

## **REGULAR MEETING – December 9, 2019**

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The Board of Education of USD #511 met in regular session on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and was called to order by President Rogena Grigsby at 6:00pm. Members present included Jolene Peterson, Tye McDaniel, Lynda Newberry, Shirley Barrett, and Roger Goodman. Guests present were Terryll Miller and Amber Wood. Also present was Superintendent Mike Sanders, Assistant Principal Brandie Waldschmidt, and Clerk of the Board Amie Loreg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

President Rogena Grigsby recognized guests.

Mr. Sanders presented Lynda Newberry with a plaque for 8.5 years of service on the board and thanked her commitment to the USD 511 Board of Education.

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

Terryll Miller met with the board to discuss a second EF Tours trip she would like to sponsor for students. The trip would be to Peru and take place during the summer of 2021. She presented the board with an itinerary to review. Mrs. Miller stated that several students have expressed interest in going on an EF tours trip now that they understand more about it through the students who are going to Europe this spring. The board likes that these opportunities are available for students.

Brett Traffas entered the meeting at 6:04pm. Terryll Miller left the meeting at 6:07pm.

Amber Wood met with the board to discuss the National Health and Science Conference in St. Louis attended by her and Andrea McDaniel, School Nurse. She explained the various breakout sessions and other possible benefits to the district through pathways like the possibility of students being able to graduate high school with an LPN license.

Clay McDaniel entered the meeting at 6:15pm.

Mrs. Wood also discussed the newly established "Bulldog Bistro." Her FACS (Family and Consumer Science) classes developed the bistro to serve junior high and high school students breakfast and after school snacks. She presented a slideshow made by the class showing the menu and discussing responsibilities. Mrs. Wood stated that the long term goal is to make it self sustaining and possibly incorporate other subject areas like Business. Amber Wood left the meeting at 6:24pm.

McDaniel moved and Newberry seconded to approve the consent agenda removing item f. Personnel. 7-0, motion carried.

Special Education: Goodman commented that he has been impressed with the professionalism in the running of the cooperative recently. Mr. Sanders discussed special education funding and the future with assessments.

Curriculum: The regional automotive group met recently. A discussion from the meeting was the possibility of adding a welding program in the future. Pratt Community College was the first college reached out to about adding the program but was unsure if they could get something in place for the next school year. WSU Tech was also discussed as a possibility. Pratt has since reached back out, and they think they can make it work. Mr. Sanders reached out to them to ask about financials like wages and has not heard back yet. Mr. Sanders informed the board that he has reached out to South Barber again in hopes they will join in on these opportunities. He reported hearing they are interested but have some loose ends to work out. A discussion was had about how adding the welding program, which would use our current classroom instructor, could potentially affect FFA. The board was in agreement that the addition of FFA has been positive, and they are interested in keeping it.

Professional Development Committee: Mr. Sanders reported on the poverty and trauma training days that took place at Chaparral High School in November. He stated that it was an excellent opportunity to get new staff acclimated to the direction the county has been moving in our districts. He briefly spoke about ideas being discussed for next year's subsequent training dates. Mr. Sanders shared from the day's professional development time that groups shared from the day they observed at various districts and discussed redesign and KESA.

Technology: Mr. Sanders reported that many of the Chromebooks are worn out due to age and use. He plans to have all Chromebooks turned in when students leave for winter break. Terrell Eskridge and Ray Howell will survey all Chromebooks and use REAP funds to purchase what cannot be repaired. The idea is to create a better inventory and update the system of checking out the devices.

Summer Rec: Basketball games will start in January.

Transportation: The board reviewed the transportation work log. The coach bus was discussed as it would not start after a basketball game at Cherokee and had to be picked up and repaired by Mark Ricke.

Wellness Center: Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business

KSHSAA: The board reviewed handouts in their packets of the Class 1A Postseason Split vote and Regional Basketball Assignments. 1A Postseason voting results were Yes 70 to No 47 in favor; this will affect postseason competition for volleyball, basketball, and scholars bowl. Attica will go to Ashland for regional basketball.

Softball: Nothing new at this time.

Bond Discussion: Mr. Sanders presented the necessary voter turnout when looking at a bond issue. He also shared that he contacted KSDE, and they recommend that districts hire two groups, one to oversee the financial aspects and a second to supervise the project aspects. The reason being the amount of work, numerous decisions to be made, and possible legal issues that people outside of these positions may not be aware of. All findings from either group will go

before the board. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Sanders would contact these companies and invite them to visit with the board.

Facility Usage: Mr. Sanders relayed the KASB attorney's response to facility use for private lessons. After discussion, it was decided that the Wellness Center during business hours could be used for this purpose. Non-district students would be required to purchase a membership allowing them to use the building as any other member.

CTE: Mr. Sanders discussed secondary pathways and the wage ranges resulting from them. A handout with the information was reviewed.

Health Science: Was discussed previously.

Bulldog Bistro: Was discussed previously.

EF Tours: Was discussed previously.

Election Results: The board was presented with the official results from the November election. Rogena Grigsby, Jolene Peterson, and Brett Traffas retained their seats while Clay McDaniel secured the open position through most write-ins.

Legal Max Letter: The board reviewed the letter from the state.

Gift/Donation: Traffas moved and McDaniel seconded to accept two anonymous donations from a single source donator, one for \$500 for elementary teachers to be used on classroom supplies and another \$100 for the Bulldog Bistro, also for supplies. 7-0, motion carried.

Policy Review – FC Memorials, Funerals, and Naming of District Facilities: A discussion was held about a previously adopted KASB policy about the use of school property for hosting these types of occurrences. After discussion, it was decided to revisit the topic next month.

Board Comments: Barrett commented on how good the band sounded at the recent basketball game. Newberry questioned the use of Lifetouch for team/sports pictures in the future as parents have not yet received the ones purchased from the fall picture date in September. Mr. Sanders mentioned that Mandy Traffas, Secretary had been gathering information from other districts so options could be weighed. Newberry also asked the board to take consideration when working on next year's calendar of the 30 plus students in 4H and when the Harper County Fair is held. This year school started as the fair was ending, and she said it was difficult for kids and parents to turn around that quickly.

Administration Report: Mr. Sanders told the board to be thinking about next year's calendar as the discussion about it will begin soon and touched on the issues the school has had with Lifetouch this fall and what is being done to do something different in the future. Mr. Sanders reported that the information for tax-exempt on the building purchased in June was notarized and taken to the county on June 18th. After calling back to check on it, it was discovered that it had been misplaced, so he filed the paperwork again. He commented that he would start the tax-exempt process for the three lots purchased by the district as well as advertising the two unused by the school for sale. He also mentioned that the committee for the football cooperative will need to schedule a meeting date, and decided to move the January 13th regular BOE meeting to January 15th because of a conflict with a junior high basketball game.

Clay McDaniel left the meeting 8:09pm.

Newberry moved and Traffas seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss nonelected personnel pursuant to the non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with Mr. Sanders, Brandie Waldschmidt and the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:19pm. Newberry moved and Traffas seconded to extend the session for 10 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:29pm.

Mike Sanders and Brandie Waldschmidt left the meeting at 8:30pm.

Newberry moved and Traffas seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss nonelected personnel pursuant to the non elected personnel matter exception, to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual with the board. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:46pm. Traffas moved and McDaniel seconded to extend the session for 10 minutes. 7-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 8:56pm.

Newberry moved and Barrett seconded to adjourn. 7-0, motion carried. 9pm

Meeting adjourned,

Amie Loreg  
Clerk of the Board of Education 511