30 online or \$35 at the door. Please let Vicki Arnett or me know if you plan to attend.

Our December Tuesday Topics will be the Legislative Program with Senators and Representatives from Shawnee County in attendance.

Stay engaged, vote on November 7 and participate in League events when you can.



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE
A TURNING POINT IN OUR HISTORY

Women's 100th Anniversary

Martha Pint, Wichita is providing leadership to the committee. Jacquie Lightcap, LWVTSC serves as Secretary. The Communications/social media manager is open.

Time line for celebration, February 14, 2020 through November 2020 with Aug. 26, 2020 being the actual date of 100th anniversary.

A blue sky discussion was held regarding programming should adequate money be raised. Gwen Elliot, LWVTSC has agreed to lead a committee regarding a booth at the 2020 State Fair. Suggestions were made regarding linking podcasts to target history or women's issues on the state website and recruiting a nationally recognized speaker for Aug. 26, 2020 celebration.

Program partnerships are being formed with Topeka Shawnee County Library, Kansas Library Association and Wichita Public library, ACLU of Kansas, Kansas Humanities Council, Women for Kansas, Girl Scouts of the Heartland, Johnson Co. library, State university women's studies programs, Kansas Council for Social Studies, Kansas State Historical Society.

Local league plans; Topeka is starting a Women's century story publication.

Discussion was held regarding coordinating with the US league and possible funds to state and local leagues. Discussion was also held regarding financial partners and other fundraising efforts.

Vicki Arnett





Medicare Part D - Tuesday Topics

Susan Fangman, Shawnee County Extension Agent and Deb Wood, Central Kansas District Extension Agent, spoke on the importance of reviewing annually your Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan that helps subsidize drug costs. According to the speakers, insurance coverage, including Medicare Part D, is subject to change each year.

The open enrollment period for Medicare Part D is October 15-December 7, 2017. Participants can change their plan every year. Both Fangman and Wood suggested comparing plans and looking at the following when considering the overall costs and the best insurance plans for your needs:

- * Premiums
- * Drug Coverage
- * Deductible
- * Co-insurance
- * "Gap" Coverage
- * Step therapy
- * Prior authorization
- * Quarterly Limits
- * Restrictions
- * Pharmacies and what they charge

There is a penalty for not enrolling in Part D for those who were first eligible or who were without "creditable" coverage for more than sixty-three (63) days. A Low Income Subsidy (LIS) is available for those who need help paying for their prescription drugs and premiums. LIS eligibility is based on assets and resources. Applicants should contact Social Security.

New Medicare cards are rolling out from April 2018-April 2019. The new cards will not have Social Security numbers on them. Starting January 2020 everyone will be required to use the new cards. The speakers advised to be on the alert for fraud. Do NOT provide your SS# to anyone calling and claiming to be from Medicare.

Help for Medicare is available from KSU@edu, Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging (785-235-1367), Senior Health Insurance Counseling Kansas (SHICK) (1-800-860-5260), Medicare.gov or MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Also, on October 26, the library will provide assistance in using the computer for help. Anyone interested in attending should contact Susan Fangman (785-232-0062, ex. 103) for an appointment.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

What a successful evening for our league...

After a fun and rewarding evening, *Books, Bags and Beyond* raised over \$900 for LWVTSC. Thanks to everyone who made this a success- those who gave books and bags, helped with set-up, purchased items, or made a donation. It all added up to success!

I am so proud of the excellent work we are doing for the voters in Shawnee County and thanks to your contributions last night we can continue our work.

Thanks again.
Judy

PS: If you missed out on giving, it's never too late. You can mail your donation to our treasurer, Theresa Kiernan at 3620 Yorkway, Topeka, 66604 or check out our new on-line donation method at www.lwvtsc.org.

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LWVTSC Observers are the best.

Thank you for all that you do. Please contact Vicki Arnett, vickiarnett@sbcglobal.net if interested in becoming an observer. We will soon have a vacancy for an observer at Auburn Washburn school board.

The League thanks Nancy Wagner for five years of service as the LWVTSC Observer Corp Coordinator. She has made a valuable contribution to our League and to the promotion of transparency in government. THANK YOU Nancy !!



VOTER SERVICES

Once again Voter Services has been crisscrossing the community in its effort to register every qualified citizen in Shawnee County and beyond. In the past four weeks we have registered 99 new voters.

