

Board of Education Minutes

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 511

Date: March 20, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

LIBRARY - 718 N. MAIN ATTICA, KS 67009

Regular Board of Education Meeting

The board of education met in regular session on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 and was called to order by President Brett Traffas at 6:00 pm. Members in attendance were Trisha Mortiz, Roger Goodman, Lynda Newberry, Heather Fly, and Megan McDaniel. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brandie Waldschmidt, Clerk of the Board, Mandy Traffas, Principal Wyatt Williams, and Jack Deviney. Board member Blaine Blackburn was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those in attendance.

There were no other guests present.

Transportation - Jack Deviney gave an update on general maintenance around the building and grounds and reviewed the mini split cover option that was selected. A summer project list will be created soon and will add to that after the board walk-around next month. Discussion about the Zenda route for next year. Jack will check into some possible options to improve the route time outcomes and report back next month for further discussion/decision.

After discussion on the high school cheer spots, it was decided there will be 6 spots as in the past years in order to be consistent with the junior high as well as avoid transportation issues.

Jack Deviney left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Something Good - This month included 5th grader Bella Freeman's owl art project that is going to represent Kansas at the YAM exhibit at the NAEA Convention in Minneapolis, successful track sign-ups for the Attica recreation as opposed to soccer this year, as well as All-League basketball honors and some other good things our students are doing.

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

Moritz motioned and Fly seconded to approve the consent agenda - 6-0, motion carried.

Athletic Department - The approved polos are still awaiting a quote. High School volleyball job will be posted this week.

Special Education - No news.

Curriculum - Elementary has decided on their ELA curriculum.

Technology - INA Alert has still not completed the system installation entirely. There is a meeting next week to discuss what is left and get that taken care of. No payment has been made as it has not been completed.

Summer Recreation - Rec Board met recently and discussed the cameras in the Wellness Center, namely in the gym. Quotes are being obtained for cameras and once those are installed and functioning, the gym will be allowed to be utilized as part of the key card memberships.

There was discussion about allowing members to use their facilities during a lunch hour. The board agreed to allow it from 11:30 am-12:30 pm as this is not a time it is ever used by students on a normal basis. The rec track kids will utilize our field for meets/practices but will use their own equipment.

Transportation/Maintenance - see above

PDC Meeting - PDC committee approved the new PDC plan and will submit it in April. Once approved by the state it will come to the board for final approval.

SITE Council Meeting - No meeting yet this month due to spring break. Donuts with Dad was a success.

Conversation about how to improve student-led conferences in the future while discussing comments from parents about the differences between fall/spring conferences and what they'd like to see and what doesn't feel effective.

Moritz motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar. 6-0, motion carried.

Moritz motioned and Newberry seconded to approve the Superintendent Contract for the 2024-2025 school year for Daryl Daugaard. 6-0, motion carried.

KASB Fees - Tabled for next month as further review is needed to determine which ones to approve.

Newberry motioned and Fly seconded to hire part-time ELA Teacher Konnie Lukins for the 2024-2025 school year. 6-0, motion carried.

Goodman motioned and McDaniel seconded to accept the resignation of Donna Richards as the 10th Grade Class Sponsor. 6-0, motion carried.

Newberry motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve the resignation of Clay McDaniel as junior high math teacher. 6-0, motion carried.

Kristina Bramwell has completed the hours to make a column jump and has requested to move up the pay scale for next school year. Fly motioned and Moritz seconded to approve the pay scale jump. 6-0, motion carried.

McDaniel motioned and Newberry seconded to approve the resignation of Britt Hedlund as T2C Coordinator. 6-0, motion carried.

COVID Guidance - The CDC has changed covid recommendations in regards to return to work/school. We will now follow those guidelines that have the same recommendations as influenza and other illnesses with the 24 fever-free without the aid of medication return time. Fly motioned and McDaniel seconded to adopt the new covid guidance/return to school policy. 6-0, motion carried.

Non-Resident Capacity - Reviewed non-resident capacity tables and what the projected numbers look like for out-of-district student availability. Numbers have to be submitted by May. Will table to gather a little more information and give final approval at the April meeting.

Items & Comments by Board Members - discussion about the preschool room and space issues.

Administrative Reports - Principal Wyatt Williams talked about All-League honors, had several art students did very well at the Pratt Academic Olympics, successful and without incident senior trip, and track practices off to a good start.

Superintendent Waldschmidt discussed insurance renewal and possible options should we have to change from our current provider. Yearbooks will have to be supplemented by the district this year due to years of rising costs and overbuying of books that were not sold. Working on a solution to keep that from happening going forward but for this year the yearbook fund does not have enough funds to cover the costs. Food Service Management companies will be voted on in May, the walk-through will be next week. Dream First Bank merger is complete and all accounts are completely FDIC insured. Discussion on music.

Mortiz motioned and Fly seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes with the board, Brandie Waldschmidt, and Wyatt 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. 6-0, motin carried. Meeting to resume at 8:23 pm.

Newberry motioned and Fly seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes with the board, Brandie Waldschmidt, and Wyatt Williams to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of an individual. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:40 pm.

Moritz motioned and Newberry seconded to extend the executive session for 5 minutes. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:46 pm.

Newberry motioned and Fly seconded to adjourn the meeting. 6-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm



Mandy Traffas
Clerk of the Board