

REGULAR MEETING – July 19, 2023

The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00pm. Members present included Rogena Grigsby, Roger Goodman, Megan McDaniel, Blaine Blackburn, and Heather Fly. Guests present were Jack Deviney and Wyatt Williams. Also present was Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt, and Clerk of the Board Amie Loreg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Deviney, Head of Transportation and Maintenance, met with the board to report that Wray Roofing looked at the roof on the high school end of the building, the previous repair is not holding up. They will send a quote for repairing the leaks.

Megan McDaniel entered the meeting at 6:03.

Deviney continued informing the board that the mini split unit installation will begin on Friday. Options are being explored for fencing around them. Derrick Swingle is preparing a quote to repair the glass in the trophy case at the Wellness Center, without the glass being cut, his rough estimate was \$1,700. The football field post and pressbox painting has begun. The concrete for the walkway from the school to the Wellness Center is complete. It will take 20 days for it set. The rest of the asphalt millings will be spread after the 20 days. There is a tree at the Wellness Center that needs cut down. We need to have the gym ceiling looked at, it may need some repairs.

Something Good: Waldschmidt commented that the sidewalk to the Wellness Center is completed, the split unit installation is beginning soon and there has been a lot of work put into making the grounds look good. McDaniel commented on the work done by Scotty McCartney to ensure summer basketball ran smoothly. McDaniel also extended congratulations to Chase Rogers for obtaining his EMT certification.

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

The board reviewed the consent agenda. Waldschmidt noted in the treasurer's report, we closed out the year with increases to Capital Outlay, Special Education, and Contingency Reserve. Fly made a motion and McDaniel seconded to approve the consent agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Organization of the Board:

President: Blackburn nominated Brett Traffas for 2023/2024 school board President. Goodman moved and McDaniel seconded to cease nominations. 6-0 motion carried. Blackburn motioned and Fly seconded to approve Traffas as School Board President. 6-0 Motion carried.

Vice President: Goodman nominated Rogena Grigsby for 2023/2024 School board Vice President. Goodman moved and Fly seconded to cease nominations. 6-0 motion carried. Goodman motioned and Fly seconded to approve Grigsby as School Board Vice President. 6-0 Motion carried.

Clerk & Deputy Clerk: Goodman Moved and McDaniel seconded to approve Amie Loreg, Clerk of the Board, and Mandy Traffas, Deputy Clerk of the Board. 6-0 Motion Carried.

Organizational List:

McDaniel moved and Blackburn seconded to approve the Organizational List. 6-0 Motion carried.

Traffas moved and McDaniel seconded to approve the Resolution to Establish Home Rule by Board of Education. 6-0 Motion carried.

Traffas moved and Blackburn seconded to approve the Resolution for Rescinding Policy Statements Found in Board Minutes. 6-0 Motion carried.

Traffas moved and Goodman seconded to approve the Resolution to Establish Regular Meeting Dates and Time. 6-0 Motion carried. Meetings will be held at 6 o'clock pm in the Library at the district the second Monday of each month.

Athletic Department: Scotty McCartney and Wyatt Williams will begin interviewing applicants for the open supplemental positions. Williams reported football camp went well, and the basketball uniforms previously approved for purchase are being designed.

Special Education: Waldschmidt reported that special education assessments are going to increase again this year. Goodman reported that the special education cooperative is getting salaries where they need to be, there are good things happening in the cooperative due to hard work being put in.

Curriculum: Waldschmidt reported the new ELA curriculum is in and teachers have begun looking it over.

Technology: The included report was reviewed by the board. Walkschmidt noted devices have been ordered, 3 hot spots are being installed, and the fax and postage machines both quit working, requiring replacement.

Summer Recreation: Fly reported the sponsor signs will remain up until after the softball tournament on August 4.

Transportation: The board reviewed the report, noting that we have a few people taking their driving tests to drive a bus.

Professional Development: Nothing

SITE Council: Nothing

Wellness Center: Waldschmidt presented the MOU from 2019 and noted it needs to be reviewed and updated. The board discussed card system complaints about the hours and the requirement to buy an annual membership to be able to obtain a card. McDaniel mentioned we may need to get something different than a mop to clean the new floors.