On this journey we have encountered a new student nonpartisan group on the Washburn campus that hopes to solidify its presence through student voter registration. We hope to help them make that a reality. They will be some of our communities' future leaders and perhaps future leaders of the League.

On September 8, Ethel Edwards, Jacqueline Lightcap, President-Elect Vicki Arnett, Secretary Judith Seitz, Immediate Past State President Marge Ahrens, and I attended the ACLU conference titled "Democracy Tomorrow: Increasing Citizen Participation in Kansas Elections". I am confident that our local League chapter and Voter Services are on the path to accomplishing the goal indicated in the conference title. It's all about educating the public. Voter Services is continuing and expanding its presence in the Topeka and Shawnee County high school classrooms. This past spring we produced a voter information brochure, and we are continuing to partner with other nonpartisan groups with similar goals. Our voices strengthen when we sing together.

In the final days of September you will find Voter Services registering and instructing in the high schools, registering and tapping our toes at the Kansas Mariachi pre-concert, registering and enjoying great art at the Aaron Douglas Art Fair, registering and updating voter information on National Voter Registration Day, September 26, 2017, and registering and networking at the Washburn Institute of Technology Community Resource Fair.

Please send a huge THANK YOU to your fellow LWV colleagues who helped me register at the following events these past four weeks. With these enthusiastic and diligent volunteers, Voter Services has enjoyed another successful month helping more citizens prepare to participate in our great democracy.

August 9---New Mount Zion Baptist Church---
"Fresh Cut to a Fresh Start" Back to School:
Vicki Buening, Ethel Edwards, Bonnie Walker

August 10---Rebound Back to School Health
Fair---Mary Galligan, Linda Holmquist

August 12---Cyclovia Topeka---Ethel Edwards,
Bonnie Walker

September 6---Washburn University Bow Tie
Event---Vicki Arnett, Evelyn Davis, Linda
Holmquist, Christine Ramsey, Sandra Snyder,
Ed Tenney, Nancy Wagner
Washburn University will be hosting a Mayoral
Forum on September 26 at 4 PM. Please go to
help yourself make an informed decision on
who will be our next mayor. Voter Services will

be there. This event will be held in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center directly to the west of White Concert Hall on the WU campus.

If you wish to join Voter Services volunteer team, email me at janamartens2@gmail.com. Until next time, check your own voter registration status by going to www.voteks.org. Go to "Registration Status" and plug in your name and birth date.

As always,
Jan Martens

Democracy Tomorrow: Increasing Citizen Participation in Kansas Elections



Several Topeka League members attended a workshop Fri. Sept. 8, 2017 in Wichita where we heard an inspiring panel discussion of modernizing the voter registration process through same day registration and automatic registration. Research was presented indicating 33% of people register to vote at the Dept. of Motor Vehicles and only 12% in person.

We heard a presentation regarding the Electronic Registration Information Center, a national database which Kansas does not subscribe to which provides data regarding those eligible to vote who are not registered. Kansas does not participate in this program, rather, Kansas devotes state resources to participating in Interstate Cross Check which has aided the Secretary of State in identifying voter fraud. The panel presenters were Samuel Derheimer from the Election Initiatives for The Pew Charitable Trusts and Tova Wang, the Director of Policy and Research at the Center for Secure and Modern Elections and Senior Democracy Fellow at Demos.

The panel reported that many people identified they didn't vote because they could not find their polling place. Technology exists such as gettothepolls.com Automatic voter registration eliminates a major road block to voter participation and is accurate, secure and is "same day" in Oregon. Some states also allow those as young as 16 to "pre-register" to vote. Technology also exists to assure voter fraud protection. We were reminded that five counties in Kansas are under Department of Justice supervision for violations of the Voting Rights Act.

We heard from the election administrator from Orange county California, Neal Kelley. His jurisdiction is the size of the entire state of Kansas. Yet he is still able to make time for events such as voting concerts, rock the vote/surf the

vote events, overseeing an ongoing community board which serves as an election working groups whose goal is to continually increase voter turnout and writing a voting rights compliance report following elections.

We heard from a representative of the Secretary of State's office, Bryan Caskey. He reported that county election officials will provide a free ID for the purpose of voting.

We heard from a Wisconsin former election official, Kevin Kennedy, who discussed various historical strategies by groups to control government through purposeful voter suppression.

