

Board of Education Minutes

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: August 14, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

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REGULAR MEETING – August 14, 2023

The Board of Education of USD #511 met in a regular session on Monday, August 14, 2023, and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00 p.m. Members present included Rogena Grigsby, Roger Goodman, Megan McDaniel, Blaine Blackburn, and Heather Fly. Guests present were Christy Mans, Jessica Naugle, John Eck, Cheri Ricke, Kevin Alexander, Angie Alexander, and Isabel Alexander. Also present was Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Mandy Traffas.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Traffas welcomed the guests.

Isabel Alexander discussed her request to retake Physical Science, which she took during 8th grade that counted for high school credit. Angie Alexander shared her reasons as a parent for requesting Isabel be allowed to retake this class as well.

Goodman moved and Blackburn seconded to amend the agenda, adding New Business d: Hire Temporary Secretary. 6-0, motion carried.

Blackburn moved and Fly seconded to adopt the agenda. 6-0 motion carried.

Blackburn made a motion and Fly seconded to approve the consent agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Principal Wyatt Williams and Jack Deviney entered the meeting at 6:15.

Interviews took place for those wanting to apply for the vacant board of education seat.

Interviewed were Christy Mans and Jessica Naugle. A discussion ensued on which questions to ask from the list given. The board decided on questions 4, 12, 15, and 16.

President Traffas asked questions to which both candidates responded. Traffas then asked the reason each of the candidates are wanting to run school board with response from both following. A discussion ensued among the current board members prior to voting. McDaniel moved and Blackburn seconded Christy Mans for the open board of education position. 6-0 motion carried.

Mans was then presented with the Oath to which she agreed to and signed.

Something Good - McDaniel extended a thank you to Irwin Potter for another amazing year of free school supply packs stating it's wonderful for our local families. McDaniel also noted her appreciation for a smooth and easy enrollment. Last, McDaniel noted the disc golf tournament seemed like it went well, bringing several people to town, giving kudos to Craig Winters for all his hard work on such a nice course. Waldschmidt noted that the welcome back staff breakfast went well, she extended a huge thank you to McDaniel for making cinnamon rolls. Additionally, Waldschmidt thanked Traffas for being present at the breakfast as well as speaking to welcome the staff back.

Athletic Department - A discussion was had regarding the need to check on the intent of a recent memorial donation. Williams updated the board on football numbers.

Special Education - Goodman discussed SCKSEC is trying to get their past audits up to date. Waldschmidt told the board that the KPP grant required our classroom has 1 para in addition to the teacher in order to have more than 10 kids at a time. Due to not having a para, we will have to split and go back to two half day classes. She is hoping to get applicants as soon as possible so we can keep 4 year olds at full day . SCKSEC will only supply 1 para, if we choose to have two, the district will have to pay for a second.

Curriculum - Nothing

Technology - Nothing

Summer Recreation - Nothing

Transportation - Deviney informed the board that the mini split project in classrooms is complete. He discussed they will add cork boards for aesthetics to cover the construction sites. Deviney discussed the cleaning regime and maintenance of the filters. An update was given on our current bus drivers and where some are in their CDL process. Roof quotes were discussed as well as new leaks in both the wellness center and the high school.

PDC Meeting - Nothing

SITE Council Meeting - McDaniel and Mans reported on beginning plans for several events. These events include Grandparents Day, Sept 18. Secondary students will have a sign up for grandparents to eat lunch with them. September 20 will be the elementary Grandparent's Day. Family Fun Night is scheduled for Tuesday Nov 7 6:30-8:30. Other events include soup meal for teachers, muffins with mom, donuts with dad, stock the fridge for teachers after first semester. A grant will be written to offset expenses. SITE council would love to have more parent involvement.

Wellness Center - There are new ceiling leaks causing some tiles to be wet.

Unfinished Business

Eck Agency - John Eck and Cheri Ricke discussed the EMC policy renewal. The hail buy back rider was discussed as well as changes made to the bus and car coverages. Explained how car coverages differ from busses. Cheri stated they were pleased with the outcome of the Wellness Center claim as well as the decrease in our workman's comp premium. Lastly, they discussed their continuance of the Eck-celence Award for the school year.

New Business

Sub List - Fly moved and McDaniel seconded to approve the sub list as presented. 7-0, motion carried.

Classified Staff List - Goodman moved and Mans seconded to approve the classified staff list as presented. 7-0, motion carried.

Pratt Community College MOUs - Waldschmidt noted Pratt Community College has agreed to hire Bobby Waldschmidt for the welding program currently on Attica Public Schools campus. She informed the board that the shared cost of the automotive and welding programs will be dependent on the number of students enrolled for each school. Blackburn motioned and Fly seconded to approve the MOUs with Pratt Community College. 7-0, motion carried.

Hire Temporary Secretary - McDaniel moved and Blackburn seconded to grant the authority to hire a temporary district secretary. 7-0, motion carried.

Items & Comments by Board Members - Nothing

Administrative Reports

Waldschmidt reported the the boys restroom in high school end has a broken urinal. Repair will require us to tear into floor and wall. Currently it is shut off, we will hold off on repair at this time. Craig Winters has offered to mow up to 10 hours a week if needed. The board agreed on an as needed basis. Waldschmidt reports that Heartland Tri State Bank is now Dream First and that the bank has reassured her that all the money is safe and secure. Additionally, with the change, payroll will be run differently. Samples of ATA aluminum screens and stickers to put on the newly painted pressbox and door to the press box were shared. Most materials will be donated so it won't be a cost to us. McDaniel is taking care of this project and hopes to have it completed before season end. Waldschmidt discussed a piece missing from her contract, USA & KSSP memberships. She'd like to have those included as they were last year. The board agreed to her contract being fixed.

Williams reported that the year is off to a good start for him as 6-12 principal and he is very happy to be here. McDaniel added the feedback she is hearing was great from all those meeting him at enrollment that they appreciated his presence.

Executive Sessions

Student Matters - Blackburn moved and Fly seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss student matters exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Waldschmidt, Williams and the board. 7-0 motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7:57.

Blackburn moved and fly seconded to extend the student matters executive session by 5 minutes. 7-0 Motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:04.

Personnel Matters - Goodman moved and McDaniel seconded to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Waldschmidt and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:35.

Negotiations - Grigsby moved and Goodman 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 confidentiality of its negotiation position and the public interest with Mrs. Waldschmidt and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:40.

Grigsby moved and Goodman seconded to extend the negotiations executive session 5 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:45.

Grigsby moved and Goodman seconded to extend the negotiations executive session 5 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:50.

Grigsby moved and Goodman seconded to extend the negotiations executive session 5 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:55.

Grigsby moved, McDaniel seconded to adjourn. 7-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02,



Mandy Traffas
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Education 511