**REGULAR MEETING – March 13th, 2023**

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, March 13th, 2023 and was called to order by President Jolene Peterson at 6:00pm. Members present included Brett Traffas, Rogena Grigsby, Roger Goodman, Megan McDaniel, and Heather Fly. Also present was Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt and Clerk of the Board Amie Loreg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Something Good: Waldschmidt reported that parent/teacher conferences had 96% of elementary and 97% or junior high and high school parents in attendance. Members reported that they have heard positive feedback about having a school play again and excitement that the Wellness Center is getting closer to being reopened.

Fly made a motion and Traffas seconded to approve the agenda as presented. 6-0, motion carried.

Goodman made a motion and McDaniel seconded to approve the consent agenda. 7-0, motion carried.

Athletic Department: nothing

Special Education: An audit is being completed.

Curriculum: Teachers are reviewing two ELA curriculums.

Technology: The camera system will be completed during spring break and state testing set up has started.

Summer Recreation: McDaniel asked if the rec baseball/softball forms had been sent home yet. Fly will look into it.

Transportation/Maintenance: The coach bus being listed on Purple Wave was discussed. It was decided to list it. A discussion was held about transportation of students for pm routes, both track teams, and golf with limited vehicles when these things overlap.

PDC Meeting: Minutes reviewed. Waldschmidt reported that the PDC handbook is now due in August 2024.

SITE Council: Minutes reviewed. A family bingo night is planned. The surveys received back were mostly positive with facilities being the biggest negative.

Wellness Center: The gym floor is being installed. The commons area floor is being quoted out and the work to the water lines has been done.

Unfinished Business

Athletic Cooperative: Waldschmidt asked if a conversation needed to take place after the joint board meeting with Argonia in February. The board is not interested in moving forward with an all sport cooperative.

New Business

Calendar: Mrs. Waldschmidt presented two options and asked that she send them out to staff for a vote of which they would like. The board agreed.

School Pictures: York Photography requested to bid our school pictures. Waldschmidt gave the board current price lists for both York Photography and Lifetouch, our current provider. The board asked Mrs. Waldschmidt to find out more details, like turnaround times.

Painting Email: Cooper Traffas reached out to Mrs. Waldschmidt about quoting summer painting projects for a college internship he landed. After discussion it was decided to have him quote the outside areas like the trim and crow’s nest/football field.

Thrasher Quote: Waldschmidt reported that she asked Thrasher to quote the possible foundation issue at the Wellness Center. Their quote was just shy of $25,000. After discussion it was decided to ask an impartial party to look at the foundation as one company states no/minimal issue and the other a major issue. Grigsby gave Waldschmidt a contact used in real estate that only assess the situation and makes a recommendation.

Drain Covers: The tread plates needed to replace the drain covers are $325 a sheet and will need two to cover the areas. The welding shop can cut the pieces. Traffas and Goodman excused themselves to go outside and look at the covers and reported back that there are three small areas that need to be repaired and a forth one has no actual drainage under it and could be concreted.

Class Sponsor Meeting: Waldschmidt reported that all sponsors met to discuss fundraising, what is currently being done, and creating rules that students need to meet to be able to go on their senior trip.

EMC Claim: EMC contacted Mrs. Waldschmidt requesting she sign off on the claim agreeing that the claim is completed upon the work being finished. She recommended the board not have her sign the form until all work and billing is complete. The board agreed.

Traffas moved and Goodman seconded to accept the resignation of Lisa Newsum as 4th Grade Teacher and Assistant HS Volleyball Coach effective at the end of the school year. 6-0, motion carried.

Grigsby moved and Fly seconded to accept the resignation of Amber Hilger as Student Success Coordinator, effective at the conclusion of her current contract. 6-0, motion carried.

Items & Comments by Board: McDaniel asked that everyone educated themselves on current senate bills trying to be pass. Goodman asked about the removal of items at the Wellness Center. Traffas asked about the FFA chapter. Waldschmidt stated that in order to have a chapter the school has to offer Ag classes. The USD was not able to do this for this school year. She is looking into the regulations and what can be done about the Attica program.

Administration: Waldschmidt reported that the split units request for ESSER funds is in the last step and that the retention pay is going out this month. The city contacted her to let her know they will be replacing the fire siren near the south parking lot. She stated that the kitchen will be painted over spring break with the remainder of the HCCF grant kitchen project money, and she is looking into intercom possibilities. She also mentioned that she was contacted by Chaparral to ask if there was any interest in joining them for wrestling. The board is fine with asking students and parents if there is interest.

Fly moved and McDaniel seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mrs. Waldschmidt and the board. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:20pm. Grigsby moved and Fly seconded to extend the executive session for 15 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:35pm.

Fly moved and McDaniel seconded to adjourn. 6-0, motion carried. 8:36pm

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg Clerk of the Board of Education 511