**REGULAR MEETING – November 14, 2022**

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 14, 2022 and was called to order by President Jolene Peterson at 6:00pm. Members present included Brett Traffas, Rogena Grigsby, Megan McDaniel, Blaine Blackburn, and Heather Fly. Guests present were Jack Deviney. Also present was Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt and Clerk of the Board Amie Loreg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Jolene Peterson recognized guests.

Deviney met with the board to answer any questions they might have concerning the bids for split units that are in their board packets. He also reviewed the transportation fleet, stating that all vehicles are currently running without issue, discussed the parking lot scheduled work and need for a walk way connecting the district building to the wellness center, and the replacement of drain grates around campus. Deviney left the meeting at 6:05pm.

Blackburn made a motion and Fly seconded to amend the agenda to include under New Business f. Suburban Acquisition as a Discussion/Action item. 6-0, motion carried.

McDaniel made a motion and Blackburn seconded to approve the amended agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Traffas made a motion and Grigsby seconded to approve the consent agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Special Education: Nothing at this time.

Curriculum: Nothing at this time.

Technology: A technology report from Donna Richards, Technology Director was reviewed. All IPads that were purchased with grant funds are in, all classrooms are equipped with new promethean boards or smart TV’s with the exception of one teacher who wanted to keep the model she had.

Summer Recreation: Blackburn asked if the grant money that the school was going to use for the wellness center camera system could be given to the city. Loreg stated that she needs the receipt/bill showing purchase amounts to pay from and then a check can be created. Peterson said she has something she will send to the school. Waldschmidt mentioned that she was asked by custodial staff to purchase a second floor scrubber to be kept at the wellness center for the gym floor. After discussion the board determined that the buildings can share what we have. Peterson mentioned to the new rec members that the black windbreaks on the baseball fence are the recs and need some attention as one is ripped and several of the others loose.

Transportation: Nothing at this time.

Wellness Center: Nothing at this time.

Site Council: Reviewed minutes from the previous meeting.

Unfinished Business

Split Units: A discussion was held about the units and waiting for ESSER funds approval. The boiler was discussed as well as the board trying to determine if maintaining it would be necessary if all of the elementary rooms (including the cafeteria) were converted to split units. Waldschmidt will look into the boiler and get more information from the bidding companies about all electrical as well.

Blackburn moved and McDaniel seconded to approve Pauli Means at the Junior High Girls Assistant Basketball Coach. 6-0, motion carried.

New Business

Board Member Information: Peterson stated that she and Waldschmidt met with a representative from KASB who suggested revisiting Board Member Rolls and Rules for those who are new as well as a refresher for those who have been on the board for several years.

ESSER III Application: Waldschmidt went over the proposed ESSER III Application with the board. She explained what they were applying for and explained the process of the funds getting approved. Fly moved and Traffas seconded to approve the ESSER III Application including staff wages, split units, Edgenuity, and retention pay to be submitted to the state for approval. 6-0, motion carried.

Strategic Planning ESSDACK/KASB – Waldschmidt went over quotes from both ESSDAK and KASB for board goal setting and planning. It was decided to look for the minutes from the last time the board did goal setting and revisit at a future meeting.

Athletic Budget: A discussion was held about creating budgets for athletic programs that would serve as their means to make purchases for items like uniforms, meals, supplies, etc. The board decided that they would need to revisit this to create a fair and accurate way of determining how to budget these funds as each sport has different requirements for uniforms and equipment. The budget is created over the summer so this was not taken into account for this year; the board will work on something for next budget year.

Professional Development: January 2nd the school calendar has a professional development day scheduled. Mrs. Waldschmidt pointed out that due to New Year’s Day falling on a Sunday that Monday is the in lieu of holiday. She asked the board to cancel the PD day or move it to an open date. The board was fine canceling the day as long as enough PD hours would still be offered to staff. Fly moved and McDaniel seconded to approve the 2022/2023 one page calendar removing the PD day on January 2nd, 2023. 6-0, motion carried.

Suburban Acquisition: Mrs. Waldschmidt was contacted by a community member who is selling their suburban and wanted to offer it to the school for purchase before posting it for sale. After discussion the board determined that this year’s budget did not include the purchase of a vehicle so they would have to decline the offer.

Items & Comments by Board:

McDaniel asked that Deviney be reminded to take the pads from of the football equipment on the practice field and store for next season. Peterson asked about the football scoreboard. During the last home game and at the Powder-puff game it glitched several times. Mrs. Waldschmidt and Deviney have discussed this issue.

Administration: Waldschmidt, on behalf of Mrs. Moritz invited the board to attend a staff Thanksgiving meal being put on by parents Friday 11/18 at 11:15am. Mrs. Waldschmidt reported that there is a possible interest for a music teacher for next year and asked for the boards interest in opening the position. The board agrees, if there is a candidate they would like to see the program back for music and band. She reported that the school did not get the electric bus grant this round but she plans to reapply for the next round. She was granted $11,000 from the HCCF foundation for counter top updates in the kitchen, has had a student ask about possibility of playing softball at Medicine Lodge if they would allow it, being contacted asking about interest for a baseball/softball co-op from South Barber and Cunningham, and discussed a large increase in supplemental duties on last year’s contracts. Mrs. Waldschmidt asked if the board had ever paid a teacher to mentor another member in the district. She has paired Mrs. Wood up to mentor Miss Berntsen and Mrs. Berntsen to mentor Mrs. Osner. The board has in the past paid a $200 stipend at the conclusion of the year for this in the past. The board agrees to pay for these services this year.

Fly moved and Blackburn seconded to go into executive session for 25 minutes to discuss specific individual(s) pursuant to the 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 7:58pm. Traffas moved and Fly seconded to extend the executive session for 20 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:20pm.

Traffas moved and Fly seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss a student matter pursuant to the student 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 8:26pmpm.

Traffas moved and Grigsby seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss specific individual(s) pursuant to the non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with the board. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:45pm. Grigsby moved and Blackburn seconded to extend the executive session for 15 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9 o’clock pm. Fly moved and Blackburn seconded to extend the executive session for 10 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:10pm.

Traffas moved and Blackburn seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss specific individual(s) pursuant to the 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 9:24pm.

Traffas moved and Fly seconded to adjourn. 6-0, motion carried. 9:26pm.

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg Clerk of the Board of Education 511