

# Board of Education Agenda

## UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: September 11, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

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### **Revenue Neutral Hearing 5:40 p.m.**

The Board of Education held their revenue neutral hearing on Monday, September 11, 2023 and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 5:40 p.m. Members present were Rogena Grigsby, Megan McDaniel, Roger Goodman, Blaine Blackburn, Christy Mans, and Heather Fly. Also in attendance was Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt and Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas. Guests present were Linda Drake and Kristina Bramwell. Superintendent Waldschmidt explained what the RNR was and the reason for it. President Traffas opened the floor for any comments or questions. Goodman moved and Fly seconded to approve the Exceeding Revenue Neutral Rate Resolution. 7-0 motion carried. A role call by each member was taken at this time which resulted in the passing of the resolution 7-0. Blackburn motioned and McDaniel seconded to adjourn the revenue neutral meeting. 7-0 motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.

### **Budget Hearing 5:50 p.m.**

The Board of Education held it's annual budget hearing on Monday, September 11, 2023 and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 5:50 p.m. Members present were Rogena Grigsby, Megan McDaniel, Roger Goodman, Blaine Blackburn, Christy Mans and Heather Fly as well as Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt and Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas. Guests present were Linda Drake, Kristina Bramwell, Tyler Newell and Matt Bennett. President Traffas opened the floor for any comments or questions on the budget. No comments or discussion ensued, Mans motioned and Blackburn seconded to adjourn the budget hearing. 7-0 Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

### **Regular Board of Education Meeting**

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2023 and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00pm. Members In attendance were Rogena Grigsby, Megan McDaniel, Roger Goodman, Blaine Blackburn, Christy Mans, Heather Fly. Also in attendance was Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt and Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas. Guests present were Linda Drake, Kristina Bramwell, Tyler Newell, Matt Bennett, Jack Deviney, Scotty McCartney, and Wyatt Williams.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Traffas welcomed the guests. Emily Wadel, Kala Westerman, Elizabeth Swingle and Genevieve Wadel entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Tyler Newell and Matt Bennett from Dream First Bank, formerly Heartland Tri-State Bank, presented on some options the bank has to offer within our school for students as well as some credit card/purchasing card options for the district and the pros and cons of each. They also explained how the acquisition of Heartland account transfers are working and when it will be complete and assured that all funds are safe. Kala Westerman distributed maps and asked the board to consider changing the Zenda bus route to make individual stops as opposed to one stop in the town of Zenda.

Kala Westerman, Emily Wadel, Elizabeth Swingle, Genevieve Wadel and Linda Drake left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

"Something good" discussion included the the success the athletic teams are having so far this year, nearing being fully staffed and how appreciative staff are of the new mini splits.

McDaniel motioned and Fly seconded to amend the agenda. 7-0 motion carried to add S- ratification of negotiated agreement, T-classified hourly increase, and U-add Brandie Waldschmidt and Mandy Traffas as authorized business officers to the USD 511 credit card account. Blackburn made the motion to adopt the updated agenda, Fly seconded. 7-0 motion carried.

Blackburn motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve the consent agenda. 7-0 motion carried.

Athletic Department - Scotty McCartney said games are off to a heavy home game front start but running smoothly, he gave an update on new basketball uniforms that are in progress and talked about how there has been some interest by a student in wrestling. He has been in talks with Chaparral about the possibility of this. Scotty McCartney discussed the seniors desire to go to Scottsdale, Arizona for their senior trip this year.

Scotty McCartney left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Special Education - Goodman stated SCKSEC's fiscal audit was complete.

Curriculum nothing

Technology nothing

Summer Recreation nothing

Transportation/Maintenance - Jack Deviney gave an update on maintenance of and some situations with some of the the buses as well as an update on the service schedule of district fleet. There is more daily maintenance around the building now with staff and students back in school. He also explained the current Zenda route and where the different pickups would be for consideration as they discuss the potential route change. Roof leaks seem to be improving since the last report but discussed there is now a drainage issue in the parking lot following the installation of the new sidewalk that will need addressed soon.

Jack Deviney left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

PDC Meeting - Superintendent Waldschmidt stated the PDC Coordinator is new this year and has been working to learn about PDC and what's required. She hopes to start geting meetings scheduled soon.

SITE Council Meeting - 6th-12th grade grandparent lunch is set for September 18th. Had a good number sign up for this event. The date for elementary grandparent event has been set. They are still in need of more parent involvement as they cannot reorganize their committee until more show up to meetings.

Wellness Center - The All-State and track record boards will be delivered soon and a quote for new doors on the trophy case is in the works.