The workshop was well attended by many county election officials throughout the state. A group of Kansas legislators attended the workshop. All legislators demonstrated an interest in state legislation which would increase voter turnout.

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ACLU and LWV Kansas*



Currently, we have 147 members. Forty-two members and one guest attended our September meeting. We would like to welcome Spencer Duncan as a new member. Special thanks to new Membership Team members, Linda Holmquist and Donna Voth for taking time to learn part of the new database for the league. I know you are busy and your time is valuable.

Carrie Lancaster,
Membership Chair



Our new website!!!

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Shawnee County Commission Meeting

Aug 10, 2017

**Observer: Nancy Perih
3 Commissioners present**

*Approved resolution prohibiting sales or furnishing of tobacco products to persons under the age of 21

*2nd reading) Vote was 2 to 1 with Commissioner Cook dissenting. He is against smoking but not in favor of this resolution.

*Approved resolution that expresses intent to issue taxable health facilities revenue bonds and to enter into a base lease and lease purchase agreement with Topeka Health System, LLC or its assigns. This essentially is a tax abatement needed for St Francis turnaround time. It is an investment in employees and will save jobs.

*Approved contract with Ameri-Crete to provide additional cart path renovations at Cypress Ridge Golf Course for \$13,899.00. Funds come from the building maintenance fund, a non-property tax fund that is paid into by users.

Shawnee County Commission Meeting

Aug 17, 2017

**Observer: Nancy Perih
3 Commissioners present**

*Two depts. saved taxpayer dollars. The district court purchased a vehicle for court services for less than budgeted. Facilities Management consolidated purchases of consumable supplies to save \$5000.00-\$10,000.00 this year.

* Update on recent judicial tax foreclosure proceedings: 46 properties sold to pay \$1,063,219.00 in taxes and to put \$31,160.00 in the general

fund. To be eligible for foreclosure a homestead needs to be tax delinquent for 3yrs, other property for 2yrs, and abandoned property for 1 yr. Since 2012 taxes paid from foreclosures is \$6,800,000.00.

Shawnee County Commission Meeting

Aug 21, 2017

**Observer: Nancy Perih
3 Commissioners present**

*Acknowledged receipt of correspondence from Sheriff's Office regarding retirement of Rowdy, a dual purpose, law enforcement canine. Rowdy, 11 years old, has been in service for 9 years. Recent health issues prompt his retirement. His last assigned handler will assume his financial and care responsibilities. His replacement, another dual purpose, law enforcement canine, will be obtained for \$9,500.00 with funding from Federal Forfeiture funds.

Shawnee County Commission Meeting

August 24, 2017

**Observer: Mary Jo Hobbs
3 Commissioners present**

-Representatives from Emergency Management presented Commission with Local Emergency Planning Committee award for large population category, received recently. This group works with emergency agencies and businesses to develop hazardous materials emergency response plans.

-Ed Kalas -Division Manager

Health Protection gave Mosquito Surveillance report.

We are at about the half way point in the mosquito season. There are 6 traps in the county. All 5 have detected Anopheles mosquitoes carrying the West Nile virus. Mr. Kalas showed a typical deposit of mosquitoes found in a trap. He then showed that the trap at Silver Lake had a huge deposit of 1200 mosquitoes about two weeks ago. He said this trap's results are still high but decreasing in the week since. The county gave the results to the Silver Lake Township and offered assistance, but those responsible on the Township level declined it. They spray once a week for mosquitoes. The county's trap is near the lake and



this is an area that is difficult to access with spraying equipment. The county did give the township "dunks" which contain biological control substances to kill mosquito larvae. These disks which can be placed in standing water.

Mr. Kalas presented each commissioner with a package of dunks and a T-shirt advertising that every Friday during mosquito season is "Dump Day" when residents are asked to dump all standing water on their property to reduce the habitat for mosquito larvae.

*Approved 3-0 contract for \$750 for music for Holiday Happenings dinners on December 1, 2, 8 and 9 at Ward-Meade Mansion. Tickets are now on sale and already 1/2 of

the reservations are filled.

*Approved 3-0 contract with the India Association for operation of the India Fest in Big Gage Shelter House with expenses offset by a special event fee donation to the Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Foundation totaling \$2,010.00. This event is usually held in September but the association requested a date change to this Saturday, August 26.