Unfinished Business

KASB Policy Update: Fly motioned and Blackburn seconded to approve KASB Updated Policies; AG, GAAF, GAOA, GARID, GBQA, IFCC, JBC, JGFGA, KK, KN, and JGFGA. 6-0 motion carried.

Student Handbook: The board discussed the district policy on attendance. Fly motioned, McDaniel seconded to approve the student handbook with recommendations as noted. 6-0, motion carried.

Keystone Menus: Waldschmidt discussed draft menus provided by Keystone August, September, and October as well as her intention to keep an eye on the menus and the salad bar. She expects an improvement to meal quality in the future.

New Business

Activity Calendar: The board reviewed the provided activities calendar for the '23-'24 school year. Goodman motioned and Fly seconded to approve the activity calendar as presented. 6-0 motion carried.

Eck Agency: The board discussed renewal rates from Eck Agency for the '23-'24 school year. Grigsby motioned, Blackburn seconded approval of the Eck Agency bill. 6-0 Motion carried.

Needs Assessment: Waldschmidt discussed all those involved in creatin the needs assessment for the '23-'24 school year. The needs assessment will be used in creating the budget.

Hire Teacher Apprentice: Goodman motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve the hire of Jennifer Rausch as a title 1 paraprofessional. 6-0 motion carried.

Transfers with Randy Ford's assistance: McDaniel moved and Fly seconded the approval of the end of the Fiscal Year transfers. 6-0 Motion carried.

Bus Drivers: Goodman motioned, Blackburn seconded the approval of Jack Deviney, Lance Vandever and Jason Bayers as bus drivers. 6-0 Motion carried.

Supplemental List: The board reviewed the supplemental list. Blackburn motioned, Fly seconded to approve the supplemental list as presented. 6-0 Motion carried.

Revenue Neutral Rate: Waldschmidt discussed that we will exceed our revenue neutral rate this year. Documentation was delivered to the Harper County Courthouse.

Items and Comments by the Board:

Grigsby thinks we should consider opening the open board seat to interested candidates. After board discussion, the board agrees to open the position. Waldschmidt will post the vacancy. Goodman voiced a concern about moving board meetings from the second Monday. He is concerned about the perception of dedication.

Administrative Reports: Williams reports he is learning and studying his position. He is excited to be here. Continuing, he reports football camp was enjoyable. The kids worked hard and he enjoyed being there with them.

Waldschmidt reports the district policy book is as caught as it can get to this point. She voiced her thought that the board should review each policy a few at each board meeting or the district can pay KASB to perform a policy audit. Waldschmidt reports when the open enrollment policy takes place in 2024, the district cannot deny students we have previously denied. The district received a \$67,000 check from WSU Tech for last year. Chaparral and Medicine Lodge superintendents as well as Waldschmidt will meet with Pratt Community College on July 20 regarding the preparation of MOUs for Automotive and Welding. We are not on the new priority list for electric school buses, we will not apply for the grant this round. Xander Newberry is having a softball tournament on August 4 at the baseball field. We applied for the Safe and Secure Schools Grant again and were awarded \$2,500. Waldschmidt also applied for a \$5,000 grant from SCTelcom. We are gaining funds little by little for the intercom system. Due to new legislation, home school kids will be allowed to play sport for public schools without enrolling in courses. We can require enrollment if we require enrollment in a course for our current athletes to participate, ie our middle school practices during 7th hour.

Blackburn exits the meeting at 8:20

Goodman moved, Grigsby seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the board's representative or representatives in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest with Mrs. Waldschmidt and the board. 5-0 motion carried. Meet to resume at 8:37. Blackburn enters at 8:37.

Blackburn moved and McDaniel seconded to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mrs. Waldschmidt, the board. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 9:08.

Fly moved, Blackburn Seconded to extend personnel executive session by 20 minutes. Meeting to resume at 9:29. 6-0 motion carried.

Restroom break.

Fly moved, Blackburn seconded to extend personnel executive session by 10 minutes. Meeting to resume at 9:47. 6-0 Motion carried

Blackburn moved and Goodman seconded to adjourn at 9:48. 6-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg
Clerk of the Board of Education 511