**REGULAR MEETING – October 11, 2021**

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 October 11, 2021 and was called to order by President Jolene Peterson at 6:00pm. Members present included Brett Traffas, Tye McDaniel, Rogena Grigsby, Shirley Barrett, and Roger Goodman. Guests present were Scotty McCartney and Jack Deviney. 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.

President Jolene Peterson recognized guests.

Deviney, Transportation Manager, met with the board to discuss ongoing bussing issues. He went over necessary repairs for three of the fleet (Act 1, Act 3, and Act5) for the month of September, which will cost an estimated $10,000 for two of them, while the repairs and costs for the third have yet to be determined. Deviney reported that Kansas Bus has a 2017 for around $36,000 and a 2022 for $86,000 currently for sale. The board discussed the need to purchase another reliable bus. Mr. Sanders and Deviney will view the 2017 and report back to the board. Deviney left the meeting at 6:21pm.

McCartney, Senior Class Sponsor, met with the board to ask permission for the seniors to start planning a trip to Destin, Florida. He stated that they will need to rent an Airbnb and vehicles so the sooner they are approved the better. They are continuing to raise money for the trip and plan to go over Spring Break. McCartney left the meeting at 6:23pm.

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

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

Special Education: Mr. Sanders reported a meeting he had with the SCKSEC director about the lack of services Attica receives for the portion of assessments paid.

Curriculum: The two new elementary teachers have attended training for Pathways. Mr. Sanders reported that the junior high teacher will probably need to attend the training as well.

PDC: Minutes from the most recent meeting were reviewed. October 18th Professional Learning will be used on the Crisis Plan, Xello, Work Based Study, MTSS, Frontline, and FastBridge.

Technology: Mrs. Waldschmidt reported that she was awarded two ECF Grants that will be used to purchase staff laptops, Chromebooks, and IPads to get up-to-date for staff and keep the one to one device initiative for students.

Garret Moyer, Kansas Department of Health and Environment joined the meeting at 6:37pm, via zoom. Moyer discussed KDHE’s COVID testing protocol for schools with the board. He talked about the testing options that are being offered and various components covered by KDHE grant funds for COVID related purposes. The board discussed the testing options presented in KDHE handout. Moyer agreed with Mr. Sanders that all funds related to testing; including tests, staff time, carts or other necessary items for testing, etc. were reimbursable through the grant funds. Moyer left the meeting at 6:58pm.

Wellness Center: Mr. Sanders reported that both Rec boards (City and USD) met with Wellness Center employee, Cindy Brown to discuss contracts for each entity. It was asked if the USD board wanted both parties to vote on her contract as an employee of the Rec Board, which is made up of two city council members and two school board members. It was decided they school board could review it if necessary.

Unfinished Business

Yearbook: Mrs. Waldschmidt reported that a revised copy of last year’s book had been sent out to various staff and board members for proofreading. Errors found were noted and turned back in to the Yearbook department.

McDaniel moved and Traffas seconded to approve Bobby Waldschmidt as a teacher for the BARK program. 6-0, motion carried.

McDaniel moved and Barrett seconded to approve Kelli Eck and Lisa Newsum as substitute teachers for the BARK program. 6-0, motion carried.

McDaniel moved and Barrett seconded to approve Tammy Woods as a Program Aide for the BARK Program. 6-0, motion carried.

New Business

Senior Trip: Goodman moved and McDaniel seconded to approve the trip for planning purposes with the expectation that an itinerary will be presented for final decision. 6-0, motion carried.

KSDE: Mr. Sanders reported that Commissioner Randy Watson will be on campus January 31st, 2022 to tour the Welding and Automotive programs.

KSDA Inspection Report: The Food Establishment Inspection Report was reviewed.

KDHE COVID Testing: McDaniel moved and Traffas seconded to approve Plan 2 Strategy A: Test susceptible close contact daily during their quarantine period and allow them to continue in-person learning if negative. 6-0, motion carried. It was also decided to add PCR testing, when necessary, if an RN could be found to perform the test.

Grigsby moved and Barrett seconded to accept the resignation of Teresa Logsdon as Food Service Director. 6-0, motion carried. The board extended their gratitude for Logsdon’s work in the department.

Food Service Director Position: The position is posted for hire. Keystone will help in the absence as much as possible but unsure how much that will be.

Bus Purchasing: The previously approved transit van purchase will be put on hold until the next budget year as a bus is priority. The board asked Mr. Sanders to have Deviney look for something in the $40,000 range and report back on findings depending on the condition of the 2017 bus for sale at Kansas Bus.

Board Comments: McDaniel reported that he had received complaints from parents about Student Lead Conferences. Parents want to be able to see other teachers and grammatical errors in the students slide shows were the two main concerns. Goodman questioned a building for buses. The Auto Shop building was mentioned for the new bus if weather was severe. Mr. Sanders was uncertain if it would fit but would ask Deviney to look into it.

Administration Reports:

Mrs. Waldschmidt reported that HOPL League Tournament would be held in Attica on October 16th. She stated that Volleyball Sub-State assignments (Attica plays at Argonia) and 2022/23 district assignments had been released, 6-12 progress reports will no longer be mailed as students email grades weekly in advisory, two students are attending the FFA National Convention with Chaparral, and the football co-op agreement for vehicles: fuel, miles, etc.

Mr. Sanders discussed a stipend for Spelling Bee and assistant coaches for junior high boys basketball and high school girls basketball.

Goodman moved and Barrett seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the negotiations matter exception, to protect the district’s right to the confidentially of its negotiation position and the public interest with Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Waldschmidt, and the board. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:14.

Grigsby moved and McDaniel seconded to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss specific non-elected persons 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 8:38pm.

Traffas moved and McDaniel seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss a specific student matter pursuant to student matters exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable student(s) with Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Waldschmidt, and the board. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:45pm.

McDaniel moved and Traffas seconded to adjourn. 6-0, motion carried. 8:48pm

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg Clerk of the Board of Education 511