**REGULAR MEETING – August 8, 2022**

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The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Monday, August 8th, 2022 and was called to order by President Jolene Peterson at 6:00pm. Members present included Rogena Grigsby, Megan McDaniel, Blaine Blackburn, and Heather Fly. Guests present were Susan Gammill. Also present was Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt, Principal Trisha Moritz, and Clerk of the Board Amie Loreg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Jolene Peterson recognized guests.

Susan Gammill met with the board to provide bids for counter tops in the kitchen and the FACS kitchen area. She presented three bids for discussion.

Fly made a motion and Blackburn seconded to amend the agenda to include items: Unfinished Business item g. Counter top bids as a discussion/action and New Business item g. State Assessment Review as a discussion. 5-0, motion carried. Blackburn made a motion and Fly seconded to approve the agenda as amended. 5-0, motion carried. McDaniel made a motion and Fly seconded to approve the consent agenda. 5-0, motion carried.

Special Education: Mrs. Waldschmidt discussed the increase in assessments SCKSEC has been considering. At this time the final amount of the increase has not been given. Curriculum: Nothing at this time. Professional Development: Nothing at this time. Technology: Nothing at this time. Summer Recreation: Nothing at this time. Transportation: Electric bus grant has been submitted. Peterson asked about the status of Act 1 and the broken window. Mrs. Waldschmidt will discuss with transportation director. Budget Summary of Funds: Nothing at this time. Wellness Center: The door issue will be repaired once new concrete is poured. Peterson reported that the key fob system is on backorder. Mrs. Waldschmidt asked the BOE for guidance with people using the weight room outside of business hours. She presented a response from KASB about the liability falling on the district. Peterson stated that having a membership covers individuals regardless of hours, McDaniel agreed. Discussion was held about the school being given a list of current membership holders so they are aware if people entering the facility are covered. McDaniel asked the camera portion of the system could be installed now to help review traffic outside of regular hours. Mrs. Waldschmidt will start by getting a list of current members and proceed from there.

Unfinished Business Board Policy Updates: Peterson asked about a previously approved KASB bullying policy change. Mrs. Waldschmidt reported that the policy had a wording change.

Fly moved and Blackburn seconded to approve the 2022/23 Student Handbook. 5-0, motion carried.

McDaniel moved and Fly seconded to approve the 2022/23 Athletic Handbook. 5-0, motion carried.

LED policy: Mrs. Waldschmidt reported that her revised “Family Night Policy” was sent to KASB for approval. KASB approved but recommended not to change the previously approved policy. Blackburn moved and Fly seconded to approve the changed policy stating that athletic and activities can take place on Wednesday and Sunday but are not allowed to be mandatory. 5-0, motion carried.

Nurse: Tabled.

Social Worker: The position was offered and not accepted.

Counter top bids: Mrs. Waldschmidt asked the board to not move forward with the bids, as they came back higher than expected, and would like to not do any large purchases until the budget numbers are back from the auditor. A discussion was held about available grant to help with the cost.

New Business

Grigsby moved and Blackburn seconded to removed Rogena Grigsby from the district checking account and add Brett Traffas as Vice President. 5-0, motion carried.

Safe & Secure Grant: Mrs. Waldschmidt reported that about $2937 was awarded to the district of the almost $30,000 applied for. She would like to use the awarded funds to pay for door locks and updates that were approved previously, totaling approximately $6,000. The grant is matching funds so the district would pay the remainder.

Fly moved and Blackburn seconded to accept the resignation of Susan Hulm as Food Service Director. 5-0, motion carried.

McDaniel moved and Blackburn seconded to approve the hire of Martha McDaniel as part time Title I teacher. 5-0, motion carried.

Food Service Director: Tabled.

Superintendent Mentoring: Mrs. Waldschmidt found out that Mr. Sanders is not able to mentor her as KPERS has a 180 day sit period. She has been granted a new mentor, Chad Higgins, through ESSDACK.

State Assessment Review: Mrs. Waldschmidt gave a review of scores from last year by class. She explained the information and a discussion about low scores was held.

Items & Comments by Board: McDaniel asked about football helmets not being back from reconditioning yet. Mrs. Waldschmidt explained that they were sent off at the normal time, the company says they are overwhelmed and they will get them as soon as they can. As backup plan Mrs. Waldschmidt will research ordering more. Peterson stated that the Titan joint board met to discuss the coach shortage issue. Both parties agreed to move forward with having the junior high and high school coaches all work together. All football players will ride together and practices will be held simultaneously, but not with one another. Pay for these positions would be up to each district. Peterson asked if the website had been updated with the changes in the technology department. Mrs. Moritz reported that she has been updating and adding information over the summer.

Administration: Mrs. Moritz reported that she plans to do a monthly newsletter that she will post on the website to help with communication to staff and parents. She stated that she has been working with ELA teachers and that during enrollment very few families took advantage of the evening time slots. It appears that enrollment numbers will increase this year from last.

Mrs. Waldschmidt shared information she obtained from KASB about staff posting students on their personal social media accounts. KASB suggested that any/all social media posts go through district accounts. In addition, Mrs. Waldschmidt was approached by a parent about adding cross country to the school’s sports programs. The discussions were; difficulty finding coaches, asking Medicine Lodge to allow the student to join their team, and not knowing if interest would increase with other students if offered. Mrs. Waldschmidt reported that the policy book in the superintendent office had not been updated since 2012. She is working to add policies approved but not added. Two staff members have tested positive for COVID recently so Mrs. Waldschmidt informed the BOE that she would add the discussion to September’s BOE meeting and include our most recent testing/exposure/quarantine protocol. Mrs. Waldschmidt and Mrs. Moritz extended an invite to all board members to attend a staff back to school breakfast on August 15th.

Fly moved and Blackburn seconded to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss specific individual(s) pursuant to the non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz and the board. 5-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7:42pm.

Blackburn moved and Fly seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the negotiations matter exception, to protect the district’s right to the confidentially of its negotiation position and the public interest with Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Moritz and the board. 5-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7:49pm.

Fly moved and Grigsby seconded to adjourn. 5-0, motion carried. 7:52pm

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg Clerk of the Board of Education 511