*Approved 3-0 several contracts for food, entertainment, sound system, tents, and bus service for the Apple Festival at Old Prairie Town at Ward-Mead Park. The festival will run for two days this year to enable planners to have access to more vendors and to help with crowding. John Knight of Parks and Recreation said that last year for a one day event the contracts cost \$4,958.40 but only increased to \$6,778.40 this year with a two-day event.

Dates for Apple Festival will be September 30 – October 1. This event has been combined with the Wheatstock event.

-The ceremony for opening the Willard-Rossville Bridge will be at noon on August 28th. Those wishing to attend should come to the Rossville side of the bridge on the north where the ribbon will be cut. Participants will then walk across the bridge to a building on the south side for refreshments. Lt. Governor Colyer is expected to attend.

The Commission adjourned at 9:41 am.

Shawnee County Commission
August 28, 2017

Observer: Elvera Johnson
All commissioners present

The meeting consisted of routine business. The recently adopted budget is available on the website, as well as the report of the recently completed audit.

Today was the ribbon cutting for the new Willard Bridge.

Shawnee County Commission Meeting
Aug 31, 2017

Observer: Nancy Perih
3 Commissioners present

* Received memorandum from KS Dept. of Transportation re modification of its Federal Fund Exchange Program. Beginning FY 2018 exchange rate offered to local jurisdictions will be \$0.75 state funds per \$1.00 federal funds. It had been \$0.90 state funds per \$1.00 federal funds. This means for each federal dollar the state receives, it will distribute \$0.75 to local jurisdictions. Reason for change is increase in administrative costs. Dept. of Public Works will evaluate its use of this program.

*Authorized contract with Corizon Health Services Inc for implementation of medical & mental health care program for care & treatment in adult & juvenile detention centers for 4 yrs., for \$3,154,000.00. This change in the provision of health care is a result of a study of care given to inmates w/ mental health issues. This new program will offer better continuity of care.

Shawnee County Commission Meeting

Sep 7, 2017
Observer: Nancy Perih
3 Commissioners present

*Approved request to close the immunizations & sexually transmitted infections clinics so all staff can be available for an outreach flu vaccination clinic, Oct 17, 2017, 3:00-7:00 pm , at Central Park Community Center. Support comes from the state with no cost to SNCO. Objective is to reach uninsured adults.

*Approved request to solicit bids for construction of western & northern portions of Gage Park trail. Grant funding is from KS Dept. of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism for \$288,833.00 & from Sunflower Foundation Grant for \$110,000.00. This project is part of both the Parks and Rec and Gage Park masterplans.

Shawnee County Commission Meeting
Sep 14, 2017

Observer: Nancy Perih
3 Commissioners present

*Authorized contract w/ KS Dept. of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism to proceed w/ renovations at Clarion Woods Park. SNCO's share of cost is \$18,750.00. Remainder comes from federal funds designated to promote fishing & boating. SNCO does not charge for fishing or boating; this was a big factor in obtaining federal funds.

*Authorized addendum to contract w/ Constellation Energy to supply natural gas to 3 additional buildings at "wellhead" pricing. Expect this to result in 20% cost savings.

Topeka City Council
August 8, 2017
Observer: Marge Soroko

The council met for 1 hour with all but Richard Harmon present before they went into the executive session. There were no dissenting votes on any issue up for a vote.

The consent agenda approved without discussion.

Shampayne Lloyd was appointed to the Citizens Advisory Council through 8/9/2020.

Changed temporary general obligation bonds totaling 29,080,000 to permanent to refund that amount to the city, and authorized the city in connection to authorizing general obligation approved 4/8/17.

Authorized \$43,760,000 renewal of temporary obligation bonds to finance one public improvement project, one fire station improvement project, two streets, one special assessment project, two zoo projects and one utility project. Ms. Hiller expressed reservation about some of this temporary financing and hopes to visit that issue when the next temporary bond issue comes up. The council seemed to indicate these were technical items.

Rezoning the property at 2014 SE Washington to Office and Institutional District so that it can become the East Topeka Learning center.

A platform for McFarland Farms No.5 approved for 19 single family lots along the 10th St side of the development.

Public hearing for the consolidated action plan was completed with no public comment.

