

REGULAR MEETING – May 11th, 2020

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The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Monday, May 11th, 2020 and was called to order by President Rogena Grigsby at 6:00pm. Members present included Jolene Peterson, Tye McDaniel, Brett Traffas, Clay McDaniel, Shirley Barrett, and Roger Goodman. Guests present were Curtis Winter, Britt Hedlund, and Shelly Kiblinger via zoom. Also present was Superintendent Mike Sanders, Assistant Principal Brandie Waldschmidt, and Clerk of the Board Amie Loreg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Rogena Grigsby recognized guests.

Shelly Kiblinger with Strategic Envisioning met with the board via Zoom to discuss the findings of the bond survey that had been sent out. She reported that there were 73 total responses with 92% of the total being registered voters. She addressed each question from the survey and gave the results, as well as emailed Mr. Sanders the complete 30 page written report to share with board members. Shelly left the meeting at 6:15pm.

Curtis Winter with DCS met with the board to answer questions about the current items listed as possible bond proposals and the estimated prices gathered. With Curtis the board discussed the roof, buses, suburbans, updates to the commons area, and yearly cost to preserve the parking lot if it were asphalt. Curtis left the meeting at 6:42pm.

Britt Hedlund, T2C Coordinator met with the board to review the T2C Program. She discussed job shadows, internships, the CNA and Auto Shop programs, and Prepare to Launch. She also talked about the addition of a Welding Program next year. Britt reported that, with help from Harper Industries, she was able to obtain a \$10,000 grant that she will be able to use to build the welding program. Also new for 2020/21 school year, the Auto Program will have three sessions instead of two. A mid day session will be added between the morning and afternoon sessions for 2nd year students. Britt attributed grants she has received as being an ongoing source for all of the programs. Britt left the meeting at 7:03pm.

Goodman moved and T. McDaniel seconded to amend the agenda to include under New Business i. JH Cheerleading Sponsor resignation and j. PDC Co-Chair resignation. 7-0, motion carried.

C. McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. 7-0, motion carried.

Traffas moved and Peterson seconded to accept the consent agenda. 7-0, motion carried.

Special Education: Mr. Sanders reported the monthly superintendents meeting would be held May 12th. He plans to attend.

Curriculum: Nothing at this time

PDC: Nothing at this time

Technology: Mr. Sanders reported that he and Mrs. Waldschmidt are working to update the technology policy for devices returned in poor condition.

Summer Rec: Hopeful that the baseball & softball season will be able to take place.

Transportation: Nothing at this time

Wellness Center: Board members reported that the community members are upset that the building is closed in conjunction with the school closure. Mr. Sanders stated that he has reached out to the state and then the local health department for guidelines because the original executive order from Governor Kelly stated that all school facilities are to be closed until May 29th, aside from essential workers. Last communication with the Harper County Health Department Mr. Sanders was told that they would make a determination after Governor Kelly spoke about the end of Phase 1 in the states plan.

Unfinished Business

Bond Survey: A discussion was held on the results and timing of a November bond issue.
Project Scope: The bond item list was reviewed and discussed in detail. The board removed some items from the list and discussed others that might need to be raised to meet needs.

New Business

T2C: done in open forum

Traffas moved and Peterson seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss a specific person pursuant to the non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Waldschmidt, and the board. 6-0, (Clay McDaniel excused himself to the hallway prior to voting) motion carried.

Barrett moved and T. McDaniel seconded to accept a resignation as a Board of Education member from Clay McDaniel. 6-0, motion carried.

T. McDaniel moved and Goodman seconded to hire Clay McDaniel as Junior High Math Teacher and Athletic Director for the 2020/21 school year. 6-0, motion carried.

Peterson moved and Barrett seconded to hire Scotty McCartney as Assistant Athletic Director for the 2020/21 school year. 6-0, motion carried.

Traffas moved and Peterson seconded to hire Mariah Clark as the Art Teacher for the 2020/21 school year.

Traffas moved and Peterson seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss specific employees pursuant to the non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Waldschmidt, Clay McDaniel and the board. 6-0, motion carried.

Supplemental Positions: Tabled

Peterson moved and Traffas seconded to accept Tanner Balsters resignation as Business Teacher. 6-0, motion carried.

Traffas moved and T. McDaniel seconded to hire Craig Winters as summer help. 6-0, motion carried.

T. McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to accept Sara Polson's resignation as Junior High Cheer Sponsor. 6-0, motion carried.

Peterson moved and Barrett seconded to accept Sheryl Grigsby's resignation as PDC Co-Chair. 6-0, motion carried.

Board Comments: Peterson asked about the building grounds upkeep. Mr. Sanders reported that Jack Deviney had been helping with food service deliveries but was pulled away to concentrate more on the mowing. He also said with the addition of Craig Winters it will be easier to maintain. Goodman asked about plans for graduation and Mr. Sanders stated it is planned for June 27th at 2pm. He said he plans to keep this date regardless of how the format could change.

At this time an indoor traditional ceremony is being planned, with the understanding that Phase guidelines from the state would be followed. Grigsby mentioned that there was now an open board position that could be filled if the board saw necessary.

Administration Reports: Mrs. Waldschmidt shared an athletic schedule for next year, noting a change to a JH track meet from previous years and asked the boards opinion. The change would switch the Chaparral meet with limited entries to a Skyline meet where all kids could participate. She went over the posted summer guidelines from KSHSAA, and discussed KSHSAA lifting eligibility in light of the online learning the last 9 weeks. After discussion, the board decided to continue using our current eligibility policy.

Mr. Sanders reported that Mrs. Hilger was completing online pre-enrollment with students. Positions still open are HS Science and Business, if not filled he stated an online option would have to be used. He stated that Conrade Insurance will have a quote ready for the next board meeting. He discussed the Legal Max Letter from KSDE that is sent after your state audit is complete. Everything was in order except some missing evacuation bus drills from last year. He stated that 8th Grade Promotion will not take place but is hopeful that something can happen to honor them later. He discussed a Mental Health Grant available that would allow up to split a social worker with Cunningham for 2 years at a cost of \$6250 yearly. After discussion of need, the board agreed.

Roger moved and Barrett 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 Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Waldschmidt, and the board. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:36pm.

Clay McDaniel left the meeting at 9:31pm.

Peterson moved and T. McDaniel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:37pm. 6-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg
Clerk of the Board of Education 511