

Board of Education Minutes

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: February 12, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

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Regular Board of Education Meeting

The board of education met in regular session on Monday, February, 12 2024 and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00pm. Members in attendance were Trisha Mortiz, Roger Goodman, Lynda Newberry, Heather Fly, and Megan McDaniel. Also in attendance was Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt, Clerk of the Board, Mandy Traffas, and Principal Wyatt Williams. Board member Blaine Blackburn was absent. Guests present were Isabel Alexander, Ava Dark, and Peytyn Carlisle.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those in attendance.

President Traffas welcomed all guests.

Open Forum - Senior Isabel Alexander asked the board to reconsider allowing them to use the new school suburban for their senior trip to Florida.

Isabel Alexander, Ava Dark, and Peytyn Carlisle left the meeting at 6:05pm.

Something Good- Items this month included a successful end to the boys junior high basketball season with 2nd place in the league tournament, high school girls finished 1st in the 54 Classic, junior Mya Deviney being selected as an Alfalfa Electric Youth Tour Delegate for this year, and winter homecoming festivities went off well and the kids had a lot of fun.

Goodman motioned and Moritz seconded to adopt the agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Newberry motioned and Moritz approved to accept the consent agenda. 6-0, motion carried.

Athletic Department- The league will be increasing the admission cost next year for high school to \$6 for adults and \$5 for students. They will be revisiting charging a small fee for junior high games as well. This increase is a result of increasing officials' pay and other costs. The school will purchase polos for the golf team that will be checked out as a usual uniform and put into the replacement rotation as well. Golf balls will also be purchased for the team each year.

Special Education - The report was that things are going well and moving in a positive and organized direction.

Curriculum - 3rd through 4th grade will start their pilot for new science curriculum, and secondary is hasn't decided what they want to pilot. Houghton Mifflin has agreed to do the pilot free of charge.

Technology - Ray has been working with SC Telcom on some speed issues as well as other dated equipment issues within our network systems.

Summer Recreation - Blaine Blackburn resigned from the summer rec committee. President Traffas appointed Trisha Moritz to take his place. Discussion about putting cameras into the gym so that memberships can be opened for expanded use. The Rec Agreement that was signed in 2019 was also reviewed. Gaps in the gym floor were discussed. Lankford, the floor installers, said to wait until the weather warms up to allow for expansion and if gaps are still there they will come look at it.

Transportation/Maintenance - The repairs on the soffits and ceilings are not yet completed. Discussion as to how the construction of the pipes in the ceilings is the culprit of the continual freezing issues. Some possible remedies and enhancements to try and keep future damage from occurring were discussed. A quote for some additional mini-split units in the hallways will be obtained as per the recommendation made by Eck Services.

PDC Meeting - The next meeting is Wednesday where the new PDC handbook will be approved and sent off to the state. This must be in place by August. This will be signed off on as a board once completed and been through the state.

SITE Council Meeting - Muffins with moms and Donuts with dads are coming up and their annual family bingo night has been scheduled for April 29th.

Wellness Center - Discussed with summer recreation.

KASB Policy Audit - The board reviewed quotes for a policy audit and the different options KASB offers. Moritz motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve option 1 for the policy audit. 6-0, motion carried.

Principal Contract - Executive session

Superintendent Search - Reviewed some final details for the itinerary and logisitics of the upcoming superintendent interviews.

Kansas Teacher Retention Survey - 19 of our teachers took the Kansas Teacher Retention Survey. The feedback from this survey was reviewed.

Volleyball Resignation - Moritz motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve the resignation of head high school volleyball coach, Toni Dark. 6-0, motion carried.

Ag Teacher Hire - Newberry moved and Fly seconded to hire Meghan Eidman as high school ag teacher. 6-0, motion carried.

Substitute Cook Hire - Moritz moved and Goodman seconded to hire Loretta Pulley as substitute cook. 6-0, motion carried.

2024-2025 Calendar Discussion - A few rough drafts were reviewed and discussed for the 2024-25 school year.

Items & Comments by Board Members - The crisis plan that has been in the process of being revised and needs to be completed but will await the hiring of the new superintendent so they can be involved.

Revisiting having Keystone fully take over the food service program. Brandie will get a quote and try to have it for the special board meeting later this month. Trisha Moritz discussed updating the district/board mission statement. The board will adhere to their original decision and will not allow school suburban/vehicles to be used for the senior trip.

Admin report - Principal Williams gave updates: with the new ag teacher being hired they are working on what classes she will be offering, still looking for music/band teacher, working on class schedules for next year and incorporating the new graduation requirements that will start, recently attended the CTE conference which was very education, have some new subs starting, and we are finally fully staffed on paras. CDL tests are still a work in progress and the clean-out/plumbing issues at the wellness center were discussed.

Executive Sessions - Goodman moved and Fly seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes with the board and Superintendent Waldschmidt to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of an individual. Meeting to resume at 8:34pm. 6-0, motion carried.

Fly moved and McDaniel seconded to approve the amendment of Principal Williams's contract. 6-0, motion carried.

McDaniel moved and Newberry seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes with Superintendent Waldschmidt and Principal Williams to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations or not in consultation with the board's representatives in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position, and the public interest. Meeting to resume at 8:42pm. 6-0, motion carried.

Moritz moved and Fly seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes with the board, Superintendent Waldschmidt and Principal Williams to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably to a person as a student except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by that person in order to protect the privacy rights of a student who is identifiable. Meeting to resume at 8:48pm. 6-0, motion carried.

Fly moved and Newberry seconded to adjourn the meeting. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourn at 8:50pm.

Mandy Traffas
Clerk of the Board