Public hearing for the 2018 City of Topeka operating budget was completed with one comment. A representative from the JUMP group asked the council to do something in the future about the need to address a shut-off will not result in payments in affordable housing in the city.

The final 2 items set the public hearing on 9/12/17 for both the Community Improvement District and the TIF district for the Wheatfield Village project at 29th and Fairlawn Rd in the city of Topeka.

Topeka City Council
Sept. 5, 2017
Observer: Marge Soroko

The meeting started by recognizing Washburn Tech students success in national competition.

Several appointments were approved and the consent agenda was approved 10-0.

All council members approved real estate liens on property that is very delinquent in payments of water charges. These are bills that there are waste water charges, fire hydrant access, or apartment complexes where the tenant has paid the their bills and it would be unfair to terminate service.



There were excess funds from the neighborhood event and Beautification Grant program. The council allocated funds to updating the entrance to Huntington Park condominium and one neighborhood festival. Approved without discussion, 10-0.

A resolution was passed 9-0-1 to reallocate funds to the Jayhawk Theater project, changing the development agreement. Mr. Jensen abstained since he is on the board of Jayhawk Theater.

The policy and finance committee requested a deferral of action until October 17 on a change in the Topeka municipal code Title 2-departments and employees.

Deferral passed 10-0.

Doug Gerber requested a resolution to set a public hearing for establishing a community improvement districts at 29th and Fairlawn Rd. The request has changed to 2% sales tax higher than currently collected. That public hearing was set for 10/3/17. The council will proceed with the project plan public hearing on September 12.

They also set a public hearing for a CID for the property at 240 SE 29th St. (the former Kmart building). An indoor climate controlled storage facility is planned. No action taken until a formal request is made.

The meeting was adjourned with no executive session.

**Topeka City Council
Sept. 12, 2017
Observer: Marge Soroko
City council met with Sandra
Clear absent due to illness.**

The mayor presented the Troy Scroggins award to Annette Hope Billings and Dennis Etzel.

A short consent agenda passed unanimously without discussion.

They set a hearing date for public hearing for the project at 240 SE 29th for October 3, 2017 and Wheatfield Village.

Sara Anderson asked the council to think again about the traffic problems at that corner without building there already. She noted there is insufficient entrance planned or even available to have appropriate traffic flow in the area.

Justin Tillman spoke in opposition to the tax abatement financing stating it does cost the taxpayers even if no payments come from the city budget.

Bob Johnson, attorney for the project requested the hearing remain open until October 3 due to TIF hearing already scheduled. This was approved.

The council heard information on the reauthorization of the Neighborhood Revitalization program that is expiring on December 31, 2017. This program failed to get reauthorization previously when only 6 members were present and 1 vote against prevented approval.

This program has some tax rebates for both homeowners and businesses. Several projects that received rebates in this program may have happened anyway, but we're in the targeted neighborhoods.

The parking study revealed 6000 parking slots in the downtown area. A survey taken at a peak time showed 38% use of street parking and 68% in the garages around the areas. The study considered a four block walking distance. The council took no further action, but will be revisiting the study and working on a master plan for downtown parking.

The meeting then went into executive session.

USD 501 Board Meeting

**August 17, 2017
Observer: Annie Tietze
Absent: Patrick Woods**

Opened with tribute and moment of silence for Superintendent Anderson's husband

- Approved Consent Agenda
- School Highlights: Patriot Award to the Board by Tech Sgt. William, who is a school resource officer who is being deployed
- Twitter: # WeAreTPS
- Lengthy discussion of health and sexuality classes: how parents access curriculum, online access, rooms to be used, who teaches, follow up professionals for students who need, re-

sources, - the plan is to implement starting this semester with Health

**USD 501 Board Meeting
September 7, 2017
Observer: Janet Cathcart
All board members present**

School Highlights

August senior of the month was Paul Cahill of Topeka High School. He was accepted to the National Choir and has a 4.16 GPA. He plans to attend Kansas State University majoring in engineering.

Consent agenda items passed unanimously.

Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Awareness Month read by Miss Lucero. It is from September 15th through October 15th. It brings awareness to the past, present and future roles of Hispanics in the United States.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Anderson reported that 501 is accepting foreign exchange students from areas affected by the hurricane.

Sheldon School will be made available this month for a blood drive.

Equity Summit will be October 9th. The discussion topics will be race, poverty, immigration, social justice issues, and gender issues.