Unfinished Business - Superintendent Waldschmidt discussed Kaitlin Tatro mentoring Jennifer Rausch, our teacher apprentice. Because she is going through all the necessary mentor training this will help us in the future to allow mentoring to be done in-house as we will have a staff member trained to do so.

New Business - The LOB is set at 33% still. Goodman motioned and Grigsby seconded to approve the LOB Resolution. 7-0 motion carried.

Needs Assessment - It was reviewed prior to the adoption of the budget. McDaniel motioned and Mans seconded to adopt the 2023-24 budget, taking the needs assessment into consideration. 7-0 motion carried adopting the budget.

Dream First - Superintendent Waldschmidt will research further the details of the different card options and report back.

Resignations - McDaniel motioned and Blackburn seconded to accept the resignation of Chelsea Casper. 7-0 motion carried. Blackburn motioned and Fly seconded to accept the resignation of Victoria Moser. 7-0 motion carried.

Hires - Mans motioned and Goodman seconded to hire Jim Osner as custodian. 7-0 motion carried. Blackburn motioned and Mans seconded to hire Katie Basgall as district secretary. 7-0 motion carried. Fly motioned and Grigsby seconded to hire Kayla Kerr as a cook. 7-0 motion carried.

Remove Amie Loreg from district banking accounts - Mans motioned and Blackburn seconded to remove Amie Loreg from all banking district accounts. 7-0 motion carried.

Add Mandy Traffas to district banking accounts - McDaniel motioned and Goodman seconded to add Mandy Traffas to all district banking accounts. 7-0 motion carried.

Organizational List Item Changes - Fly motioned and Blackburn seconded to add Mandy Traffas as District Idle Funds Agent, Revolving Funds Agent, KPERS Designated Agent, Freedom of Information Officer, and Open Records Custodian. 7-0 motion carried.

Senior Trip - The board indicated they would like an itinerary before approval.

Patterson Foundation Grant - We received a grant from the the Patterson Family Foundation for \$50,000 for professional development. Mans motioned and Goodman seconded to accept the grant. 7-0 motion carried.

Harper County Emergency Management - Grigsby motioned and McDaniel seconded to accept the Harper County Emergency Management MOU.

Authority to Pay Bills - Superintendent Waldschmidt asked the board for the district office to have the authority to pay some bills prior to the board meeting in order to avoid late fees. This will only be done on a need basis. Blackburn motioned and Fly seconded. 7-0 motion carried.

Loyd Group - The board reviewed the proposed rate from the Loyd Group which included the yearly audit, advisory for budgeting and other items throughout the year as compared to that of current auditor, BFG.

Authority to use Contingency Funds - Superintendent Waldschmidt discussed with the board her desire to use contingency funds if needed with the legal and other extra fees we are already facing this year that were not budgeted. It can be put back at the end of the year. Mans motioned, and Fly seconded to allow use of contingency funds if needed. 7-0 motion carried.

Ratification of Negotiated Agreement - Grigsby motioned and Goodman seconded to approve the ratification of the negotiated agreement.

Classified Hourly Increase - Blackburn motioned and Goodman seconded to approve the raise for classified staff. 7-0 motion carried.

Add Brandie Waldschmidt and Mandy Traffas as Authorized Business Officers on USD 511 credit card accounts - Fly motioned and Blackburn seconded. 7-0 motion carried to approve Brandie Waldschmidt and Mandy Traffas as authorized business officers on the USD 511 credit card accounts.

Items & Comments by Board Members - Christy Mans asked who owns the bleachers that we are share with the rodeo grounds and was informed they are owned by the school. Also, questioned and was confirmed that in order for a previous student who is no longer an AHS student to attend our prom they would be subject to the same approval process as any other non-Attica student.

Administrative Reports - Wyatt Williams updated on Fastbridge testing, that weekly Eck-celence Awards are off to a great start, count day is coming soon and football classifications for the next 2 years will be out next month. Superintendent Waldschmidt inquired about the policy audit from KASB and thought it best to table that for now and revisit later. Small discussion on who paints/funds paint for the rec football games.

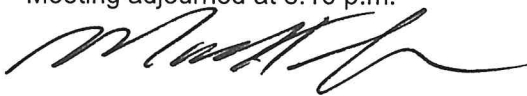
Executive Sessions - Personnel Matters - Blackburn moved and McDaniel seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Superintendent Waldschmidt and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7:54 p.m.

Blackburn motioned and Goodman seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Superintendent Waldschmidt and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:13 p.m.

New business - Goodman motioned and Blackburn seconded to approve the use of Loyd Group for auditing services for 3 years. 7-0 motion carried.

Fly motioned and Mans seconded to adjourn the meeting. 7-0 motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Mandy Traffas  
Clerk of the Board of Education