

REGULAR MEETING – January 13th, 2021

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The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Wednesday, January 13th and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00pm. Members present included Jolene Peterson, Tye McDaniel, Rogena Grigsby, Shirley Barrett, and Roger Goodman. Also present was Superintendent Mike Sanders, Principal Brandie Waldschmidt, and Clerk of the Board Amie Loreg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Mr. Sanders recognized the board for Board Member Appreciation Month with a gift certificate to the Attica Locker.

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

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

Special Education: Mr. Sanders discussed the KPP Grant that partially funds the Pre-K program. He explained that currently the funds from this grant go directly to the Pratt Cooperative, SCKSEC as it's their program. However, at the last meeting the Cooperative mentioned schools taking over the grant funds. Districts currently do not handle any specifics for their Cooperative Pre-K programs so most administrators are not in favor of taking this on. He also reported that an accounting error that had been discovered in late 2020 is being resolved.

Curriculum: Nothing

PDC: December's meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Sanders reported that focus is on staff getting individual goals completed. He mentioned that February 22nd staff will be doing an active schools training and the Harper Art Guild will be here to do a painting exercise as well.

Technology: Nothing

Summer Recreation: Bitty ball practice has started.

Transportation: Mr. Sanders reported the insurance claim for the totaled bus would be \$15,000. The check was received for the suburban claim. The board reviewed the transportation report. Mr. Sanders supplied them with information on a lease purchase program and options were discussed. Due to needing two vehicles replaced, a bus and a suburban, after discussion it was decided that Mr. Sanders would seek bids for the lease purchase program for a bus. A new transit van would potentially be purchased with the insurance money from both insurance claims. This is the most cost effective way to replace both vehicles with the least upfront cost to the district.

Budget Summary: Nothing at this time

Wellness Center: The NFHS system, the streaming system for home contests, was installed in the Wellness Center and at Vandevener Field. The board would like to thank the family of Fred Gerdes for making this possible.

Unfinished

Bond Update: A discussion was held.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian: McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to remove the policy passed for 2020/21 school year and add the previous policy back into the handbook with the wording "to sunset with the class of 2024". 6-0, motion carried.

New Business

Negotiations: McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to ratify negotiations, increasing the pay scale by 1.5%, giving steps back to those previously frozen, and a \$25 increase to the board paid insurance benefit. 6-0, motion carried.

Administrative Contracts: McDaniel moved and Barrett seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a specific employee's job performance 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 7.33pm.

Goodman moved and Grigsby seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a specific employee's job performance pursuant to the non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mr. Sanders, Brandie Waldschmidt and the board. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7.53pm.

Goodman moved and Peterson seconded to extend the Principal contract of Brandie Waldschmidt for 2 years, details to be determined at a later date. 6-0, motion carried.

20/21 Calendar Revision: McDaniel moved and Barrett seconded to move NO SCHOOL from Monday, February 15th to Monday, February 8th and the BOE meeting from Monday, February 8th to Wednesday, February 10th. 6-0, motion carried.

20/21 Calendar: Kansas regent universities will have matching Spring Breaks for the next 3 years. Mr. Sanders stated that the schools will follow this to make it easier for those taking college classes.

KASB Policies: First Read

Board Comments: Peterson asked about 8th Grade Promotion exercises that were cancelled in the spring. Mr. Sanders stated that he had recently handed out the certificates to the students and honor medals. He apologized that it was pushed so far down the list of important items for this school year but wasn't sure at this point what else could be done.

Traffas read and email from Andrea McDaniel, School Nurse about the positive impacts the additional recess' are having on the elementary students and received grants funds.

McDaniel mentioned hearing complaints about the high school cheerleaders wearing sweatshirts, t-shirts, and shorts on the sidelines while cheering at games. Mrs. Waldschmidt stated that she had also received complaints and that she talked with the coach about it.

Administration:

Mr. Sanders and Teresa Logsdon, Food Service Director, both set in the recent Procurement Process Webinar hosted by KSDE. This is step one of the bidding process for the food service program. He discussed hiring an individual for mowing or possibly outsourcing. The board thought outsourcing would be too expensive. A discussion was held about hiring an individual. After discussion it was decided to keep the temperature kiosks for now because of the uncertainty of future need. The board reviewed the ESSER II fund allocations the district will be receiving. ESSER funds are a grant award for COVID related expenses, a detailed list of allowable expenditures was provided to the BOE as well.

Mrs. Waldschmidt stated that KSHSAA would be reviewing fan attendance at games and determining if allowing more fans is an option. She stated that the cheerleaders will be wearing their school issued uniforms in the future and that pictures will be retaken in them for the yearbook. Mrs. Waldschmidt discussed the CNA class with the board, stating low numbers could hurt the program but stating that our nurse, Andrea McDaniel could teach the program here. Other districts would still be allowed to attend if they would like. The program would be through WSU Tech.

McDaniel moved and Peterson seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss a specific employee 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 8:42pm.

McDaniel moved and Grigsby seconded to adjourn. 6-0, motion carried. 8:45pm

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg
Clerk of the Board of Education 511