Topeka High Student Clinic has drawn interest from the University of Kansas and Stormont Vail early on also expressed interest.

A&E announced the premiere date of the docuseries they filmed at Highland Park High school.





Mrs. Curry, Quinton Heights Staff in conjunction with Washburn Law Clinic is holding an event regarding DACA. Ms. Kirk brought up that the district needs to be aware of our students' feelings in regards to the DACA decision. Mr. Woods reiterated that our schools are safe for everyone.

Dr. Morrison reported on a broadband initiative to try and help provide internet throughout the county for all Shawnee county students.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

**USD 437 Board Meeting
August 21, 2017
Observer: Jacquie Lightcap
7 members present**

The meeting began with time for public hearing of the 2017-18 budget (51.166 mill levy--same as last school year). The board also heard a presentation from the Kansas National Guard and Superintendent Scott McWilliams signed a statement of support for employees who belong to the Guard.

Approved: Consent agenda (minutes from August 7 meeting; total bills of \$6,478,269.53; classified resignations, terminations, and retirements; classified new personnel; and building permits), fiscal year 2017-18 budget, and 2017-18 negotiated agreement

with AWNEA. All passed 7-0.

Received: Strategic Plan 2021 Update, Energy Star Award update (all schools in district earned this designation from the EPA), job description for the Wellbeing and Benefits Coordinator (first read), and an update from New Directions Learning Academy.

Went into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. until 7:37 p.m. to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student, patient, or resident of a public institution, except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by that person. Board reconvened at 7:37 and went back into executive session for 15 more minutes. Board reconvened at 7:52.

Subsequent to Executive Session, the board approved 7-0: salary increases for classified staff, nurses, bus drivers, support staff, district-wide administrators, supervisors, coordinators, and building level administrators; approved staff resignation; and certain student transfers. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**USD 437 Board Meeting
September 5, 2017
Observer: Mary Galligan
6 members present.**

Approved 6-0: Meeting agenda; Consent agenda; on final reading, the job description for a Wellbeing and Benefits Coordinator; a Contract with New Directions Learning Academy; and, subsequent to Executive Session, a motion approving non-probationary status for

certain teachers.

Received: On first reading, a job description for the Operations Support Coordinator (Energy Specialist) and communication regarding the WRHS centennial observation activities.

Went into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. until 7:01 p.m. to discuss matters related to teacher status, teacher resignation and administrator contract comprising personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and a subsequent Executive Session from 7:01 p.m. until 7:06 p.m. for the same matters.

Adjourned: 7:08 p.m.



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The League of Women Voters has two separate and distinct roles:

- **Voters Service/Citizen Education:** We present unbiased nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process, and issues.
- **Action/Advocacy:** We are also nonpartisan; but after study we use our positions to advocate for or against particular policies in the public interest.

Join LWVTSC and start making a difference in our community. League membership is open to all women and men age 16 or older.



LWVTSC BOARD BRIEFS

The LWVTSC Board meeting was held at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library (TSCPL) on Tuesday, September 12 with 9 board members present.

There were 42 members and 1 guest in attendance at the September Tuesday Topics meeting

There are currently 147 members of the LWVTSC.

Heard a Treasurer's report on income and expenditures for the time period commencing August 1, 2017 and ending on August 31, 2017

Reviewed the scheduled speakers for future Tuesday Topics meetings

Expressed appreciation to Nancy Wagner for her work as the Observer's Corps Facilitator

Discussed recruiting for the Observers Corps

Discussed plans to appear on WIBW-TV with Ralph Hipp on Monday, September 18 for a Mayoral Forum

Noted that 99 people have registered to vote at 5 different events in the last four weeks

Discussed plans for the Books, Bags and Beyond Fundraiser to be held on Tuesday, September 19 at Don and Judy Moler's home at 401 SW Danbury Lane 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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I want to add my voice to yours by joining the League of Women Voters. I enclose;

- _____ \$60 for a 1 year Individual Membership
- _____ \$90 for a 1 year Household Membership
- _____ \$90 for a 1 year Sustaining Membership (includes a \$30 donation to the League)
- _____ \$105 for a 1 year Household Sustaining Membership
- _____ \$35 for a 1 year Student Membership

I am unable to join the League at this time, but enclosed is a tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$_____

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