

REGULAR MEETING – January 15, 2020

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The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 and was called to order by President Rogena Grigsby at 6:00pm. Members present included Jolene Peterson, Tye McDaniel, Brett Traffas, Clay McDaniel, and Shirley Barrett. Guests present were Brett Prather with KAarchitects, Andrea McDaniel, Sara Polson, Kelby Pollock, and Lacy Darnel observing for a class from Norwich FFA. Also present was Superintendent Mike Sanders, Assistant Principal Mike Sanders, and Clerk of the Board Amie Loreg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Rogena Grigsby recognized guests.

Lacey Darnell introduced herself to the board and stated that she was observing for a class that she is taking.

Brett Prather of KAarchitects met with the board to discuss his role in a possible bond issue. He stated that a facility study would be done first, suggested forming a committee of locals who would help the architect company to understand the district's wishes, and discussed what happens after a bond passes election. Prather stated that an estimated fee, with the minimal amount of information he currently has, would be around \$15,000 to the architect company. After some questions from board members, Prather recommended the district getting a scope of exactly what is needed and considered most important for a bond issue and then seeking the help of a company like his. Prather left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Sara Polson and Andrea McDaniel met with the board to present on an active schools training they attended. Polson opened by handing out toys for the board members to mess with while discussing the benefit of students being active. Research was discussed about "brain breaks" and the benefits of recess. Polson and McDaniel both left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Kelby Pollock met with the board to discuss Junior High curriculum in the English Department. He discussed low test scores and lack of English concepts. Pollock proposed a grammar class at the high school level that would be an elective for grades 9 through 12 to help develop basic grammar skills and knowledge. Members asked if the grammar class could be used as a graduation requirement, Mr. Sanders said he would look into it with KSDE. Pollock left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Sanders recognized the members of the board by presenting them with gift cards to the Krazy Horse Restaurant.

McDaniel moved and Barrett seconded to adopt the agenda as presented 6-0, motion carried

Mr. Sanders discussed the bills and went over his budget projections. Traffas moved and McDaniel seconded to accept the consent agenda removing personnel. 6-0, motion carried

Special Education - The board reviewed handouts from Pratt of job rules and school assignments.

Curriculum - nothing at this time

Professional Development - Mr. Sanders discussed the Capturing Kids Hearts training that teaching staff recently attended.

Technology - Mr. Sanders reported that during the winter break the Chromebooks were assessed as to how many needed repairs/replaced. He reported 10 Chromebooks were ordered and are in the student's hands.

Summer Rec – Bidly basketball has started.

Transportation - Mr. Sanders reported that the bus that had been for sale sold for \$1,300.

Transportation report was reviewed.

Wellness Center – It was reported that the ceiling outside the door is in need of repairs and was discussed.

Unfinished Business

Bond - It was decided that the Needs Analysis Committee will need to meet. Mr. Sanders discussed the possible amount of the bond growing as necessary needs were met. Lacey Darnell left the meeting at 7:54 p.m. The board discussed cost associated with the bond and discussed bringing back in DCS, a company who had previously quoted some work in the district.

Health Science Pathway - Mr. Sanders reported that WSU will fund 150 hours for our school nurse to teach CNA class in the district. This District would pay upfront and be reimbursed.

Policy review of Memorials - Mr. Sanders reached out to staff about the current policy and read their responses to the board. After discussion it was decided to leave the current policy in place.

New Business

Conrade Insurance - Conrade Insurance asked Mr. Sanders if they could visit with the board about building insurance. A representative will attend a future meeting.

Sam's Card - Mr. Sanders requested getting a Sam's Card for Amber Wood as the FACS teacher. The board saw no problem with this but stated they prefer to buy local when possible. McDaniel moved and Barrett seconded to approve an additional Sam's card for Amber Wood.

6-0, motion carried

Superintendent contract - tabled

Assistant principal contract - tabled

KASB Policy Updates - Policy DFE is proposed to clean up the investment of funds language.

McDaniel moved and Traffas seconded to adopt KASB Policy DFE. 6-0, motion carried.

Calendar - The board discussed trends based on last year's calendar and moving the start date a week due to the local County Fair Dates. Mr. Sanders will present a calendar at next month's meeting.

Board Comments - none at this time

Administration - Mr. Sanders reported that federal mileage decreased to \$0.57.5 with the state's remaining at \$0.58. The schools will remain the same a \$0.58. Mr. Sanders stated that the SCTelcom bill should be a little lower after a discussion he had with them about some of our current chargers. He reported that the cooperative football committee will meet on January 29th. Mr. Sanders presented a procedure for fundraising collection. He would like the procedure used for sponsors and coaches outlining fundraising allocating practices concerning holding checks and money. The board agreed to using said policy.

Brandie Waldschmidt discussed the open lunch time. As it stands seniors are allowed open lunch based off a change made last year. Mrs. Waldschmidt reported that during the lunch time the front office is overloaded with students trying to make parent contact to be excused to go pick up lunch. She asked that the open lunchtime could be extended to high school student's grades 10 through 12. After discussion the board agreed extending the open lunch to grades 10 through 12.

Traffas moved and McDaniel seconded to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss specific individuals 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, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:20pm. McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to extend the executive session for 30 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:50pm. McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to extend the executive session for 30 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 10:20pm. Mr. Sanders out at 9:56pm. Mr. Sanders in at 10:15pm. Traffas moved and Barrett seconded to extend the executive session for 15 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. After a short recess, meeting to resume at 10:36pm and session to end at 10:54pm. Mr. Sanders out at 10:36pm. Mrs. Waldschmidt in at 10:40pm. Session ended at 10:54pm. Mrs. Waldschmidt left the meeting at 10:54pm.

Traffas moved and Barrett seconded to extend Mike Sanders contract with the same terms for one year. 6-0, motion carried.

Traffas moved and Peterson seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss specific individuals pursuant to the non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mr. Sanders and the board. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 10:59pm.

Peterson moved and Barrett seconded to adjourn at 11:04pm. 6-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg
Clerk of the Board of Education 511