**REGULAR MEETING – November 11, 2019**

Minutes of the board meeting are not official until after approval at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Monday, November 11th, and was called to order by President Rogena Grigsby at 6:00pm. Members present included Jolene Peterson, Tye McDaniel, Brett Traffas, Shirley Barrett, and Roger Goodman. Guests present were Larry Kleeman and Beth Warren with Ranson City Code Financial and Payton Waldschmidt, student. 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.

Ranson City Code Financial met with the board to discuss school bonds. They shared information on the regulations, financing, and cost to taxpayers. They also answered questions of the board and describe their job in the bond process. Larry Kleeman and Beth Warren left the meeting at 6:26pm. A board discussion was held about the bond information presented. The board decided to have Mr. Sanders reach out to community members and form a bond committee.

Goodman moved and Barrett seconded to approve the agenda as presented. 6-0, motion carried.

Peterson moved and McDaniel seconded to approve the consent agenda, removing item            f. Personnel, after questions were answered concerning the monthly bills and Mr. Sanders discussed budget projections. 6-0, motion carried

Special Education: Goodman reported that the Cooperative has decided to do director evaluations two times yearly and stated that his opinion is that SCKSEC is moving in a positive direction. Mrs. Waldschmidt reported that a para position had been filled but it did not end up working out resulting in the need to fill one para position. She also reported that Julie Waldschmidt, Resource Teacher, is working in our district full time.

Curriculum: Mr. Sanders reported that the pathway team met and they will be adding a third time slot next year to the auto program. They have also started discussing an ASW welding program.

PDC: nothing at the time

Technology: Mr. Sanders reported that currently, the new iPads are using a free manager program called Mosyle. We will be purchasing the full version of Mosyle for the new iPads as well as adding money to an Apple account for staff to be able to purchase apps for the iPads.

Summer Rec: Basketball will be starting soon.

Transportation: Mr. Sanders presented a detailed list of what is being done to the vehicles put together by Jack Deviney, Transportation Director. Board members reviewed the list and stated they like the additional information.  Mr. Sanders reported that Deviney has been working with Purple Wave to create an auction to sell a bus. He also reported a couple of students spoke up with interest to purchase said bus, after discussion, the board decided they could probably purchase it cheaper if they bid on it through Purple Wave.

Wellness Center: Barrett reported complaints from community members who are not able to walk in the wellness center during its normal business hours when the school is using it for private matters. It was also reported that salt that has been used on the sidewalks in the past to melt ice is causing an issue with the bleacher steps. Some cleaner has been purchased and will be tried. Goodman asked about a small leak inside the entranceway.

 Unfinished Business

KSHSSA Regional: The board reviewed a letter sent to the district thanking the school for hosting the recent Regional Volleyball Tournament. Mr. Sanders also shared that Lance Vandeveer, Athletic Director, received a letter from the regional volleyball officials thanking the district and employees for being good hosts.

Softball Request: Mr. Sanders reported that Medicine Lodge asked for data on interested softball players.

New business

Bond Discussion: Previously discussed

ACT Results and Planning: The board reviewed handouts of the school's average composite ACT scores compared to league schools, state-wide, and the national average. Local scores were low comparably at all levels. Mr. Sanders stated that he will review and share scores with staff during professional development time.

Facility Usage: Mr. Sanders presented the school's liability policy of coverage on people using school facilities for personal use. He informed the board of their options; a facility use form could be created, the school could require payment for building use, or the USD could ask that individuals seek personal insurance policies to cover themselves. After the discussion, Mr. Sanders stated that he would contact KASB for legal guidance.

Essdack Presentation: Mr. Sanders and Mrs. Waldschmidt shared a PowerPoint presentation from an Essdack meeting on CTE’s showing the district's auto program as a positive thing happening around the state in education. Key points were not only the program itself but also the collaboration of various districts to make it happen.

Perkins V CTE Needs Assessment: Mr. Sanders reported that CTE's with the highest need will be funded first leaving others to be funded locally.

Accreditation and Accountability Reports: The board reviewed information on the Kansas Can Star Program. The new program will be recognizing efforts in different ways, or levels and sharing the district data with schools in the state.

Cold weather - Mr. Sanders shared a document with the board showing what is being used as the school's guideline for recess during colder temperatures.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Traffas moved and Peterson seconded to approve the presented Hazard Mitigation Plan. 6-0, motion carried

Board Comments: Peterson asked about the mentoring of new teachers and how it has been going. Mr. Sanders stated the mentoring going fine and that he and Mrs. Waldschmidt had been doing some personal work as well with staff members.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Sanders reported that the unofficial Board of Education election results as; the three members seeking reelection being reappointed and Clay McDaniel having the most votes as a write-in. He discussed possible budget increases for next year being reported at the state level as 3% on state aid and 1.5% on LOB. Mr. Sanders commented that state revenue is currently up 54 million dollars, and reported that At-Risk funds are based on evidence-based practices in the school district.

Assistant Principal Report: Mrs. Waldschmidt presented numbers from recent Parent-Teacher Conferences showing lack of parent participation at the junior high and high school levels. She stated she has been researching student-led conferences, which are becoming more popular in districts. The idea for student lead conferences is the parent and student meet with an advisory teacher but the student leads the discussion as opposed to having parents go from room to room without a student present. Mrs. Waldschmidt also stated that she is having students do weekly grade checks on Mondays and is having them email grades with details of any missing or late work to their parents to give them some accountability.

Brandie Waldschmidt and Payton Waldschmidt left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Peterson moved and Traffas seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss specific employee positions 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 8:51pm. Goodman moved and Peterson seconded to extend the session 20 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:11pm. Peterson moved and Barrett seconded to extend the session 20 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:31pm.

Peterson moved and Goodman seconded to adjourn. 6-0, motion carried. 9:31pm.

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg Clerk of the Board of Education 511